

Archivist's Report, FY 2012-2013

International Archives of Women in Architecture (IAWA)

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Overview

During the past year, 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. Sherrie Bowser led the effort to process, acquire, and promote IAWA collections. With the help of students and other staff she accessioned 8 new collections and processed 5 collections.

Collection Highlights

- Special Collections received 8 new IAWA collections during the past year, totaling 16.1 cubic feet of material. (See Appendix 1, Acquired Accessions) Larger collections came from Margaret (Peggy) Ann Cochran of southern California (12.3 cubic feet) and Martha Bil Manevich of Buenos Aires, Argentina and Boston (1.1 cubic feet).
- With the help of staff, 5 IAWA collections have been processed over the past year, totaling 4.0 cubic feet. (See Appendix 2, Processed Collections)
- There are now approximately 421 distinct IAWA collections totaling 1660 cubic feet.
- Made 4 book purchases that directly support IAWA collections (See Appendix 3, New Purchases)
- Spring 2013, visit to past donor Jay Margulies in Portland, Oregon to consult on next donation of slides from Pamela Webb.

Research, Promotion, and Selected Uses of IAWA Collections

- Supported research for the 50th Anniversary of CAUS
- Maintained IAWA Facebook page with frequent postings
- Special Collections launched a blog this year, "In Special Collections @ Virginia Tech" that features an IAWA centric post once a month.
- IAWA Annual Meeting, October 2012
- Assisted Andrea Merrett, 2012 Milka Bliznakov Research Prize winner, with onsite research in "Organizing: 1972-1977, research and discoveries in the IAWA Center Archives.
- Hosted out-of-town researcher to view the Eleanore Pettersen Architectural Collection. He is considering writing a book about Pettersen. February 22-23, 2013.
- Assisted the Historic Resources Group in Riverside, CA with documenting Lois Davidson Gottlieb's projects in Riverside. February-March 2013.
- Exhibit. "Celebrating Women's History Month in Special Collections," March 1-31, 2013.
- Hosted 2 first year architecture studio classes totaling 35 students, March 29, 2013.

- Provided the City of Simi Valley, CA with the construction drawings of the Simi Valley Library designed by Zelma Wilson. April 2013.
- Scans from Hastings and Chadeayne collections provided to National Building Museum for “House and Home” exhibition (opened April 2012), August 2011
- IAWA material used in Special Collections instructional sessions, Fall 2012-Spring 2013
- Sherrie Bowser, co-chair, Architectural Records Roundtable, Society of American Archivists
- Staff replied to nearly two dozen reference questions related to IAWA collections.

Support for IAWA

- Several small donations received (See Appendix 4, Library 2012/2013-IAWA related accounts)

Biographical Database

- Gail McMillan continued to oversee the IAWA Biographical Database. There are 2,435 publicly available records at, http://lumiere.lib.vt.edu/iawa_db.

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 has increased our joint efforts to promote the collections and research, as well as expand the department’s digital projects and online presence.

For the Coming Year

- Hired two architecture students to process IAWA collections.
- Submitted a start-up session proposal about managing electronic architectural records for the 2014 Society of American Archivist’s meeting in Washington, D.C.
- A new director of development for the University Libraries will be working with donors interested in making financial gifts to support IAWA collections in special collections.
- Expect to submit a new proposal for funding to the Peck-Stacpoole Foundation in Spring 2014.

Appendix 1. Acquired Accessions

Accession Number	Title	Date of Accession	Method of Acquisition	Cubic Feet
Acc2012-068	Winifred Parsons Architecture Notebook	7/23/2012	Purchase	0.3 cu.ft.
Acc2012-077	Martha Bil Manevich Architectural Collection	8/21/2012	Gift	1.1 cu. ft.
Acc2012-100	Anna P. Sokolina Architectural Collection (addition)	10/17/2012	Gift	0.1 cu.ft.
Acc2012-101	Nadejda Smolina Architectural Collection	10/18/2012	Gift	0.1 cu.ft.
Acc2013-028	"The Feminine Presence in Israeli Architecture," exhibit catalog and literature	3/13/2013	Gift	0.1 cu.ft.
Acc2013-052	Donna Dunay Architectural Collection (addition)	5/23/2013	Gift	2.0 cu.ft.
Acc2013-062	Margaret (Peggy) Ann Cochran Architectural Collection	5/16/2013	Gift	12.3 cu.ft.
Acc2013.062	Lilia Sofer Skala Student Portfolio (addition)	5/26/2013	Gift	0.1 cu.ft.

Appendix 2. Processed Collections

Manuscript Number	Title	Processing Date	Cubic Feet
Ms2002-051	Anna P. Sokolina Architectural Collection (addition)	1/25/2013	0.1 cu. ft.
Ms2009-054	Nadejda Smolina Architectural Papers	2/15/2013	0.1 cu.ft.
Ms2009-054	"The Feminine Presence in Israeli Architecture," exhibit catalog and literature	5/15/2013	0.1 cu.ft.
Ms2013-023	Dorothee Stelzer King Architectural Collection	5/28/2013	3.6 cu.ft.
Ms2003-015	Lilia Sofer Skala Student Portfolio (addition)	7/1/2013	0.1 cu.ft.

Appendix 3. New Purchases

Publication Number	Title	Number of Volumes
Pub2012-081	Picturing Tradition: Lurah Maria Riggs Encounters Mexican Architecture	1
Pub2012-123	Sunshine Homes, by Iva G. Lieurance, 1938	1
Pub2013-045	Cambridge School, 1980; Domestic Architecture of the San Francisco Bay Region, 1949	3
Pub2013-050	Burritt's Home Builders' Magazine, 9 issues from 1925 plus two advertisements	11