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Guide to the

**Gwendolyn Brooks collection**

1959-1967

Sc MG 271

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## Summary

**Creator:** Brooks, Gwendolyn, 1917-2000

**Title:** Gwendolyn Brooks collection

**Date:** 1959-1967

**Size:** 0.01 linear feet (1 folder)

**Source:** Lambeth Books, 1983Lambeth Books, 1984Lambeth Books, 1984Joseph the Provider, 1990

**Revision History:** This finding aid was updated by Allison Hughes.

**Abstract:** Gwendolyn Brooks (1917-2000) was a poet, author, and teacher. The Gwendolyn Brooks collection contains eight signed documents by Gwendolyn Brooks. The collection consists of: one TLS commenting, as a member of the jury, on books nominated for the 1959 Thormod Monsen Award; one TLS to Van Allen Bradley announcing her retirement as a book reviewer at the age of fifty (1967), and one ALS to "Marshall," April 20, 1963. Writings by Brooks include one holograph excerpt from "The Sermon on the Warpland," n.d. and 4 undated typed poems: "Medgar Evers," "The Sermon on the Warpland," "Malcolm X : For Dudley Randall," and "Old Mary.".

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## Creator History

Gwendolyn Brooks (1917-2000) was a poet, author, and teacher. In 1950, she won the Pulitzer Prize for her book *Annie Allen*, making her the first African American to win a Pulitzer.

## Scope and Content Note

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## **Key Terms**

### **Subjects**

African American women poets

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### **Names**

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