

Archivist's Report, FY 2010-2011

International Archives of Women in Architecture (IAWA)

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Overview

During the past year, Special Collections continued its twenty-five year joint partnership with the College of Architecture and Urban Studies to acquire, arrange, describe, provide access to, and promote IAWA collections. Project archivist Sherrie Bowser led the effort to process IAWA collections and track incoming acquisitions. With the help of students and emergency hires, she processed a total of 29 IAWA collections, which includes the completion of the processing of the Sigrid Rupp Collection. Funding from last year's Peck-Stacpoole Foundation grant, endowment funds, and regular departmental funds covered the costs of staffing, archival supplies, and a few selected acquisitions. The University Libraries made a large investment in oversize scanning equipment, which will make reproduction of large format materials much easier.

Collection Highlights

- Special Collections received 10 new IAWA collections during the past year, totaling 16.70 cubic feet of material. (See Appendix 1, Acquired Accessions)
- With the help of students and emergency hires, 29 IAWA collections have been processed over the past year, totaling 361 cubic feet (Rupp accounts for 219 cubic feet; the remaining collections total 142 cubic feet)
- There are now approximately 370 distinct IAWA collections totaling 1,555 cubic feet.
- Made over a dozen book purchases that directly support IAWA collections (See Appendix 2, Purchased Materials)

Sigrid Rupp Collection

- In the spring of 2011, Bowser completed the processing of the Sigrid Rupp Collection, which consists of 219 cubic feet of material. The collection spans 600 jobs and 21 years of practice. Researchers will have an intimate look into the operations of a female-owned and -operated architectural firm thanks to Rupp's photo albums, journals, telephone logs, datebooks, and project files.

Scanning Equipment

- In the spring of 2011, the University Libraries purchased a large format Cruse scanner capable of scanning architectural drawings and other oversize materials. A digital archivist to coordinate scanning operations will be hired in the coming year.

Research, Promotion, and Selected Uses of IAWA Collections

- Provided photographs and background information for the new Beverly Willis Architecture Foundation website feature "Built by Women," February 2011
- Supporting the Japan Exhibit, "For the Future: The Pioneering Women in Architecture From Japan and Beyond"

- Mitzi Vernon, January 13, 2011, Sigrid Rupp travel journals
- Junko Masukawa and Prof. Kuroishi visit, December 2010
- Helene Renard class, November 8, 2010, Sigrid Rupp travel journals
- IAWA Annual Meeting October 2010
- IAWA material used in Special Collections instructional sessions, Fall 2010 and Spring 2011
- Selected scanning for researchers from IAWA collections including: Volker M. Welter, Dept. of the History of Art and Architecture, University of California Santa Barbara; Erica Mohar, College of Environmental Design, University of California; and Beverly Willis, Beverly Willis Architecture Foundation.
- Staff replied to 70 reference questions related to IAWA collections

Support for IAWA

- Several small donations received (See Appendix 3 Library 2010/11 - IAWA related accounts)
- Students focused on processing IAWA collections in the Special Collections department included: Harvey Clarke and Kathryn Shackelford

Biographical Database

- Gail McMillan, Director of the Digital Library and Archives, continued to oversee the IAWA Biographical Database. There are 2,416 publicly available records (a 25% increase from last year's report) at, http://lumiere.lib.vt.edu/iawa_db. The database represents the work of women in 70 countries. Special thanks to the work of Adowa Adasi and Jane Wills.

Mission and Vision

Our efforts in developing the collections of the IAWA support the department's mission to build true research collections of manuscripts, books, and images for scholars, students, faculty, and other researchers to use. During the past year interest in IAWA materials, from faculty, students, architects, and scholars, remained steady. We have made IAWA collections a central part of our collection development efforts, our instructional sessions, and our campus outreach efforts. The ability to scan large format materials from IAWA collections will only increase our joint efforts to promote the collections and research, as well as expand the department's digital projects and online presence.

Acquired Accessions

Number of Records: 10

Accessioned Between: 07/01/2010 & 06/15/2011

Total Extent of Aquired Accessions: 16.70

E. Maria Roth Architectural Collection

Acc.2010.053

Accession Date:

July 01, 2010

Date Processed:

July 07, 2010

Extent:

1.0 cu. ft.

