

Weiner Spirit of America Collection Projects and Related Events

Fall Semester 2011

Instruction

- Vicky highlighted the Weiner Collection for Dr. Engle's HIS 5060 which included pulling materials for the course and instruction on how to handle materials.
- Vicky gave Stephanie Gordon's class, FAU High 10th graders (20 students), a tour of the Glasser exhibit and Weiner Suite. She also showed them some materials from the Weiner Collection.
- Vicky conducted a tour of the Glasser exhibit and Weiner materials for Lyn LaVigne's SLS 1503 class (20 students).
- Teresa gave Dr. Ganson's class a tour of the Glasser exhibit and Weiner Suite (20 students).
- Vicky met with Dr. LeFlouria, Asst Prof. of History, to discuss how she can use Weiner material in her courses.
- Vicky met with Dr. Block, Asst Prof. of History, to discuss how she can use Weiner material in her courses.

Organization

- Technical Services Department is cataloging Weiner books. Currently, 1,086 books have been catalogued.
- A finding aid was created for the French Revolution pamphlets.
- A finding aid was created for the 19th century pamphlets.
- Two student interns from the History Dept. processed 12 boxes of Weiner pamphlets since July.

Outreach/Events

- Special collections staff met with librarians to discuss ways to expose the Weiner collection to various academic departments.
- Weiner Suite hosted the annual Fall History Department reception.

- In an effort to highlight and interest students and faculty, selected pages from the Weiner Collection were digitized for posters that are mounted on walls on the first floor, West Wing of the Wimberly Library.
- Hosted the Glasser exhibition and open house event in December 2011.
- The Weiner Suite was open to students and the public to showcase the Glasser exhibit.

Environmental Control

- Environmental conditions in the Weiner Suite are monitored regularly.
- Walkthroughs are performed after events to ensure no foreign materials are in the suite.

Spring Semester 2012

Instruction

- Presentation of Weiner materials for Dr. Block's graduate class "Seminar in Comparative History" (HIS 6939) that focused on the Revolutionary Age (18 students).
- Presentation of Weiner materials for Dr. Lowe's graduate class "Seminar in European History" (EUH 6939) that focused on the English Civil War (12 students).
- Gave tour of the suite and highlighted the collection for library staff.
- Gave tour to FAU student government of the suite and highlighted the collection.

Organization

Created online gallery exhibit of items from the collection that can be found at http://www.library.fau.edu/depts/spc/dl_gallery/Weiner-collection.php

- Shelf maintenance: Bebe shifted most of the collection and cleaned the area.

Outreach/Events

- Planning for a permanent exhibit using scans of original documents from the collection.
- Initiated a pilot project for use of the Weiner Suite as a study hall two days a week. Approximately 101 students used the space during February 21 – April 28, 2012.
- Teresa, Vicky and Rita attended the graduation ceremony on May 4.
- Selected items from the Weiner collection for an exhibit to honor Mr. Weiner for his passion of book collecting and receiving an honorary doctorate.
- The Weiner suite was open before and after the Korf lecture with a small exhibit of Weiner, Korf and Pratt materials.
- The Weiner Suite was open for FAU Campus Days.

- Rita, Teresa, Carol and Vicky met with two reporters for an article titled, “FAU makes Colonial American collection more accessible, honors donor” about Weiner Collection in the [Sun Sentinel](#) and [Chicago Tribune](#).
- Teresa conducted research and compiled a report on the various editions of Common Sense that are in the collection.

Environmental Control

- Continued to monitor environmental conditions.
- Performed walkthroughs after events to ensure no foreign materials are in the suite.