

IAWA Archivist's Report, January-December 2018

International Archive of Women in Architecture (IAWA)

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Overview

The University Libraries continued its joint partnership with the College of Architecture and Urban Studies to acquire, arrange, describe, provide access to, and promote IAWA collections. It was a busy year of promoting and building IAWA collections. This report covers the highlights from 2018. More recent updates will be announced at the business meeting.

Collection Highlights

- During 2018, Special Collections received 12 new IAWA collections or additions to existing collections, totaling nearly 7 cubic feet of material (See Appendix 1, New Collections Received). Highlights include the following:
 - Received digital files from Beverly Willis documenting 13 of her most significant projects. Files are jointly shared with the Library of Congress.
 - Completed processing of the Linda Kiisk Architectural Collection
 - Received several additions to the Lois Gottlieb Architectural Collection
- In 2018, 1 new collection was fully processed and 1 addition incorporated, comprising 20.25 cubic feet of material. Archives staff also made significant progress on 3 large collections and 1 major addition, totally nearly 100 cu. ft. (See Appendix 2 Processed Collections and Additions).
- There are now 399 distinct IAWA collections comprising approximately 1,997 cubic feet.
- 6 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, Bliznakov fellows, and other guest speakers.
- Aaron Purcell, Sam Winn, and Rebecca Fitzsimmons attended the CAUS alumni reception at the AIA meeting in New York, June 2018.
- Aaron Purcell, Sam Winn, and Rebecca Fitzsimmons attended the CAUS alumni reception at the Virginia AIA meeting in Richmond, November 2018.
- Rebecca Fitzsimmons and Jade Snelling hosted an Art+Feminism Wikipedia Edit-a-Thon on March 28, 2018 in collaboration with the VT Women's Center and the VT Library Open Access Department. During this event 56 participants made 84 edits to 45 articles. The participants created 6 new articles, added a total of 5.01K words, and completed 2 translations of existing pages. Additional events included a Wikimedia Share-a-Thon during Open Access Week and an informal editing session held in the Athenaeum,
- Rebecca Fitzsimmons and Jade Snelling presented "Selections from the Women of Design Project" at the Design Records Section of the Society of American Archivists Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., August 2018.
- Supported exhibitions in the United States, Canada, and Great Britain.
- Scans from 39 unique collections were provided to international and local researchers, publishers, and partner organizations.
- Prepared a library exhibition for Women's History Month, assisted in the production of Gottlieb memorial exhibit, and presented 3 class tours of the IAWA facilities.
- 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>).
- Maintained IAWA Facebook page with frequent postings; reached over 1347 likes.
- Frequently featured IAWA architects, topics, and materials on the departmental Twitter feed (@VT_SCUA)
- 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 2018.

"Women of Design" CLIR Grant Project

The CLIR grant project "Women of Design: Revealing Women's Hidden Contributions to the Built Environment," made tremendous progress in 2018. Rebecca Fitzsimmons (Project Manager) and Jade Snelling (Digitization Specialist) selected material, created and edited images, customized the delivery platform, and documented workflows. Materials digitized include project files and correspondence; photographs, slides, and negatives; oversize architectural drawings; concept sketches; and artwork and travel sketches. In 2018, project staff created 67,302 separate digital files. These materials will be uploaded into a digital library repository and will be freely available to all online users. The project will conclude in July 2019.

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 2,453 publicly available records at <https://iawadb.lib.vt.edu/>.

Appendix 1. New Collections Received

Accession Number	Title	Date of Accession	Extent
Acc-2018-163	Addition to Lois Gottlieb Architectural Collection	2018-11-30	.15 cu.ft.
Acc-2018-116	Addition to Newcomb College drawings	2018-09-19	1.0 cu. ft.
Acc-2018-108	Additions to Carmen Espejel Alonso Papers	2018-08-09	.1 cu. ft.
Acc-2018-108	Addition to Comision de Mujeres Arquitectas Records	2018-08-09	.25 cu. ft.
Acc-2018-107	Addition to Lois Gottlieb Architectural Collection	2018-08-09	.5 cu. ft.
Acc-2018-091	Betsey Dougherty Architectural collection	2018-07-12	1.0 cu. ft.
Acc-2018-081	Maria Fuchs designs	2018-07-03	.3 cu. ft.
Acc-2018-080	Addition to Newcomb College drawings	2018-07-03	1.0 cu. ft.
Acc-2018-038	Alice Finnerup Møller drawings	2018-04-04	.25 cu. ft.
Acc-2018-037	Addition to Anna P. Sokolina Architectural Collection	2018-04-04	1.0 cu. ft.
Acc-2018-036	Junko Matsukawa-Tsuchida Papers	2018-04-04	1.0 cu. ft.
Acc-2018-006	Addition to IAWA Records	2018-01-25	.25 cu. ft.

Appendix 2. Processed Collections and Additions

Manuscript Number	Title	Date Processed /Incorporated	Extent
Ms2000-035	Kristine Fallon Architectural Collection	2018-04-04	3.25 cu. ft.
Ms2015-054	Linda Kiisk Architectural Collection	2018-03-14	17 cu. ft.
Ms2002-045	Addition to Diane Elliott Gayer Architectural Papers	In progress	20 cu. ft.
Ms2017-012	Christina B. Farnsworth Papers	In progress	50 cu. ft.
Ms2017-010	Trudy Rosen Architectural Collection	In progress	21 cu. ft.
Ms1997-003	Addition(s) to Lois Gottlieb Architectural Collection	In progress	6 cu. ft.

Appendix 3. Publications

Publication Number	Title	Volumes
Still in cataloging dept	<i>Cape Cod and Colonial Homes</i>	1
Still in cataloging dept	<i>Lyman Hawkins Home Suggestions</i>	1
NA7205 .G374 1952	<i>Garlinghouse Ranch and Suburban Homes, 1952</i>	1
NA7115 .G37	<i>210 Deluxe Small Homes, ca. 1950</i>	1
Still in cataloging dept	<i>New Duplex Designs</i>	1
Still in cataloging dept	<i>Design Dialogue: Jews, Culture, and Viennese Modernism</i>	1