

Marvin & Sybil Weiner Spirit of America Collection
2013 -2014 Report of Activities

Summer Semester 2013

Instruction and Tours

- Special Collections Librarian, Victoria Thur (Vicky) and Assistant Special Collections Librarian, Teresa Van Dyke (Teresa) conducted three tours of the Weiner suite and highlighted items from the collection for Dr. Stephen Engle's class, United States History to 1877 (AMH 2010) during Summer Term A. (23 students)

Organization

- *Marvin & Sybil Weiner Spirit of America Collection* pamphlet project: The purpose of this project was to sort, arrange, and create finding aids for the approximately 6,000 pamphlets in the collection. Vicky, Teresa, and Rick Cullen (OPS employee) created a processing plan. Rick and Teresa sorted and organized the pamphlets into nine series: Speeches, Letters, Almanacs, French Revolution, Foreign Language, Congressional, Essays and Reports, British, and Miscellaneous. With assistance from Rita Pellen, student interns, and student assistants the pamphlets were re-housed in archival folders with titles and dates. The following series of Weiner pamphlets were completed and uploaded into Archon:
 - [*Marvin & Sybil Weiner Spirit of America Collection Pamphlets—Speeches, 1746 - 1932*](#)
 - [*Marvin & Sybil Weiner Spirit of America Collection Pamphlets—Letters, 1744 - 1904*](#)
 - [*Marvin & Sybil Weiner Spirit of America Collection Pamphlets—Foreign Language, 1653 - 1942*](#)
- Rick and Teresa worked on the British, Congressional, Almanacs, French Revolution, Essays and Reports, and the Miscellaneous series throughout the summer.
- Vicky and Teresa processed and created a finding aid for the Weiner family donation of Revolutionary era letters and documents: [*Marvin & Sybil Weiner Spirit of America Collection – Documents & Letters, 1638 - 1977.*](#)

Environmental

- Covered three ranges in the Weiner stacks with plastic sheeting in preparation for a possible tropical storm.
- Performed regular shelf maintenance in the Weiner stacks.
- Delivered one truck of Weiner materials in mold isolation to Technical Services for evaluation.
- Systems Department staff member, Adit Burkule, monitored and replaced batteries on the Onset HOBO data loggers, the environmental monitoring system installed in the Weiner suite.
- Newspapers and serials housed in the 2nd floor stack area were moved to the Weiner suite and housed in the book cases located in the outer suite and the office.

Fall Semester 2013

Instruction and Tours

- Vicky taught a session of Dr. Stephen Engle's graduate seminar, The Historical Experience (HIS 5060) using materials from the Weiner Collection. Teresa and USF graduate intern, Sarah Brown assisted; 9/24 (11 students)
- Vicky and John Cutrone taught a session of Dr. Karen Leader's class, American Painting and Sculpture (ARH 4610) using materials from the Weiner Collection; Teresa assisted; 9/25 (41 students)
- Vicky taught a session of Dr. Kristen Block's class, Historical Methods (HIS 3150) focusing on micro-histories using materials from the Weiner Collection; 9/27 (20 students)
- Vicky taught a session of Dr. Kristen Block's class, Historical Methods (HIS 3150) using materials from the Weiner Collection; 10/16 (25 students)
- Vicky gave a tour of the Weiner suite and the Printing and the Mind of Man Exhibit to FAU Librarian, Lyn LaVigne's SLS 1503 class; 10/24 (27 students)
- Vicky taught a session of FAU Librarian, Elyse Ergood's class SLS 1412 class. She gave a tour of Special Collections and the Weiner suite and a presentation on highlights from the Weiner Collection; 11/19 (13 students)

Organization

- Printing and the Mind of Man (PMM) Exhibit: The *International Printing Machinery and Allied Trades Exhibition (IPEX)* held an exhibition in London in 1963. The catalog of that exhibition is regarded as a standard bibliographical reference, and offers a survey of the impact of printed books on the development of western civilization. To celebrate the 50th anniversary of PMM, the Special Collections department mounted an exhibit showcasing some of the books that have contributed to Western Civilization since the invention of the printing press. The exhibit featured 33 books from the *Marvin & Sybil Weiner Spirit of America Collection*.
 - Teresa and Vicky began a review of materials for the exhibit in July 2013.
 - Research, wrote and edited 58 captions, and organized all materials.
 - The exhibit was mounted on September 3 and ran through October 4, 2013
 - Lauri Rebar posted pictures of the exhibit on [FAU Libraries Facebook page](#).

- University Press ran an article, "Fifty-eight books that made history, one library lobby hosting it all" in the September 24th issue.
- The following articles were released by the Communications and Cultural Affairs Department about the Printing and the Mind of Man Exhibit:
 - [FAU to Host Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Printing and the Mind of Man](#)
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 - [Printing exhibit heads to FAU](#)
- Vicky and Teresa dismantled the Printing and the Mind of Man exhibit. It was reinstalled and expanded to 58 books in the Weiner suite in preparation for the History Department's annual Faculty and Graduate Student Reception on October 18, 2014. Vicky and Teresa attended the reception and Vicky spoke about the Printing and the Mind of Man exhibit; 10/18
- Rick Cullen (OPS employee) completed processing the Congressional series of the Weiner pamphlets. Vicky and Teresa reviewed and edited the finding aid and it was uploaded into ARCHON: [Marvin & Sybil Weiner Spirit of America Collection Pamphlets -- Congressional, 1764-1953.](#)
- Rick Cullen (OPS employee) and Teresa began processing the Essays and Reports series of the Weiner pamphlet collection.
- Eric Goodman, FAU Department of History graduate intern, unpacked the Weiner serials and created a master list. These serials are now located in the bookcases inside the Weiner office.
- Delivered two book trucks of Weiner materials to Technical Services for cataloging.

