

# **Guide to the Michael Basinski Poems and Other Papers**

**YCAL MSS 1242**



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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** YCAL MSS 1242

**CREATOR:** Basinski, Michael , author

**TITLE:** Michael Basinski poems and other papers

**DATES:** circa 1998-2019

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** .42 linear feet (2 boxes) + 2 broadsides

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Collection consists chiefly of visual poems and collages by Basinski, including one collaboration between Basinski and Ginny O'Brien. Other papers include one autograph notebook, with text and drawings, and printed materials announcing work by Basinski.

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## Requesting Instructions

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.      box

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased from Michael Basinski on the Alfred Z. Baker, Jr. Fund, 2019.

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### Conditions Governing Access

This material is open for research.

Box 2 (digital material): Restricted fragile material. Reference copies of computer disks may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.

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## Conditions Governing Use

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## Preferred Citation

Michael Basinski Poems and Other Papers. Yale Collection of American Literature, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

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## Processing Information

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This finding aid may be updated periodically to account for new acquisitions to the collection or revisions in arrangement and description.

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## Michael Basinski

Michael Basinski (1950-), American poet and curator of the Poetry/Rare Books Collection of the University Libraries, State University of New York at Buffalo.

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## Arrangement

Organized into two series: I. Poems, 1999-2016. II. Other Papers, 2005-2019.

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## Collection Contents

b. 1                      Visual poems and notebook

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Computer media  
*1 CD-R*

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b. 2                      [no label information]  
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*1 CD-R*

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b. 3 (Broadside)      Visual poems and drawings

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b. 4 (Broadside)      Visual poems and drawings

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## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

American poetry -- 20th Century  
American poetry -- 21st century  
Authors, American -- 20th Century  
Authors, American -- 21st century  
Poets, American -- 20th Century  
Poets, American -- 21st century  
Visual poetry, American

### **Genres / Formats**

Born digital  
Collages (visual works)  
Electronic documents

### **Occupations**

Poets -- United States -- 20th Century  
Poets -- United States -- 21st century

### **Names**

Basinski, Michael  
O'Brien, Ginny, 1955-

### **Contributors**

Basinski, Michael , author  
O'Brien, Ginny, 1955- , author