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## Archivist's Annual Report 2005

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The International Archive of Women in Architecture grew by 67.5 cubic feet (cf), with the creation of seven new collections and additions to 15 existing collections. Largely due to supplemental library funding for architecture graduate student assistants and a grant from the Beverly Willis Architectural Foundation, 15 collections (35 cf) were processed and have detailed finding aids. The IAWA now has 290 collections (~1200 cf).

Eleven new titles were donated and we purchased 11 more to be added to the Rare Book Room. Additional information about women in architecture is available in the IAWA Biographical Database. 631 women represent 48 countries and 42 of the United States. There are 1195 images from 28 IAWA collections available to the public online through the VT ImageBase.

Two federal grant proposals, potentially bringing \$511,000 into the library, were submitted to the National Endowment for the Humanities and to the National Historical Records and Publications Commission, to improve access to the IAWA through processing, preserving, and digitizing collections.

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### COLLECTIONS

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#### ACCESSIONS: New Collections

- Center of Contemporary Architecture Collection, Moscow, Russia  
0.8 cf, videotapes about architects
- Marcia Feuerstein Architectural Collection, Virginia,  
2.2 cf, teaching material, writings, drawings
- Steven and Cathi House Architectural Collection, San Francisco, California  
0.2 cf, drawings and photos
- Vigdaria Khazanova Collection, Moscow, Russia  
0.1 cf, book manuscripts
- Joyce Oron Architectural Papers, Israel  
8 cf, drawings with curriculum vitae
- UIFA 14th Conference Materials  
0.2 cf, poster/display material for  
Hiroko Inagaki (Japan)  
Yaeko Ishikawa (Japan)  
Kazuko Masamune (Japan)  
Alice Finnerup Moller (Denmark)  
Joyce Oron (Israel), Yifang Xu (China)
- Czesia Zielinska Architectural Papers, Canada  
0.6, product descriptions, artwork



## ACCESSIONS: Additions to Existing Collections

- Gae Aulenti Papers, Italy  
0.1 cf, slides of a project
- Bettina M. Brosowsky Architectural Papers, Germany  
0.1 cf, information on projects and her firm
- Lois D. Gottlieb Architectural Papers, San Francisco, California  
0.3 cf of project files, newspaper clippings
- L. Jane Hastings Architectural Papers, Seattle, Washington  
0.3 cf, architectural drawings, AIA certificate
- Laura Horstman Fisher Collection, Houston, Texas  
0.1 cf, FAIA nomination binder
- IAWA Records  
0.1 cf, records about visiting architects
- Nevena Kechedzhieva Architectural Papers, Bulgaria  
0.8 cf of drawings and Alessandra Muntoni Collection, Italy  
0.1 cf, two journals
- Ilona Nanasy Architectural Collection, Hungary  
0.2 cf of project drawings
- Zdenka Novakova Architectural Papers, Czech Republic  
0.1 cf, plans, booklet, CD
- Sigrid Lorenzen Rupp Papers, Palo Alto, California  
50 cf, architectural work, diaries and notebooks, photo collection  
(prints, negatives, slides and photo albums of her trips)
- UIFA Publications Collection  
0.1 cf of newsletters
- Hilde Westrom Architectural Papers, Germany  
0.1 cf, videotape about Westrom
- Women in Architecture Papers, USA  
0.1 cf of meeting agendas



## PROCESSING

Graduate students from Virginia Tech's Department of Architecture were largely responsible for processing 15 collections and are currently working on: Eleanore Pettersen Architectural Archive (350 cf) and Zelma Wilson Collection (80 cf). All processed collections are described in detailed finding aids that comply with the "Standard Series" architectural records processing guidelines<sup>1</sup> and EAD tagging and formatting.<sup>2</sup>

We are fortunate that the Interim Manuscripts Archivist, Amy Shaffer, brings German language skills to the job. We called on two other VT faculty to help with translations: Shoshana Slawny-Levitan, Foreign Languages, helped identify Oron drawings, and Monica Gibson, Director of Student Services at the Graduate School and a native speaker of Hungarian, translated Nanasy's list of buildings.

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<sup>1</sup> Lowell, Waverly and Kelcy Shepherd. *Standard Series for Architecture and Landscape Design Records: A Tool for the Arrangement and Description of Archival Collections*, Environmental Design Archives, University of California, Berkeley: [2000].

