

IAWA Archivist's Report, January-December 2020

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 2020. It is important to note that the university limited its operations due to COVID-19 beginning in March 2020 and many of those restrictions continue to be in place. Most relevant to this report, the annual meeting scheduled for March 2020 was cancelled due to concerns about COVID-19 and the university's decision to cancel events, conferences, and professional travel. The Special Collections and University Archives department adapted to these changes--full time staff worked mostly remote, our students worked fully remote, appointment only" research services began in August 2020, and virtual reference activities and digitization requests increased significantly. While the pandemic and restrictions continue at the time of this writing, we are optimistic that some level of normal operations will return later this year.

Collection Highlights

- During 2020, Special Collections received 11 new IAWA collections or additions to existing collections, totaling nearly 88.54 cubic feet of material (See Appendix 1 and Appendix 2). Highlights include the following:
 - A major addition to the Cathi and Steven House Architectural Collection (52 cu. ft.).
 - New collections from Charlotte Hitchcock and Geraldine Pontius, both of whom worked out of New England and the Mid-Atlantic regions throughout most of their careers.
- Archives staff made significant processing progress on 2 large collections and 4 major additions, totalling nearly 31 cu. ft. (See Appendix 2).
- There are now 408 distinct IAWA collections comprising approximately 2,118.54 cubic feet.
- 12 publications purchased or donated to support IAWA collections and research (See Appendix 3).

Research, Promotion, and Selected Uses of IAWA Collections

- 249 reference scans from 7 unique collections were provided to international and local researchers, publishers, and partner organizations.
- Scans from the Beverly Willis collection totalling 35,436 files.
- Featured IAWA in a library exhibition for Women's History Month.
- Assisted approximately 12 researchers from 6 countries with IAWA requests.

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- Added content 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 a few postings; reached over 1,526 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](https://scuablog.lib.vt.edu)" (<https://scuablog.lib.vt.edu>).

Digital Collections

- Beverly Willis Collection: This year we continued digitization of material selected from Willis's work on a set of designated [significant projects](#), where records from any such project exist in our collections. Imaging for this project is now complete, with an output totalling 35,436 files, surpassing our initial projections. Once quality control processes are complete, these images will be added to our digital library platform.
- Lois Gottlieb Collection: Since September 2020 we've worked closely with the DLP development team to integrate Gottlieb image files digitized as part of the 2017-2019 CLIR grant into the platform. Due to changes to the platform's backend, this process entailed a significant amount of remediation. This process served as a test pilot for remediating and integrating the other CLIR grant materials that have already been digitized, and more collections should be available soon. Gottlieb materials can be viewed [here](#).

Staffing Changes

In summer 2020, Samantha Winn resigned from her position as Collections Archivist in Special Collections and University Archives to pursue a graduate degree in library and information sciences at the University of Arizona. During six years of service for Virginia Tech, Winn helped build awareness and collections for IAWA, she will be missed.

Beginning in the early fall 2020, Jade Snelling became the Acting Collections Archivist in Special Collections and University Archives with a specific focus on IAWA collections. Her previous three years of work as Digitization and Special Projects Archivist for the "Women of Design" project and other digitization work makes her a great fit for this expanded role.

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 2,462 publicly available records at <https://iawadb.lib.vt.edu/>.

Appendix 1. New Collections Received

Accession Number	Title	Date of Accession	Extent
Acc-2021-009	Geraldine Pontius Architectural Collection	26 February 2021	1.75 cu. ft.
Acc-2020-097	Anna Monakhova Architectural Papers	30 September 2020	0.1 cu. ft. + 15 Gb
Acc2019-137	Charlotte Hitchcock Architectural Collection	22 November 2019	10 cu. ft.

Appendix 2. Processed Collections and Additions

Manuscript Number	Title	Date Processed /Incorporated	Extent
Ms2000-035	Addition to Kristine K. Fallon Architectural Collection	In progress	0.67 cu. ft.
Ms2002-051	Addition to Anna P. Sokolina Architectural Collection	Incorporated	0.13 cu. ft.
Ms2001-045	Addition to Milka Bliznakov Prize Records	Incorporated	0.02 cu. ft.
Ms2017-061	Addition to Andrea Maxine Lucas Architectural Collection	In progress	15 cu. ft.
Ms1990-059	Addition to California Women in Environmental Design Records	Incorporated	0.17 cu. ft.

Ms2013-025	Addition to Wendy Bertrand Architectural Collection	Incorporated	0.7 cu. ft.
Ms2006-017	Addition to Steven and Cathi House Architectural Collection	In progress	52 cu. ft.
Ms2019-046	Addition to Joyce Margarite Roy Architectural Collection	In progress	8 cu. ft.

Appendix 3. Publications

Publication Number	Title	Volumes
Pub 2020-042	<i>Village Housing in the Tropics; The Architect of Floors</i>	2
Pub 2020-053	<i>Lowthorpe School of Landscape Architecture: Horticulture with The School of Horticulture for Women: Prospectus</i>	2
Pub 2020-078	<i>C&O Route: Knights of Pythias Biennial Encampment of the Uniform Rank and Session Supreme Lodge at Washington, DC, August 28-31, 1894; El Paso Architecture</i>	2
Pub 2020-082	<i>Homes in Brick; Homes for Narrow Lots</i>	2
Pub 2020-087	<i>New Small Homes</i> , 8th edition	1
Pub 2020-104	<i>The Ladies' Home Journal</i> , Feb 15, 1911	1
Pub 2020-106	<i>Columbian Exhibition</i> , 1892	1

Pub 2020-108	<i>Andrei Gozak, 2019</i>	1
Pub 2020-108	<i>Divnaya Vodla-zemlya, 2012</i>	2
Pub 2020-119	<i>New American Homes (Garlinghouse)</i>	1

Pub 2020-133	<i>Colonial Homes (Garlinghouse)</i>	1
Pub 2020-146	<i>Colonial Homes, ca.1930s (Garlinghouse)</i>	1

Appendix 4. Gift and Endowment Accounts

<u>Gift/Grant Accounts</u>		
	<u>IAWA Preservation Fund</u>	
	<u>Amount in account Jan 1, 2020</u>	<u>\$13,750</u>
	<u>Income added during the year</u>	<u>\$304</u>
	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>\$5856</u>
	<u>Amount in the account Dec 31, 2020</u>	<u>\$ 8198</u>
<u>Endowment Income/Expenditure Accounts</u>		

	<u>Eleanore Pettersen IAWA</u>	
	<u>Amount in account Jan 1, 2020</u>	<u>\$ 14,995</u>
	<u>Income added during the year</u>	<u>\$4,495</u>
	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>\$2,335</u>
	<u>Amount in the account Dec 31, 2020</u>	<u>\$ 17,155</u>
	<u>Sigrid Rupp Support Univ Lib IAWA Activities</u>	
	<u>Amount in Account Jan 1, 2020</u>	<u>\$28,554</u>
	<u>Income added during the year</u>	<u>\$9,849</u>
	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>\$0</u>
	<u>Amount in the account Dec 31,2020</u>	<u>\$38,403</u>