GREGG, LINDA.
Linda Gregg papers, 1898-2019 (bulk 1942-2019)

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Source
Purchased from James Jaffe representing Louise Gregg, 2021

Custodial History
Louise Gregg is Linda Gregg’s sister and executor of her estate. Book dealer James Jaffe brokered the sale and coordinated transfer. David Semanki is the executor of Linda Gregg's and Jack Gilbert's literary estates and inventoried much of Gregg's papers. Semanki shipped some material directly to Jaffe and some material to the Rose Library.

Citation
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Appraisal Note
Literary and Poetry Collections Librarian Nick Twemlow acquired the collection as part of the Rose Library's holdings in twentieth century poetry. During accessioning in 2021, Rose Library staff removed and returned a pair of shoes, two dresses, and an overcoat, though notes provided by David Semanki describing their importance to Gregg were retained. Appraisal decisions were made by Accessioning Archivist Meaghan O'Riordan in consultation with Nick Twemlow.

Processing
Arranged and described at the collection level by Meaghan O'Riordan, September 2021. In the course of inventorying Gregg's papers as part of his role as the executor of her literary estate, David Semanki refoldered and described a significant portion of the material and imposed arrangement on that material. O'Riordan kept the files Semanki created together where possible. Audiovisual material mostly had handwritten labels that O'Riordan transcribed, so sometimes information may be incomplete or unclear.

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Biographical Note
Linda Alouise Gregg was born on September 9, 1942, in Suffern, New York, to Frances (Rundall) and Harold Gregg. She had three sisters: Chloe MacDonald, Susan Conrad, and Louise Belinda Gregg (who is her twin). She grew up in Marin County, California, and received both her Bachelor of Arts (1967) and Master of Arts (1972) from San Francisco State College (now University; California). Her first book of poems, *Too Bright to See*, was published in 1981. Other published books include *Alma* (1985), *The Sacraments of Desire* (1991), *Chosen by the Lion: Poems* (1995), *Things and Flesh: Poems* (1999), *In the Middle Distance: Poems* (2006), and *All of It Singing: New and Selected Poems* (2008). Her poems also appeared in numerous literary magazines, including Ploughshares, The New Yorker, the Paris Review, the
Kenyon Review, and the Atlantic Monthly. She also taught poetry at numerous colleges and universities, including the University of Arizona (Tempe), University of Iowa (Iowa City), Columbia University (New York, New York), the University of California at Berkeley, and Princeton University (New Jersey), but never took a full-time, permanent position. She returned to New York in 2006.

Gregg had a long relationship, first romantic and later platonic, with the poet Jack Gilbert with whom she spent several years living in Greece and Denmark in the 1960s. Gregg served as Gilbert's literary executor after his death in 2012. Once their romantic relationship ended, Gregg married John Brentlinger; they divorced in 1990. Gregg died of cancer at the Mount Sinai Beth Israel Hospital in New York City on March 20, 2019.

Scope and Content Note
The collection consists of the papers of American poet, Linda Gregg, including correspondence, writings, printed material, writings by others, books, photographs, financial records, subject files, and audiovisual material from 1898-2019 (bulk 1942-2019). A significant portion of the correspondence is between Gregg and poet Jack Gilbert, some of which accompanies drafts of poems with his notes in the margins. While most of the drafts of Gilbert's work that Gregg annotated are part of the Jack Gilbert papers, some are included here as well. Writings are comprised of drafts of poems published in her books and in literary magazines, including complete book drafts. Some of these poems and book drafts have annotations other than Gilbert's. Printed material primarily consists of clippings or complete works that feature Gregg's or Gilbert's work. Most of the audiovisual material consists of audio recordings of Li-Young Lee, a Chinese poet born in Indonesia to political exile. Many of these recordings include Gregg. There is also a significant number of recordings of The Writer's Almanac, a radio program-turned-podcast hosted by Garrison Keillor that always includes one or more poems chosen by Keillor. Also included are recordings made by Gilbert, often as gifts to Gregg, and a few poetry readings by Gregg, Gilbert, Donald Brees, and Peter Cole at a workshop in Paros, Greece.

Arrangement Note
Arranged in alphabetical order.
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Gilbert, Jack, "Final version of the watershed tape for Linda's birthday (a little belatedly), 1990 [original: audiocassette tape]

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Gilbert, Jack, ping pong champion trophy, undated

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Gregg, Linda and Li-Young Lee, 1990 April 12 [original: microcassette tape]
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Gregg, Linda, "Poems to a Listener," WFCR series 7, undated [original: audiocassette tape]
AV1 - Gregg, Linda, Gai Saber poets reading with Larry Felson, University of California, Berkeley, 1971 December 2 [original: audiocassette tape]
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AV1 - Haugen, Nancy, 1991 February 16 [original: microcassette tape]

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AV1 - Lee, Li-Young, 1990 April 24-25 [original: microcassette tape]

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AV1 - Lee, Li-Young, Chicago (Illinois), and Linda Gregg and Lee poetry ASCID I, 1990 December [original: microcassette tape]

AV1 - Lee, Li-Young, China, and Lee returns, 1990 May 1-June 15 [original: microcassette tape]

AV1 - Lee, Li-Young, Folger Library, "Places in the Mind," 1997 March 11 [original: audiocassette tape]

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AV1 - Lee, Li-Young, North Carolina, 1995 April 12 [4 tapes] [original: microcassette tape]

AV1 - Lee, Li-Young, playing tower and 2:00 a.m. telephone, 1990 November; Linda Gregg and Lee, telephone, 1990 November 22 [original: microcassette tape]

AV1 - Lee, Li-Young, Portland, Oregon, 1990 April 20-21 [original: microcassette tape]

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45 - Marble art pieces from Linda Gregg's desk [9 pieces], undated
AV1 - Paros (Greece) workshop, 1979 July 22 [original: audiocassette tape]
Donald Brees reading five poems, Peter Cole reading two poems, and Linda Gregg reading "The Defeated."

AV1 - Paros (Greece) workshop, 1979 July 29 and August 5 [original: audiocassette tape]
Side one has Linda Gregg’s “Lilith” and Jack Gilbert’s “Prospero Goes Home,” with a “bit of Peter, none of Donald,” July 29. Side two has Peter Cole’s “Mountain Habit” and two songs and Donald Brees’ “Cat’s Pan Poem” and “Heritage,” August 5.

AV1 - Paros (Greece) workshop, 1979 August 12 and 19 [original: audiocassette tape]
Side one has Linda Gregg's “What if the World Says Far Off,” six poems by Jack Gilbert, and a poem by Peter Cole, August 12. Side two has a poem by Donald Brees, Peter Cole’s “Origin of Species,” Linda Gregg's "George and Stephanie" poem by Gregg, and Jack Gilbert’s untitled poem, “I heard a noise this morning,” August 19.

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