

## **Archivist's Report, 2016**

### **International Archive of Women in Architecture (IAWA)**

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#### **Overview**

Throughout 2016, 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 2016, Special Collections received 20 new IAWA collections or additions to existing collections, totaling nearly 85 cubic feet of material (See Appendix 1, New Collections Received). Highlights include the following:
  - The architectural papers of Trudy Rosen, a pioneering architectural designer and NYU graduate who specialized in office and residential structures throughout the Northeast
  - The architectural papers of Nancy Florence, a California-based artist and residential designer who served as public liaison to the California Architects Florence was a long-time member of the Organization of Women Architects and Design Professionals
  - Textile design portfolio of Lucy Ferrari, Emerita Faculty of the Virginia Tech School of Architecture + Design, which was professionally rebound by a conservator
  - Records of the Women's Development Corporation, a Rhode Island non-profit specializing in creative and efficient residential development for low-to-moderate-income families
- In 2016, 1 new collection was processed and 10 additions were incorporated, comprising 45 cubic feet of material (See Appendix 2 Processed Collections and Additions)
- There are now 390 distinct IAWA collections comprising approximately 1,900 cubic feet
- Purchases supporting IAWA collections and research (See Appendix 3, Purchases)

#### **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 presented a paper on architectural records and the IAWA for the Art Libraries Society of North America, Seattle, March 2016
- Samantha Winn led a session on digital humanities and uses for art and design records for the Art Libraries Society of North America, Seattle, March 2016
- Scans from 29 unique collection were provided to international and local researchers, publishers, and partner organizations

- Prepared 2 library exhibitions and presented 8 formal tours and classes relating to IAWA
- Replied to nearly 50 IAWA related reference questions from researchers in 6 countries
- 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 500 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 2016

### **Support for IAWA**

- The grant proposal “Women of Design: Revealing Women’s Hidden Contributions to the Built Environment,” was submitted and accepted for the CLIR Hidden Collections Digitization program. The project award of \$232,356 will support two full-time archivists for the two-year grant period. The project will mass-digitize 30 IAWA collections, amounting to approximately 35,000 unique digital items. The material will be accessible and fully searchable through a central web platform. Purcell and Winn are the co-PIs. The project begins in April 2017 and concludes in spring 2019
- Completed several visits with potential donors. Most notable, we began negotiations with Beverly Willis and the Library of Congress to arrange for the donation of her visual materials (approximately 30 boxes of photographs, slides, negatives, and transparencies). Purcell met with Willis at the Library of Congress in spring 2016 and then visited Willis in Connecticut in early summer 2016 to review the collection.
- 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**

- The IAWA Biographical Database was migrated to a more secure and dynamic platform in 2016. New features include the ability for users to suggest changes and add new entries. Samantha Winn now oversees the IAWA Biographical Database.
- There are 2,451 publicly available records at <https://iawadb.lib.vt.edu/>

### **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 others to use. During the past year interest in IAWA materials, from faculty, students, architects, and scholars, remained steady. IAWA collections are a central part of our collection development efforts, our instructional sessions, and our campus outreach efforts. The upcoming CLIR grant will significantly expand the online presence of IAWA.

**Appendix 1. New Collections Received**

<b>Accession Number</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date of Accession</b>	<b>Extent</b>
Acc.2015.158	Addition to Wena Dows Architectural Collection	12/15/2015	2.6 cu. ft.
Acc.2016.011	Addition to IAWA Small Collections (Fannie Magee)	02/01/2016	0.1 cu. ft.
Acc.2016.018	Addition to Association for Women in Architecture Records, 1928-1992	02/10/2016	9.3 cu. ft.
Acc.2016.020	Addition to International Union of Women Architects Conference Materials	02/16/2016	0.25 cu. ft.
Acc.2016.024	Paola Zellner Bassett Architectural Collection	02/22/2016	4.0 cu. ft.
Acc.2016.051	Addition to L. Jane Hastings Architectural Papers	03/22/2016	0.1 cu. ft.
Acc.2016.050	Addition to Paola Zellner Bassett Architectural Drawings	03/22/2016	2.0 cu. ft.
Acc.2016.043	Addition to Milka T. Bliznakov Papers	03/23/2016	8 cu. ft.
Acc.2016.043	Addition to Anna P. Sokolina Architectural Collection	03/23/2016	8 cu. ft.
Acc.2016.065	Women's Development Corporation Records	05/31/2016	2.5 cu. ft.
Acc.2016.070	Lucy Ferrari Textile Design Notebook	06/21/2016	0.3 cu. ft.
Acc.2016.071	Addition to Small Collections (Newcomb College drawings)	06/22/2016	0.2 cu. ft.
Acc.2016.094	Addition to Small Collections (Newcomb College drawings)	07/20/2016	0.2 cu. ft.
Acc.2016.097	Nancy Florence Architectural Collection	07/28/2016	15 cu. ft.
Acc.2016.115	Trudy Rosen Architectural Collection	08/19/2016	21 cu. ft.
Acc.2016.118	Addition to Paola Zellner Bassett Architectural Drawings	08/22/2016	2.0 cu. ft.

