

Archivist's Report, FY 2011-2012

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, who was on leave for a portion of the past year, led the effort to process, acquire, and promote IAWA collections. With the help of students and other staff she accessioned 13 new collections and processed 16 collections. Using an updated processing priority list, she has cut deep into the IAWA backlog, which now consists of 10 collections totaling 88 cubic feet.

Collection Highlights

- Special Collections received 13 new IAWA collections during the past year, totaling 47.5 cubic feet of material. (See Appendix 1, Acquired Accessions) Larger collections came from Joan Wood, Milka Bliznakov, and Wendy Bertrand.
- With the help of students and staff, 16 IAWA collections have been processed over the past year, totaling 195 cubic feet. (See Appendix 2, Processed Collections) The largest of these collections was the Zelma Wilson collection which has been acquired in 1991 and totals 115 cubic feet.
- There are now approximately 416 distinct IAWA collections totaling 1,647 cubic feet.
- Made 12 book purchases that directly support IAWA collections (See Appendix 3, New Purchases)

Research, Promotion, and Selected Uses of IAWA Collections

- Supported research for the 50th Anniversary of CAUS
- Maintained IAWA Facebook page with frequent postings
- IAWA Annual Meeting October 2011
- Assisted Lindsay Nemcheck, 2011 Milka Bliznakov Research Prize winner, with her onsite research, October 2011
- Bailey Van Hook art history class, October 5, 2011
- Donna Dunay class, September 15, 2011
- 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 2011-Spring 2012
- Aaron Purcell, presenter for absent panelist, Session 609—Design for the Next Larger Context: Exposing Architecture Collections for the Broadest Use, Society of American Archivists, Annual Meeting, Chicago, August 2011
- Sherrie Bowser, elected co-chair, Architectural Records Roundtable, Society of American Archivists

- Selected scanning for researchers from IAWA collections, including providing scans of floorplans of the Bliznakov home on Tall Oakes Drive
- Staff replied to 57 reference questions related to IAWA collections

Support for IAWA

- Several small donations received (See Appendix 3 Library 2011/2012-IAWA related accounts)
- Students focused on processing IAWA collections in the Special Collections department included: Kathryn Shackleford

Biographical Database

- Gail McMillan, Director of the Digital Library and Archives, continued to oversee the IAWA Biographical Database. There are 2,423 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.

Acquired Accessions

Number of Records: 13

Accessioned Between: 07/25/2011 & 06/22/2012

Total Extent of Aquired Accessions: 47.50

Newcomb College Drawings**Acc.2011.073****Accession Date:**

July 25, 2011

Date Processed:

July 25, 2011

Extent:

0.5 cu. ft.

Cataloged:

false

Container Summary:

4 drawings

Rights:

Not transferred

Addition to Rosemarie Urbanke Architectural Papers**Acc.2011.077****Accession Date:**

August 16, 2011

Date Processed:

September 13, 2011

Extent:

0.2 cu. ft.

Cataloged:

true

Container Summary:

1 small box

Rights:

Not transferred

Addition to Marjorie Mead Hooker Collection**Acc.2011.088****Accession Date:**

August 26, 2011

Date Processed:

September 09, 2011

Extent:

0.1 cu. ft.

Cataloged:

false

Container Summary:

Edits to biographical database entry

Biographical information (memorial service program, articles, new releases)

Rights:

Not transferred

Addition to Joan Wood Architectural Collection**Acc.2011.089****Accession Date:**

September 08, 2011

Date Processed:**Extent:**

20.0 cu. ft.

Cataloged:

false

Container Summary:

5 boxes each containing approx. 25 rolled drawings

Rights:

Rights Transferred

Addition to Milka T. Bliznakov Papers and Architectural Drawings**Acc.2011.090****Accession Date:**

September 05, 2011

Date Processed:**Extent:**

9.0 cu. ft.

Cataloged:

false

Container Summary:

5 record storage container cartons
2 plastic bags of rolled drawings
1 oversize book
2 framed objects

Rights:

Rights Transferred

Addition to Anna P. Sokolina Architectural Collection**Acc.2011.115****Accession Date:**

October 29, 2011

Date Processed:**Extent:**

0.3 cu. ft.

Cataloged:

false

Rights:

Rights Transferred

Addition to Lois Davidson Gottlieb Architectural Collection**Acc.2011.116****Accession Date:**

November 14, 2011

Date Processed:**Extent:**

1.5 cu. ft.

Cataloged:

false

Container Summary:

2 boxes

Rights:

Rights Transferred

Addition to Eleanore Pettersen Architectural Collection**Acc.2011.118****Accession Date:**

September 19, 2011

Date Processed:

December 09, 2011

Extent:

0.1 cu. ft.

