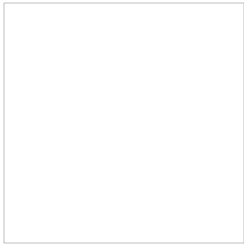


# Interview with Irwin Touster



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## Description

In this audio interview, Irwin Touster discusses his tenure as Chair of Fine Arts (BFA) at Parsons School of Design, beginning in 1974. Touster relates the details of his joining the faculty at the behest of David C. Levy and the hiring of many of the department's staff under his purview, including Larry Rivers, Elaine De Kooning, Jane Wilson, Stuart Shedetsky (also interviewed for this project), Jeremy Gilbert-Rolfe, and Eric Gibson. Touster and interviewer Martica Sawin also discuss the post-graduation lives of many alumni, the department's teaching philosophy, and the value of the foundation-year method of art education.

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