Environmental

- Ten items were sent for Janice Donahue to review for mold.
- Adit Burkle performed regular maintenance on the Onset HOBO data loggers, the environmental monitoring system.
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- 45 boxes of pamphlets were moved to the Weiner stacks.
- Performed regular shelf maintenance in the Weiner stacks.

Spring Semester 2014

Instruction and Tours

- Vicky taught a session of Dr. Kristen Block's class, Age of Revolutions Senior Seminar (HIS 4935) using materials from the Weiner Collection. Teresa assisted; 1/14(10 students)
- Vicky taught a session of Dr. Stephen Engle class, Civil War and Reconstruction (AMH 4170) using materials from the Weiner Collection. Teresa assisted; 1/22 (18 students)
- Vicky taught a session of Dr. Karen Leader's class, 18th & 19th Century Art (ARH 4371) using materials from the Weiner Collection. Teresa assisted; 2/10 (27 students)
- Vicky taught a session of Dr. Kristin Block's class, Age of Revolutions Senior Seminar (HIS 4935) using materials from the Weiner Collection. Teresa assisted; 2/11 (9 students)

- Vicky taught a session of Dr. Karen Leader's class 18th & 19th Century Art (ARH 4937) using materials from the Weiner Collection. Teresa assisted; 2/18 (13 students)
- Vicky taught a session of Dr. Marcella Munson's class, History and Theory of Translation (FOT 6807) using materials from the Weiner Collection; 3/12 (7 students)
- Vicky gave Janina Hill (Jaffe Center) a tour of Special Collections, University Archives, and the Weiner suite; 1/24
- Vicky gave a tour of Special Collections, University Archives, and the Weiner suite to History Department candidate, Brian McNeil; 1/28
- Vicky gave a tour of the Weiner suite and a presentation on the highlights from the collection for a group of twenty women from the Wycliffe Country Club. Dr. Howard Weiner attended and Teresa assisted; 2/3
- Vicky gave a tour of Special Collections, University Archives, and the Weiner suite to History Department candidate, Patrick Kelly; 2/6
- Vicky met with Dr. Marcella Munson, Chair and Associate Professor, Department of Languages, Linguistics, and Comparative Literature to discuss and tour the Weiner Collection; 2/10
- Vicky gave a tour of Special Collections, University Archives, and the Weiner suite to History Department candidate, Kelly Shannon; 2/13

Organization

- Teresa and Vicky pulled items from the Weiner family donation of Documents and Letters for a second appraisal. The final appraisal for the donation was received from Robert A. Hittel Appraisal Services, Inc. in January 2014.
- Dakota Merchant (student assistant) completed the processing the Miscellaneous pamphlet series. Vicky and Teresa reviewed and edited the finding aid and Vicky uploaded it into ARCHON: [Marvin & Sybil Weiner Spirit of America Collection Pamphlets—Miscellaneous](#).
- Rick Cullen (OPS employee), Dakota Merchant (student assistant), and Teresa completed processing the Essays and Reports pamphlet series. Vicky and Teresa reviewed and edited the finding aid and Vicky uploaded it into ARCHON: [Marvin & Sybil Weiner Spirit of America Collection Pamphlets -- Essays & Reports, 1745-1932](#).
- "The Art of Research: Selections from the Marvin and Sybil Weiner Spirit of America Collection." During the Fall Semester 2013, Amy Grover, FAU undergraduate student, completed an intern project identifying art work within the Weiner Collection. In March 2014, she presented her project to library staff during a "Lunch and Learn." She also curated a display on the 2nd floor east wing that featured her project.
- The library hosted the Department of History's lecture given by Morten Schlütter of the University of Iowa on ["Zen and the Art of Formless Precepts in the Evolving Platform Sutra."](#) Vicky and Teresa curated a display of rare books from the Weiner Collection that accompanied the lecture and attended; 2/6
- Chastain Johnston Distinguished Lecture Series: ["Islam and the Founding Fathers"](#) presented by Dr. Denise Spellberg. The library hosted this event in the SEFLIN Conference Room. Vicky gave Dr. Spellberg a tour of Special Collections and the Weiner suite and stacks. Dr. Spellberg then spent about two hours reviewing materials from the Weiner collection for her research.

Vicky and curated the exhibit that accompanied the lecture, set-up the conference room, and attended the lecture; 2/27

- Three book trucks of Weiner books were delivered to Technical Services for cataloging.
- A total of 2,444 items from the collection have been catalogued by the Technical Services department.

Environmental

- Two book trucks of Weiner items were delivered to Technical Services; one contained mold isolation items and the other contained items for review.
- Adit Burkule continued to monitor the Onset HOB0 data loggers, the environmental monitoring system, on a regular monthly basis.
- Performed regular shelf maintenance in Weiner stacks.