Cataloged:

false

Container Summary:

Clipping New York Times, Architect Leads Way for Women, 1989
Materials from Altrusa Club "A Salute to Eleanore Pettersen," 2000
Memorials to Pettersen, 2003

Rights:

Not transferred

Aquired Accessions

October 15, 2012

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Addition to Milka Bliznakov Prize Records**Acc.2012.002****Accession Date:**

December 19, 2011

Date Processed:

January 24, 2012

Extent:

0.1 cu. ft.

Cataloged:

false

Container Summary:

1 folder

Rights:

Rights Transferred

Addition to Despina Stratigakos Architectural Collection**Acc.2012.006****Accession Date:**

October 15, 2011

Date Processed:

February 03, 2012

Extent:

null

Cataloged:

false

Container Summary:

1 box

Rights:

Not transferred

Martha Bil Manevich Architectural Collection**Acc.2012.049****Accession Date:**

May 21, 2012

Date Processed:**Extent:**

0.5 cu. ft.

Cataloged:

false

Rights:

Rights Transferred

Wendy Bertrand Architectural Collection**Acc.2012.054****Accession Date:**

May 23, 2012

Date Processed:**Extent:**

15.0 cu. ft.

Cataloged:

false

Container Summary:

7 boxes

Rights:

Rights Transferred

Shannon Taylor Scarlett Papers

Acc.2012.066

Accession Date:

June 22, 2012

Date Processed:

Extent:

0.2 cu. ft.

Cataloged:

false

Container Summary:

Competition entry boards for First Prize Award in The National Competition: A Center for Civic Activity in the Town of Blacksburg; also program poster

Rights:

Not transferred

July 2011-June 2012 Processed Collections

Manuscript Number	Title	Processing Date	Extent #
Ms2001-074	Judith (Dita) Roque-Gourary Architectural Collection	11/2/2011	4.2 cu.ft.
Ms2011-075	Glass Ceilings: Highlights from the International Archive of Women in Architecture Center, selected exhibit panels,	11/2/2011	4.3 cu.ft.
Ms1985-021	International Archive of Women in Architecture Records	12/1/2011	15.5cu.ft.
Ms1984-183	Elise Sundt Architectural Collection	12/1/2011	0.3cu.ft.
Ms2007-017	Natalie de Blois Architectural Collection	1/6/2012	2.7 cu.ft.
Ms2011-026	Center of Contemporary Architecture Media Collection	1/6/2012	0.5 cu.ft.
Ms1998-009	Sena Sekilic-Gvozdaovic Architectural Collection		0.5 cu.ft.
Ms1991-046	Zelma Wilson Architectural Collection	3/12/2012	115.5 cu.ft.
Ms2012-001	International Union of Women Architects (UIFA) Conference Materials	3/12/2012	4.0 cu.ft.
Ms1990-013	Wena Dows Architectural Collection	3/14/2012	21.1 cu.ft.
Ms1987-061	Hilde Westrom Architectural Collection	4/5/2012	3.3 cu.ft.
Ms2001-049	Anne Griswold Tyng Architectural Collection	4/9/2012	1.5 cu.ft.
Ms2001-017	Maria von der Weppen Architectural Collection	4/19/2012	9.0 cu.ft.
Ms2005-017	Czeslawa Ziekinska Architectural Collection	4/19/2012	0.25 cu.ft.
Ms1992-019	Beverly Willis Architectural Collection	4/19/2012	1.5 cu.ft.
Ms1992-028	Melita Rodeck Architectural Collection	4/30/2012	10.7cu.ft.

TOTAL EXTENT PROCESSED: 194.85 cu.ft.

New Purchases, 2011-2012

The new frontier : Broadacre City / [F.L.W.]. (Taliesin Fellowship Publication), 1940

Ideal Homes of Today, Leila Ross Wilburn, c.1930

Garden layouts and details : [a collection of mounted illustration taken from magazines]. (Architecture Illustrated), c.1939-1942

How to Furnish Well and Cheaply, Mrs Alfred Praga, 1901

Garlinghouse Plan Book, Book No. 12, Beautiful Homes, 1933

si les Femmes Faisaient Les Maisons by Paulette Bernege, 1928

Opgang : driemaandeliks jeugdtijdschrift voor kunst, wetenschap en arbeidersbeweging, Vol. 8., No. 1, May 1929

Philadelphia School of Design for Women, 1919

The book of American municipalities; what is what in our cities; an authentic summary of civic progress and achievements, 1907

The decoration and renovation of the home. A practical handbook for house owners and tenants, architects, decorators and others, with 14 coloured plates showing 89 harmonious colour schemes for wall decoration, etc, by Arthur Seymour Jennings. With a chapter on "Period furniture and appropriate mural decoration", by Herbert E. Binstead, 1923

House of the Month Book of Small Houses ed. by Harold E. Group, 1946

What makes the house beautiful; a collection of building details with measured drawings. Edited by Henrietta C. Peabody, c.1920