

IAWA Archivist's Report, January-December 2022

International Archive of Women in Architecture (IAWA)

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Overview

The University Libraries continued its joint partnership with the College of Art, Architecture, and Design (formerly 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 highlights from 2022.

Collection Highlights

- During 2022, Special Collections and University Archives (SCUA) received 11 new IAWA collections or additions to existing collections, totaling 218.13 cubic feet of material (See Appendix 1 and Appendix 2). Highlights include the following:
 - A large accrual to the Christina B. Farnsworth Papers
 - The IAWA oral history collection
- There are now 414 (last year 408) distinct IAWA collections comprising approximately 2,340.23 (last year 2,122.1) cubic feet.
- 13 publications purchased or donated to support IAWA collections and research (See Appendix 3).

Research, Promotion, and Selected Uses of IAWA Collections

- 3,236 reference scans from 19 unique collections were provided to international and local researchers, publishers, and partner organizations.
- Scans from the Beverly Willis collection totalling 35,436 files. To be added in the coming year to the digital library platform.
- IAWA exhibits: worked on planning for two exhibits that went up in January 2023 (SCUA Reading Room display and small 1st floor display case in Newman).
- Assisted approximately 24 researchers from 7 countries with IAWA requests.
- Added content to digital platform (<http://iawa.lib.vt.edu>) to provide online access to selections from IAWA collections.
- Regularly updated IAWA website and collection guide (<http://spec.lib.vt.edu/iawa>).
- Maintained IAWA Facebook page with a few postings; reached over 1,789 followers.
- 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" (<https://scuablog.lib.vt.edu>).
- Snelling presented to members of the AWA+D (Association for Women in Architecture + Design) at their organization's centennial celebration in Los Angeles, California. This

resulted in a unique oral history donation. Snelling also consulted with several women who were preparing donations (Anne Zimmerman and Margot Siegel).

Digital Collections

- Beverly Willis Collection: the Beverly Willis digital collection is ready for ingest into the DLP
- As part of our ongoing reference work Snelling has completed 24 scan requests, totalling 3,236 image and pdf files.
- Other/remediation work: Snelling has completed metadata remediation work for 31 CLIR collections.

Support for IAWA

- Several small financial donations received (See Appendix 4).
- Gifts and endowment income used for student wages and archival supplies.

Biographical Database

There are 2,464 publicly available records at <https://iawadb.lib.vt.edu/>. Over the long term, Snelling hopes to partner with others in the libraries to improve the functionality of this resource, as it's difficult to successfully update and many of the current records are incomplete and with broken links. In the upcoming year she plans to work on re-conceptualizing the IAWAdb and repurposing its records using open access tools, possibly with the help of a student or students.

Appendix 1. New Collections Received

Accession Number	Title	Date of Accession	Extent
Acc-2022-111	Addition to Geraldine Pontius Architectural Collection	11/30/2022	1.2 cu. ft.
Acc-2022-098	Richmond, Virginia, Commonplace Notebook	10/12/2022	0.1 cu. ft.
Acc-2022-050	Addition to Christina B. Farnsworth	6/1/2022	210 cu. ft.
Acc-2022-053	Tony Wrenn Papers	6/16/2022	2 cu. ft.
Acc-2022-042	Patricia Santos Pedrosa Architectural Papers	5/19/2022	0.1 cu. ft.
Acc-2022-041	IAWA Oral History Interview: Christina B. Farnsworth	5/19/2022	1 .wav file
Acc-2022-040	IAWA Oral History Interview: Diane Elliott Gayer	5/19/2022	1 .wav file
Acc-2022-036	Susan Green Architectural Drawings	5/10/2022	3.83 cu. ft.
Acc-2022-035	Lila Chesley Residential Architecture Notebook, c.1930	4/28/2022	0.1 cu. ft.
Acc-2022-026	Sam and Beth Nickels wedding video (DVD)	4/11/2022	0.1 cu. ft.
Acc-2022-025	Addition to Christina B. Farnsworth	3/25/2022	0.9 cu. ft.

Appendix 2. Processed Collections and Additions

Manuscript Number	Title	Date Processed /Incorporated	Extent
Ms2006-017	Steven and Cathi House Architectural Collection (oversized architectural drawings)	10/01/2022	28.65 cu. ft.
Ms2017-012	Christina Farnsworth Papers	Inventory ongoing	
Ms2017-010	Trudy Rosen Architectural Records	Inventory ongoing	21 cu. ft.
Ms2017-061	Andrea Maxine Lucas		15.125 cu. ft.
Ms2022-014	Patricia Santos Pedrosa Architectural Papers	12/5/2022	0.1 cu. ft.

Ms2006-003	Denise Scott Brown Architectural Collection	12/14/2022	0.1 cu. ft.
Ms2022-082	Femmes Batiseusses d'Afrique (Women Builders of Africa) informational materials	12/1/2022	0.1 cu. ft.
Ms2022-083	Africa Etudes design firm brochure	12/2/2022	0.1 cu. ft.
Ms2022-011	"A Center for Civic Activity in the Town of Blacksburg" Design Competition Boards	5/20/2022	0.42 cu. ft.
Ms2022-091	Comision de Mujeres Arquitectas Records	11/18/2022	0.25 cu. ft.

Appendix 3. Publications

Publication Number	Title	Volumes
Pub-2022-135	<i>Berkeley Women's City Club Record, Vol. 1. No. 1</i>	1
Pub-2022-110	<i>The Small House</i>	1
Pub-2022-107	<i>Let's Make a Landmark House</i>	1
Pub-2022-091	<i>Small Southern Homes</i>	1
Pub-2022-089	<i>Income Property and Retirement Homes</i>	1
Pub-2022-070	<i>All American Homes</i>	1
Pub-2022-060	<i>Philadelphia School of Design for Women, 1928/1929 & 1931/1932</i>	2
Pub-2022-052	<i>Plans for New Homes</i>	1
Pub-2022-046	<i>Kamp Kabins</i>	1
Pub-2022-024	<i>Catalogue: Eleventh Annual Exhibition of the Architectural League of New York, 1896</i>	1

Pub-2022-014	ARCHITECTURAL LEAGUE OF NEW YORK. catalogue of the Seventh Annual Exhibition of the Architectural League of New York; ARCHITECTURAL LEAGUE OF NEW YORK. catalogue of the Thirteenth Annual Exhibition of the Architectural League of New York	2
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Appendix 4. Gift and Endowment Accounts

<u>Gift/Grant Accounts</u>		
	<u>IAWA Preservation Fund (873296)</u>	
	<u>Amount in account Jan 1, 2022</u>	<u>\$18,925.08</u>
	<u>Income added during the year</u>	<u>\$750.00</u>
	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>\$(3,540.50)</u>
	<u>Amount in the account Dec 31, 2022</u>	<u>\$16,134.58</u>
<u>Endowment Income/Expenditure Accounts</u>		
	<u>Eleanore Pettersen IAWA (872927)</u>	
	<u>Amount in account Jan 1, 2022</u>	<u>\$19,931.02</u>
	<u>Income added during the year</u>	<u>\$4,515.24</u>

	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>\$(4,214.00)</u>
	<u>Amount in the account Dec 31, 2022</u>	<u>\$20,232.26</u>
	<u>Sigrid Rupp Support Univ Lib IAWA Activities (874754)</u>	
	<u>Amount in Account Jan 1, 2022</u>	<u>\$61,194.26</u>
	<u>Income added during the year</u>	<u>\$9,893.46</u>
	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>\$(665.00)</u>
	<u>Amount in the account Dec 31, 2021</u>	<u>\$70,422.72</u>