

IAWA Archivist's Report, January-December 2017

International Archive of Women in Architecture (IAWA)

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Overview

Throughout 2017, Special Collections continued its joint partnership with the College of Architecture and Urban Studies to acquire, arrange, describe, provide access to, and promote IAWA collections. Because the annual meeting occurs in the spring, the annual archivist's report will cover the previous calendar year with recent updates announced at the business meeting.

Collection Highlights

- During 2017, Special Collections received 15 new IAWA collections or additions to existing collections, totaling nearly 90 cubic feet of material (See Appendix 1, New Collections Received). Highlights include the following:
 - Signed a Deed of Gift with Beverly Willis, which will result in a donation of approximately 30 boxes of photographs, slides, negatives, and transparencies documenting her career. The agreement also included a donation of selected scans for online hosting, which will be shared with the Library of Congress.
 - Received the Christina B. Farnsworth Papers, approximately 30 boxes of correspondence, research notes, and draft publications documenting her extensive career as a trade journalist for architecture and construction.
 - Received 20 cubic feet of practice records, instructional materials, and drawings from the Vermont studio of Diane Elliott Gayer documenting both her practice and her teaching career.
 - Received additions to the collections of Kristine Fallon and Lois Gottlieb.
- In 2017, 5 new collections processed, and 5 additions incorporated, comprising 40.35 cubic feet of material (See Appendix 2 Processed Collections and Additions).
- There are now 395 distinct IAWA collections comprising approximately 1,990 cubic feet.
- A dozen publications purchased or donated to support IAWA collections and research (See Appendix 3, Publications).

Research, Promotion, and Selected Uses of IAWA Collections

- Hosted several research appointments with IAWA Study Group members, Bliznakov prize researchers and fellows, and "Fire in the Library" speakers.
- Samantha Winn and Aaron Purcell attended the "Digital Architecture, Design and Engineering Assets Symposium," at the Library of Congress, November 2017. The

speakers represented a broad range of researchers, architects, designers, and archivists focused on collecting, managing, preserving, and accessing digital design records.

- Aaron Purcell attended “Architects Across Generations,” at the National Building Museum in March 2017, which featured Beverly Willis.
- Samantha Winn presented “Who is Missing? Towards Intersectionality in the International Archive of Women in Architecture” at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Society of American Archivists, Portland, Oregon, July 2017.
- Samantha Winn spoke with a Brown University graduate class in art and architectural history about the work of documenting women in architecture in October 2017.
- Scans from 27 unique collections were provided to international and local researchers, publishers, and partner organizations.
- Prepared a library exhibition for Women’s History Month and presented 10 formal tours and classes relating to IAWA.
- Assisted approximately 30 researchers from 8 countries with IAWA requests.
- Added to digital platform (<http://iawa.lib.vt.edu>) to provide online access to selections from IAWA collections.
- Regularly updated IAWA website (<http://spec.lib.vt.edu/iawa>).
- Published instructional LibGuide for IAWA collections (<http://guides.lib.vt.edu/iawa>).
- Maintained IAWA Facebook page with frequent postings; reached over 1100 likes.
- Featured several IAWA related posts on the department blog, “In Special Collections @ Virginia Tech” (<http://vtspecialcollections.wordpress.com/tag/iawa/>).
- Hosted Business Meeting for IAWA Annual Meeting, March 2017.

“Women of Design” Grant Project

In April 2017, the CLIR grant project “Women of Design: Revealing Women’s Hidden Contributions to the Built Environment,” began. Project leaders hired two full time professional archivists, Rebecca Fitzsimmons as Project Manager and Jade Snelling as Digitization Specialist. Throughout 2017, project leaders selected material, established digitization work flows, upgraded spaces and equipment, worked with library technicians to build the online platform for the collection, and began digitizing content.

Support for IAWA

- Completed several visits with past and potential donors.
- Several financial donations received (See Appendix 4, Gift and Endowment Accounts).
- Gifts and endowment income used for student wages, archival supplies, and donor travel.

