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Guide to the

**Claudia Gitelman papers**

1946-2012 [bulk 2010-2011]

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## Summary

**Creator:** Gitelman, Claudia

**Title:** Claudia Gitelman papers

**Date:** 1946-2012 [bulk 2010-2011]

**Size:** 1.76 linear feet (5 boxes); 794.87 Megabytes (10 computer files)

**Source:** Donated by Alix I. Gitelman, Hillary Gitelman, and Lisa Gitelman, 2013.

**Abstract:** Claudia Gitelman (1936-2012), was a dancer, choreographer, author, and assistant professor at the Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers University. Her artistic collaborators for productions include Alwin Nikolais, Murray Louis, and Hanya Holm. The Claudia Gitelman papers, dated 1946-2012 (bulk dates 2010-2011), focuses mostly on Gitelman's curatorial work for Alwin Nikolais' Total Theater of Motion, a centennial celebration held at The New York Public Library for the Performing Arts from 2010 to 2011. These files include correspondence, photographs of the Nikolais Dance Theatre dance performances, watercolor sketches of dancers, and programs. Gitelman's career development is represented to a lesser extent mainly through photographs, programs and writings. The electronic records contain a number of manuscripts, drafts, and planning documents for the book *On Stage Alone: Soloists and the Modern Dance Canon* (2012) that Gitelman co-edited with Barbara Palfy. Other materials in the collection include clippings, notebooks, and notes.

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**Language of the Material:** English

**Arrangement:** The collection is arranged by topic/format.

## **Key Terms**

### **Occupations**

Choreographers  
Dancers

### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Clippings (information artifacts)  
Correspondence  
Electronic records (digital records)  
Notebook  
Notes  
Photographs  
Programs (documents)  
Slides (photographs)

### **Subjects**

Dance -- 20th century  
Modern dance  
Modern dance -- United States -- 20th century

### **Geographic Names**

New York (N.Y.)

### **Names**

Gitelman, Claudia  
Nikolais, Alwin  
Nikolais Dance Theatre

## Container List

### Alwin Nikolais Exhibit

Notes, planning, and correspondence.

2010-2012

1 (31 computer files 709.4 Kilobytes)

Notes, planning, and correspondence.

- b. 1 f. 1-4 Correspondence 2004-2010
  - b. 4 f. 1 Drawings For Dancers Performance Wardrobe
  - b. 1 f. 5 Exhibition Proposal 2006-2009  
The proposal is incomplete.
  - b. 1 f. 6 Notebook 2009-2010
  - b. 1 f. 7-8 Notes On Choreography/Exhibition 2009-2010  
Photographs
  - b. 1 f. 9 Nikolais, Alwin  
Nikolais Dance Theatre 1950s-1980s
  - b. 1 f. 10-15 Allegory - Vortex
  - b. 1 f. 16-18 Unidentified Dance Productions
  - b. 2 f. 14 Negatives
  - b. 2 f. 15-16 Slides  
Programs
  - b. 2 f. 1 *Alwin Nikolais Theater of Motion* 2010-2014
  - b. 2 f. 2 *The Progeny of Alwin Nikolais* 2010
  - b. 2 f. 3-5 Drafts 2009-2010
  - b. 2 f. 6 Publicity 2010
  - b. 2 f. 7-11 Research Information Regarding Alwin Nikolais 1940s-2000s
  - b. 2 f. 12 Review 2010
- ### Claudia Gitelman Material
- Correspondence
- b. 3 f. 1 1971-2009  
2008-2012  
2 (15 computer files 390.4 Kilobytes)
  - b. 3 f. 2 Curriculum Vitae  
2009, 2011  
3 (2 computer files 131.5 Kilobytes)
  - b. 3 f. 2 2010-2012
- Conferences and Programs
- b. 3 f. 3 Choreographers Coast to Coast 1996
  - b. 3 f. 4 Dance Reconstructed 1992
  - b. 3 f. 5 *Dance Theatre Pieces* 1988
  - b. 3 f. 6 *DancePlus December: In Honor of Paul Robeson* 1998

Claudia Gitelman Material (cont.)  
Conferences and Programs (cont.)

- b. 3 f. 7 *Dances At Choreospace* 1981
- b. 3 f. 8 *Delve Into the Past, Peer Into the Future* 2009
- b. 3 f. 9-11 National Center For Dance 1985-2011
- b. 3 f. 12 *Pinwheels And Victims* 1983
- b. 3 f. 13 Riverside Dance Festival 1978-1979
- b. 3 f. 14 Rutgers University Programs 1988-2000
- b. 3 f. 15-17 *Skirt* 1982, 1985
- b. 3 f. 18 *Transatlantic Currents in Dance Modernism* 2005  
New York Public Library.

Photographs

- b. 4 f. 2 High School circa 1945
- b. 4 f. 3 *Michigan* 1955
- b. 4 f. 4 Portraits  
The file also contains other photographs of Gitelman.

Performances

- b. 4 f. 5 *Air Antique*
- b. 4 f. 6 *Camelot* circa 1960
- b. 4 f. 7 *Desperate Clowns*
- b. 4 f. 8 *A Set For Players* 1968
- b. 4 f. 9 *Skirt* 1982
- b. 4 f. 10-12 Unidentified Performances
- b. 3 f. 22 Various Student Performances
- b. 4 f. 14 Unidentified Group With Gitelman circa 2009
- b. 3 f. 22 Negatives
- b. 3 f. 19 *Pieces of String*  
The *The Village Voice* published a review of Gitelman's production.

Writings

2007-2010

4 (5 computer files 188.6 Kilobytes)

*On Stage Alone: Soloists and the Formation of a Modern Dance Canon*

2010-2012

5 (149 51.36 Megabytes)

Book Proposals 2009-2010

6 (13 computer files 1.3 Megabytes)

Chapters 2010-2011

7 (39 computer files 11.61 Megabytes)

Final Submission 2011-2012

8 (31 computer files 82.91 Megabytes)

Images 2011

9 (61 computer files 645.5 Megabytes)

Claudia Gitelman Material (cont.)

Writings (cont.)

On Stage Alone: Soloists and the Formation of a Modern Dance Canon (cont.)

**Manuscripts 2010-2011**

10 (16 computer files 768.6 computer files)

Copies sent to University of Florida Press.

b. 3 f. 20      **Two Drafts**

b. 3 f. 21      **Research Material 2006**

**Assorted Material**

b. 5 f. 1-2      **Holmes Wigman Dance Productions**  
Photographs and slides.

b. 5 f. 3      **Holmes, Hanya 1946-1948, 1965**  
Programs.

b. 5 f. 4      **Assorted Programs 1948, 2005**

b. 2 f. 13      **Garcia, Franklin 1979-1999**  
Postcards to Nikolais and Murray.