Acc.2016.126	Mary Anne Shepard "Principles and Illustrations of Gothic Ecclesiastical Architecture" manuscript	09/06/2016	0.1 cu. ft.
Acc.2016.148	Addition to IAWA Small Collections (Denise Scott Brown)	11/02/2016	0.1 cu. ft.
Acc.2016.147	Addition to Milka T. Bliznakov Papers and Architectural Drawings	11/02/2016	3.0 cu. ft.
Acc.2016.164	Addition to Women's Development Corporation Records	12/01/2016	5.85 cu. ft.

**Appendix 2. Processed Collections and Additions**

<b>Manuscript Number</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date Processed /Incorporated</b>	<b>Extent</b>
Ms.1990.065	Inge Horton Architectural Collection (addition)	03/15/2016	9.0 cu. ft.
Ms.2002.051	Anna P. Sokolina Architectural Collection (addition)	4/29/2016	8.0 cu. ft.
Ms.1988..022	Association for Women in Architecture (addition)	07/27/2016	9.3 cu. ft.
Ms.2009.054	Newcomb College drawings (addition)	09/01/2016	0.2 cu. ft.
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Ms.2009.054	Fannie McGee papers (addition)	09/01/2016	0.1 cu. ft.
Ms.2009.054	Payette Sho-Ping Chin Memorial Scholarship (addition)	09/01/2016	0.1 cu. ft.
Ms.2004.004	L. Jane Hastings Architectural Papers (addition)	09/10/2016	0.1 cu. ft.
Ms.1991.025	Milka T. Bliznakov Papers (addition)	09/15/2016	8.0 cu. ft.
Ms.2016.012	Women's Development Corporation Records	12/14/2016	2.5 cu. ft.
Ms.2016.012	Women's Development Corporation Records (addition)	12/14/2016	5.85 cu. ft.

**Appendix 3. Purchases**

<b>Publication Number</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Number of Volumes</b>
NK2004.3.P37 P48 1995	Parish-Hadley : sixty years of American design / Sister Parish, Albert Hadley, and Christopher Petkanas.	1
(not yet cataloged)	Deluxe Small Homes	1
(not yet cataloged)	All American Homes	1
(not yet cataloged)	Blue Ribbon Homes	1
(not yet cataloged)	Ranch and Suburban Homes	1
(not yet cataloged)	Garlinghouse Split Level Homes	1
(not yet cataloged)	New Brick Homes	1
NK1980 .E5 1951	Color : likeable and liveable / Du Pont.	1
NA1997 .S77 2016	Where are the women architects? / Despina Stratigakos.	1
NA7130 .B66 1927	The Book of little houses / edited by Lucy Embury Hubbell.	1
NA7574 .K356	Kamp cabins.	1
NA7208 .G323 1955	Garlinghouse choice selected homes.	1
(not yet cataloged)	Bungalow Homes	1
NA7160 .P678	A book of beautiful homes.	1
(not yet cataloged)	Villa Benedetta Descritta de Matteo Mayer	1
NA737.R5 V3 1888	Henry Hobson Richardson, and his works / by Mrs. Schuyler Van Rensselaer	1
NA7208 .G3 1950z	Garlinghouse budget homes.	1
(not yet cataloged)	New Homes of Quality	1
NA2360.K6 A71 2008	2007 international competition for the Dongdaemun world design park & complex.	1
NA108.N48 N47 1973	SoHo-Cast Iron Historic District designation report. New York (N.Y.). Landmarks Preservation Commission.	1

## Appendix 4. Gift and Endowment Accounts

### Gift/Grant Accounts

#### IAWA Preservation Fund

<u>Amount in account Jan 1, 2016</u>	<u>\$11,309</u>	
<u>Income added during the year</u>		<u>\$2,175</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>		<u>\$2,720</u>
<u>Amount in the account Dec 31, 2016</u>	<u>\$10,764</u>	

### Endowment Income/Expenditure Accounts

#### Eleanore Pettersen IAWA

<u>Amount in account Jan 1, 2016</u>	<u>\$7,482</u>	
<u>Income added during the year</u>		<u>\$4,297</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>		<u>\$7,860</u>
<u>Amount in the account Dec 31, 2016</u>	<u>\$3,919</u>	

#### Sigrid Rupp Support Univ Lib IAWA Activities

<u>Amount in Account Jan 1, 2016</u>	<u>\$47,919</u>	
<u>Income added during the year</u>		<u>\$9,416</u>
<u>Expenditures</u>		<u>\$12,950</u>
<u>Amount in the account Dec 31, 2016</u>	<u>\$44,385</u>	

### The ENDOWMENTS

#### Eleanore Pettersen IAWA

<u>Amount in account Jan 1, 2016</u>	<u>\$97,645</u>
<u>Amount in the account Dec 31, 2016</u>	<u>\$102,447</u>

**Sigrid Rupp Support Univ Lib IAWA****Amount in account Jan 1, 2016****\$213,953****Amount in the account Dec 31,  
2016****\$224,475**