Biographical Database

There are 2,456 publicly available records at <https://iawadb.lib.vt.edu/>.

Appendix 1. New Collections Received

Accession Number	Title	Date of Accession	Extent
Acc-2017-220	Maria Fuchs wallpaper patterns	2017-10-16	0.1 cu. ft.
Acc-2017-216	Addition to Kristine Fallon Architectural Collection	2017-10-02	2.3 cu. ft.
Acc-2017-207	Addition to Lois Gottlieb Architectural Collection	2017-09-18	1.0 cu. ft.
Acc-2017-153	Addition to IAWA Small Collections (Fannie Magee)	2017-07-12	0.1 cu. ft.
Acc-2017-147	Addition to IAWA Small Collections (Ora Reams)	2017-06-30	0.1 cu. ft.
Acc-2017-146	Addition to Diane Elliott Gayer Architectural Papers	2017-06-23	20 cu. ft.
Acc-2017-103	Addition to Trudy Rosen Architectural Collection	2017-05-19	1.25 cu. ft.
Acc-2017-098	Addition to Lois Gottlieb Architectural Collection	2017-05-10	2.0 cu. Ft.
Acc-2017-053	Andrea Maxine Lucas Architectural Collection	2017-11-07	3.0 cu. ft.
Acc-2017-041	Addition to IAWA Small Collections (Amelie Essesse)	2017-03-25	.25 cu. ft.
Acc-2017-041	Addition to IAWA Small Collections (Africa Etudes)	2017-03-25	.1 cu. ft.
Acc-2017-041	Addition to IAWA Small Collections (Alice Finnerup Møller)	2017-03-25	.1 cu. ft.
Acc-2017-022	Christina B. Farnsworth Papers	2017-02-22	50 cu. ft.
Acc-2017-019	Addition to Wena Dows Architectural Collection	2017-02-08	0.5 cu. ft.

Acc-2017-007	Addition to Lois Davidson Gottlieb Architectural Collection	2017-01-17	5.5 cu. ft.
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Appendix 2. Processed Collections and Additions

Manuscript Number	Title	Date Processed /Incorporated	Extent
Ms2016-007	Mary Lou Drostten Architectural Collection	2017-03-01	9 cu. ft.
Ms2016-023	Lucy Ferrari Design Textile Notebook	2017-03-24	1 cu. ft.
Ms2015-008	Daredemo Photographer Exhibition	2017-05-01	5.5 cu. ft.
Ms2013-025	Wendy Bertrand Architectural Collection	2017-08-01	15 cu. ft.
Ms2001-045	Milka Bliznakov Prize Records (addition)	2017-11-01	0.1 cu.ft.
Ms1997-010	Judith Edelman Papers (addition)	2017-11-01	.5 cu. Ft.
Ms2009-054	IAWA Small Collections (addition to Newcomb, Fannie Magee, Ora Reams)	2017-11-01	.25 cu. ft.
Ms2016-007	Nancy Florence Architectural Collection	2017-12-10	9 cu. ft.

Appendix 3. Publications

Publication Number	Title	Number of Volumes
TH455.G3875 G375 1945	Garlinghouse Small Homes, 1945	1
NK4340.N47 N47	Newcomb Pottery	1
NK2110 F7 1919	Color Schemes for the Home and Model Interiors by Henry W. Frohne and Alice F. and Bettina Jackson	1
[not yet catalogued]	Beverly Willis Architectural Foundation, Film Library Series Volume I and III.	2
[not yet catalogued]	"Abgelehnt" ... "Nicht tragbar" : verfolgte Studierende und Angehörige der TH in Wien nach dem "Anschluss" 1938 by Paulus Ebner, Juliane Mikoletzky, Alexandra Wieser, 2016	1
[not yet catalogued]	Bungalow Homes, 1924	1
[not yet catalogued]	Femmes et Patrimoine, Fleuve Niger by Amelie Essesse	4
[not yet catalogued]	Women Architects on the Web by Inés Moisset et. al	1