

## **IAWA Archivist's Report, January-December 2021**

### **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 2021. It is important to note that the university had limited operations and restrictions due to COVID-19 throughout the year. The Special Collections and University Archives department adapted to these changes.

#### **Collection Highlights**

- During 2021, Special Collections received 4 new IAWA collections or additions to existing collections, totaling nearly 55.63 cubic feet of material (See Appendix 1 and Appendix 2). Highlights include the following:
  - Geraldine Pontius Architectural Collection.
  - Addition to the Steven and Cathi House Architectural Collection.
- Archives staff made significant processing progress on 11 collections, totalling 40.27 cu. ft. (See Appendix 2).
- There are now 408 distinct IAWA collections comprising approximately 2,122.17 cubic feet.
- 24 publications purchased or donated to support IAWA collections and research (See Appendix 3).

#### **Research, Promotion, and Selected Uses of IAWA Collections**

- 538 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. To be added in the coming year to the digital library platform.
- IAWA exhibits: some materials rotated through Cowgill/Art & Architecture Library display cases (Anna Keichline collection)
- Assisted approximately 13 researchers from 4 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 (<http://spec.lib.vt.edu/iawa>).
- Maintained IAWA Facebook page with a few postings; reached over 1,580 (last year 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: Last year, Jade Snelling, along with Mike Adamo and Julia Spencer, finished photographing, performing quality control, and finalizing the Beverly Willis images in anticipation of fully integrating them into the digital library platform ([iawa.lib.vt.edu](http://iawa.lib.vt.edu)). While images were supposed to go live by the end of December 2021, but because of a broken script that performs indexing on some of the metadata, the images still aren't publicly available. We will continue to work with our DL developers to ensure these go live in 2022.
- Lois Gottlieb Collection: Gottlieb images were integrated into the digital library platform in late January of 2021. This process served as a test pilot for remediating and integrating the other CLIR grant materials that have already been digitized, and we're continuing to work with our development team to make collections accessible. Gottlieb materials can be viewed [here](#).
- Other/remediation work: Snelling has completed a significant amount of metadata remediation work for 26 of the 31 CLIR collections. She's currently working on completing and remediating metadata for the Eleanore Pettersen collection.

### **Staffing Changes**

In 2021, Jade Snelling transitioned into the role as 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 important 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 2,463 (last year 2,462) 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.

**Appendix 1. New Collections Received**

<b>Accession Number</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date of Accession</b>	<b>Extent</b>
Acc2021-009, Acc2021-141, Acc2021-145	Geraldine Pontius Architectural Collection (new collection, plus accruals)	2/26/2021- 12/14/2021	3.13 cu. ft.
Acc2021-144	Addition to Beth Nickels Collection	12/14/2021	0.5 cu. ft.
Acc2021-003	Addition to Cathi and Steven House Architectural Collection	2/1/2021	52 cu. ft.

**Appendix 2. Processed Collections and Additions**

<b>Manuscript Number</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date Processed /Incorporated</b>	<b>Extent</b>
Ms2002-045	Diane Elliott Gayer Architectural Papers	November 2021	20 cu. ft.
Ms2021-028	Merle Easton Architectural Collection	September 2021	2.2 cu. ft.
Ms2021-003	Geraldine Pontius Architectural Collection	May 2021	1.75 cu. ft.
Ms2013-023	Dorothee Stelzer King Architectural Collection (addition)	September 2021	2.88 cu. ft.
Ms2019-046	Joyce Roy Architectural Collection	August 2021	8 cu. ft.
Ms2002-051	Anna P. Sokolina Architectural Collection (addition)	February 2021	1 cu. ft.

Ms1990-013	Wena Dows Architectural Collection (addition)	November 2021	3.1 cu. ft.
Ms2000-035	Kristine K. Fallon Papers (addition)	May 2021	0.66 cu. ft.
Ms2013-025	Wendy Bertrand Architectural Collection (addition)	March 2021	0.68 cu. ft.
Ms2017-061	Andrea Maxine Lucas Architectural Collection	ongoing	
Ms2006-017	Cathi and Steven House Architectural Collection (drawings) (addition)	ongoing	

### **Appendix 3. Publications**

<b>Publication Number</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Volumes</b>
Pub-2021-113	<i>Beyond the Threshold: Women, Houses, Cities</i> by Zaida Muxi Martinez	1
Pub-2021-114	<i>Shaping Seattle Architecture: A Historical Guide to the Architects</i> by Jeffrey Karl Ochsner	1
Pub-2021-097	<i>Garlinghouse: 126 Attractive Selections; Garlinghouse: Ranch and Suburban Homes</i>	2
Pub-2021-115	<i>American Landscape Architecture</i>	1
Pub-2021-147	<i>Art Gems of the Home and Fireside</i>	1
Pub-2021-137	<i>Architecture. Part I. Ancient Architecture, 1831</i>	1

Pub-2021-082	<i>Lieurance - America's Pioneer Home Planning Service; Lieurance - New Small Homes; Lieurance - Ranch and Suburban Homes</i>	3
Pub-2021-020	<i>Elizabeth Scheu Close: A Life in Modern Architecture</i>	1
Pub-2021-010	<i>Iva Lieurance, Sunshine Homes</i>	1
Pub-2021-024	<i>Mary Miss Projects, 1966-1987</i>	1
Pub-2021-075	<i>Beautiful Homes, Vo. 4, No. 5</i>	1
Pub-2021-069	<i>Your New Home Plans (Garlinghouse)</i>	1
Pub-2021-056	<i>The American Home, Vol. XXIII; the Book of 100 Homes</i>	2
Pub-2021-049	<i>The Motorists Luncheon Book; A Step-Saving U Kitchen</i>	2
Pub-2021-046	<i>The Mooresville Collection, 2007</i>	1
Pub-2021-152	<i>Pacific NW Magazine</i>	2
	<i>The Architecture Machine: The role of computers in architecture</i>	1
	<i>Women of Steel and Stone: 22 Inspirational Architects, Engineers, and Landscape Designers</i>	1

**Appendix 4. Gift and Endowment Accounts**

<b><u>Gift/Grant Accounts</u></b>		
	<b><u>IAWA Preservation Fund</u></b>	
	<b><u>Amount in account Jan 1, 2021</u></b>	<b><u>\$18,742.800</u></b>
	<b><u>Income added during the year</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,050.00</u></b>
	<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>	<b><u>\$867.70</u></b>
	<b><u>Amount in the account Dec 31, 2021</u></b>	<b><u>\$18,925.08</u></b>
<b><u>Endowment Income/Expenditure Accounts</u></b>		
	<b><u>Eleanore Pettersen IAWA</u></b>	
	<b><u>Amount in account Jan 1, 2021</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 19,667.52</u></b>
	<b><u>Income added during the year</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,487.50</u></b>
	<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,224</u></b>

	<u>Amount in the account Dec 31, 2021</u>	<u>\$19,931.02</u>
	<u>Sigrid Rupp Support Univ Lib IAWA Activities</u>	
	<u>Amount in Account Jan 1, 2021</u>	<u>\$ 51,361.56</u>
	<u>Income added during the year</u>	<u>\$9832.70</u>
	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>\$0</u>
	<u>Amount in the account Dec 31, 2021</u>	<u>\$ 61,194.26</u>