Cataloged:

false

Container Summary:

photographs, grammar school notebook from Nazi era Germany, art work (intricate paper cut-outs, prints done in linoleum paint, hand-painted cards, and several examples of calligraphy), project and professional records.

Rights:

Not transferred

Donna Dunay Architectural Collection

Acc.2010.056

Accession Date:

July 19, 2010

Date Processed:

July 19, 2010

Extent:

4.0 cu. ft.

Cataloged:

false

Container Summary:

3 folders; 1 roll of drawings; 1 box (with multiple rolled drawings and loose material)

Rights:

Not transferred

Dita Roque-Gourary Architectural Collection

Acc.2010.065

Accession Date:

September 23, 2010

Date Processed:

September 23, 2010

Extent:

4.2 cu. ft.

Cataloged:

false

Container Summary:

1 full size hollinger box
2 oversize boxes

Rights:

Not transferred

Lois Davidson Gottlieb Architectural Collection

Acc.2010.081

Accession Date:

October 28, 2010

Date Processed:

October 28, 2010

Extent:

4.0 cu. ft.

Cataloged:

false

Container Summary:

1 box; 8 tubes

Rights:

Not transferred

Eva Hollo Vecsei, book

Acc.2011.006

Accession Date:

January 19, 2011

Date Processed:

January 19, 2011

Extent:

1.0 Volumes

Cataloged:

false

Container Summary:

One volume titled "Eva's Chronicle, 1930-2009, The life and times of an architect"

Rights:

Not transferred

Czeslawa Zielinska Architectural Collection,

Acc.2011.016

Accession Date:

February 18, 2011

Date Processed:

Extent:

0.5 cu. ft.

Cataloged:

false

Container Summary:

6 folders

Rights:

Rights Transferred

Abbye A. Gorin Architectural Collection

Acc.2011.029

Accession Date:

February 24, 2011

Date Processed:

March 08, 2011

Extent:

0.1 cu. ft.

Cataloged:

false

Container Summary:

1 CD titled "Remembering Milka, 1927-2010"

Rights:

Not transferred

Rebecca Wood Watkin Architectural Collection

Acc.2011.035

Accession Date:

March 17, 2011

Date Processed:

Extent:

1.5 cu. ft.

Cataloged:

false

Container Summary:

sketches of Rebecca Wood Watkin's projects plus some rolled drawings and blueprints

Rights:

Rights Transferred

Marina Himanen curriculum vitae

Acc.2011.051

Accession Date:

May 16, 2011

Date Processed:

May 11, 2011

Extent:

0.1 cu. ft.

Cataloged:

false

Container Summary:

1 folder

Rights:

Not transferred

Milka Bliznakov, In Memoriam

Acc.2011.063

Accession Date:

June 15, 2011

Date Processed:

Extent:

0.3 cu. ft.

Cataloged:

false

Container Summary:

1 presentation board

Rights:

Not transferred

Appendix 2: Purchased Materials

TITLE

New careers for women : the best positions, and how to obtain them.
Plans and estimates for labourers cottages / by Lady Caroline Kerrison.
The house comfortable, by Agnes Bailey Ormsbee.
Early women architects of the San Francisco Bay Area : the lives and work of fifty professionals
Aunt Elinor's lectures on architecture : dedicated to the ladies of London.
The model architect : the panic of '09 / Karen Hanmer.
The book of the Cheap cottages exhibition : containing a complete catalogue with plans, and articles on the origin of the exhibition and Garden City, and cottage building problems.
The villa gardener comprising the choice of a suburban villa residence the laying out, planting, and culture of the garden and grounds and the management of the villa farm, including the dairy and poultry-yard ... and more practically for the use of ladies By J.C. Loudon.
Transactions of the N.Y. State Agricultural Society : with an abstract of the proceedings of the County Agricultural Societies.

Suggestions for house decoration in painting, woodwork, and furniture. By Rhoda and Agnes Garrett.
Indische Kunst : Traditionen in Skulptur, Malerei, und Architektur / Stella Kramrisch.
100 Jahre Architektur, 1840-1940 [game] : Architekten Quartett / [Kristiana Hartmann und Cordula Uhde, Herausgeberinnen]