<sup>2</sup> Encoded Archival Description (EAD) Document Type Definition (DTD), a use of Standard Generalized Markup Language (SGML) for archival finding aids. <http://www.loc.gov/ead/>

Collections Processed (See finding aids attached, some are not yet encoded\*)

- Iris Alex Collection  
<http://ead.lib.virginia.edu/vivaead/published/vt/vivadoc.pl?file=viblbv00142.xml>
- Architectural League of New York: Women in Architecture Archive\*
- Wena W. Dows Architectural Collection\*
- Blanche Lemco van Ginkel Research on Canadian Women Architects\*
- Nevena S. Kechedzhieva Architectural Drawings\*
- Eva Krueger Architectural Collection\*
- Milka Bliznakov Prize Records\*
- Ilona Nanasy Architectural Collection\*
- Joyce Oron Architectural Collection  
<http://ead.lib.virginia.edu/vivaead/published/vt/vivadoc.pl?file=viblbv00170.xml>
- Helga Plumb Architectural Papers\*
- Susana Torre Architectural Papers  
<http://ead.lib.virginia.edu/vivaead/published/vt/vivadoc.pl?file=viblbv00175.xml>
- Paula Treder Architectural Collection  
<http://ead.lib.virginia.edu/vivaead/published/vt/vivadoc.pl?file=viblbv00157.xml>
- UIFA 14th Conference Materials\*
- Hilde Westrom Architectural Collection  
<http://ead.lib.virginia.edu/vivaead/published/vt/vivadoc.pl?file=viblbv00140.xml>
- Czesia Zielinska Architectural Papers\*

Additional Finding Aids Encoded for Online Access

- Katherine Diamond Architectural Collection  
<http://ead.lib.virginia.edu/vivaead/published/vt/vivadoc.pl?file=viblbv00144.xml>
- Kerstin Dorhofer Architectural Collection  
<http://ead.lib.virginia.edu/vivaead/published/vt/vivadoc.pl?file=viblbv00145.xml>
- Judith Edelman Architectural Papers  
<http://ead.lib.virginia.edu/vivaead/published/vt/vivadoc.pl?file=viblbv00143.xml>

**ELEANORE PETTERSEN ARCHITECTURAL ARCHIVE, 1950-2003. 365 cu. ft.**

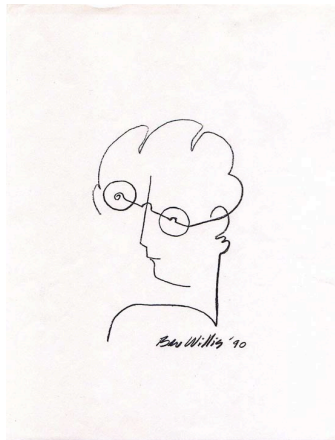
Former IAWA Archivist Jennifer Meehan moved to the Smithsonian's Archives of American Art in Washington, DC, last September after processing the project files (50 cf). Manuscripts Archivist Amy Shaffer organized Rm. 101A (where most of Pettersen archives are housed) and moved all of her drawings into drawers. She processed the personal, office, and professional/association files along with related oversize materials and created a preliminary organization of all photographs and slides. Over 80 boxes are now processed, and more have preliminary organization. Electronic data from the hundreds of diskettes in the collection were transferred to DLA computers for access and preservation. The 17 architectural models were unpacked to assess their condition. Shaffer refined the processing plan with time and supply estimates and ordered additional supplies for the next processing phases. A student assistant is currently sorting the drawings and collecting data from the title blocks to create a detailed project inventory. Some additional work on the collection is planned for this fall and winter, though no other major work will be undertaken until the NEH or NHPRC grants are awarded.



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## GRANTS

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The **Beverly Willis Architectural Foundation** awarded DLA \$2000 to improve access to the IAWA collections. Graduate architecture students worked 182 hours, primarily Kristin Maki who upgraded information in the IAWA Biographical Database and helped process eight collections.

The BWAF also offered \$5000 in matching funds. Before the departure of the library's development officer, we compiled a mailing list of all living donors of IAWA collections. Dean Hitchingham is committed to following through with this solicitation.

DLA faculty Gail McMillan, Amy Shaffer, and Eve Trager worked throughout the year to prepare and submit two grant proposals to federal agencies for funding to provide access to additional IAWA collections through processing and preservation.

1. Following the unsuccessful proposal to the NEH that Jennifer Meehan and Gail McMillan submitted July 2004, McMillan met with the Senior Program Officer at NEH. Based on the excellent reviews of that proposal and this discussion, we submitted a revised grant proposal to NEH in July 2005. (See description attached.) With this grant we would process seven IAWA collections, including the remainder of the Pettersen collection and the large Louise Hall Papers (85 cf). NEH will announce awards in March 2006.

Total budget: \$605,578 (NEH funding: \$378,072; VT cost share: \$218,506 )

2. In October, we submitted a proposal to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), a federal granting agency associated with the National Archives. (See summary attached.) This grant would provide for processing the rest (about 2/3) of the Eleanore Pettersen Architectural Archive collection. A feature of this proposal would be the creation of an advisory board of faculty, practitioners, and researchers to help us determine criteria for the digitization. Prior to submitting our proposal to the NHPRC, we made a slide presentation at the May meeting of the Virginia State Historical Records Advisory Board in Williamsburg. SHRAB was very enthusiastic about our proposal so we will receive their strong support. NHPRC will announce awards in May 2006.

Total budget: \$256,303 (NHPRC funding: \$132,543; VT cost share: \$123,760)

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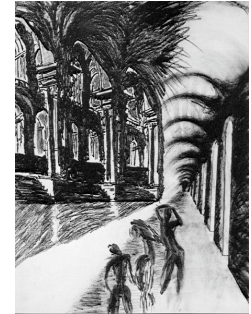
## Digital Library and Archives: Expenditures for IAWA

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### Wage Expenditures (student assistants): \$14,248.03

DLA employed six students from Virginia Tech's Department of Architecture for 1,143 hours. The Beverly Willis Architecture Foundation also funded 182 hours.

Anushka Kowshik  
Jessica Caruthers  
Lakshmi Jayaraman  
Kristin Maki  
Madhulika Pise  
Sreevidya Subramanian



### Processing and Preservation Supplies: \$3,151.57

Library expenditures for IAWA	\$ 907.02	supplies; Sokolina tapes
VT Foundation expenditures for IAWA	\$2,627.57	map cases, supplies

### Publications Purchased to Support the IAWA: \$1429.50

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## APPENDICES

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- IAWA Guide to Collections
- Finding aids
- IAWA Biographical Database
- IAWA in the VT ImageBase
- IAWA Board of Advisors: Past and Present
- Titles Donated and Purchased for IAWA

See also available copies of:

Mailing List

Grant Proposals

- "Building the Archives of Twentieth Century American Architecture: Seven Women's Perspectives" -- NEH
- "Eleanore Pettersen Architectural Archive" -- NHPRC

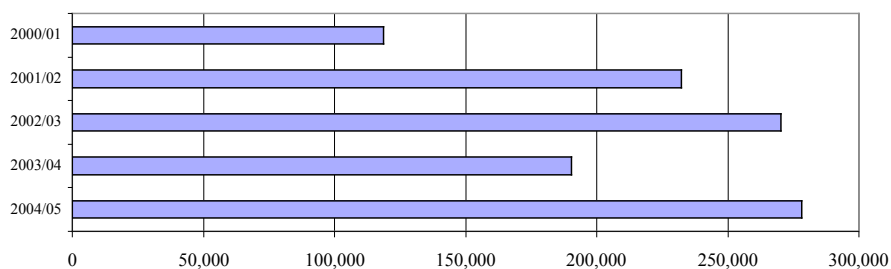


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### Image Sources

- p. 1 IAWA Board of Advisors, September 10, 2003  
<http://spec.lib.vt.edu/imagebase/04DLA/screen/021A1008031145.jpg>
- p. 2. GOTTLIEB, LOIS DAVIDSON, ARCHITECTURAL PAPERS Ms 97-003  
<http://spec.lib.vt.edu/imagebase/05DLA/051AWA/screen/05LG005.jpg>  
RUPP, SIGRID LORENZEN, ARCHITECTURAL PAPERS, Ms 97-006  
<http://spec.lib.vt.edu/imagebase/05DLA/051AWA/screen/scala001.jpg>
- p. 3 PETTERSEN, ELEANORE, ARCHITECTURAL ARCHIVE, Ms 2003-008  
[http://imagebase.lib.vt.edu/browse.php?folio\\_ID=/iawa/pedd](http://imagebase.lib.vt.edu/browse.php?folio_ID=/iawa/pedd)
- p. 4 WILLIS, BEVERLY, ARCHITECTURAL PAPERS, Ms 92-019  
[http://imagebase.lib.vt.edu/browse.php?folio\\_ID=/iawa/willis/fami](http://imagebase.lib.vt.edu/browse.php?folio_ID=/iawa/willis/fami)
- p. 5 SPEIGEL, SUSAN, ARCHITECTURAL PAPERS, Ms 2000-099  
<http://spec.lib.vt.edu/imagebase/IAWA/full/IAWA0029.jpg>

Requests for IAWA Web Pages



Web Accesses to the IAWA	<i>fy 2004/05</i>	<i>fy 2003/04</i>	<i>fy 2002/03</i>
<a href="http://spec.lib.vt.edu/IAWA/">http://spec.lib.vt.edu/IAWA/</a>	276,663	189,509	218,021
/IAWA/inventories/	73,927	61,904	56,423
/IAWA/inventories/Gorska/	9,933	11,412	10,293
/IAWA/inventories/Willis/	4,378	4,446	4,307
/IAWA/inventories/schroder/	4,373	4,192	10,547
/IAWA/inventories/rupp/	2,658	1,765	1,233
/IAWA/inventories/emmons/	1,929	1,274	4,353
/IAWA/inventories/gottlieb/	927	1,077	970
/IAWA/inventories/Currie/	948	664	589
/IAWA/inventories/Sokolina/	928	872	999
/IAWA/inventories/young/	456	349	323
/IAWA/inventories/Somaya/	67	107	32
/IAWA/news/	14,021	5,850	9,380
/IAWA/Bliznakov/	7,566	2,986	2,577
/IAWA/minutes/	2,096	1,312	1,624
/IAWA/Archivist/	1,834	2,521	3,214
/IAWA/Keichline/	1,721	742	651