COLL 0053: Southwest Art History Conference (SWAHC) Collection

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**History:** The Southwestern Art History Council is an educational non-profit whose mission is to advance the art history of the American Southwest by demonstrating its importance to the wider cultural context of the world’s art history. Their first conference was held in 1986 by a small yet dedicated group of art historians, led by David Witt of the Harwood Museum. This group recognized the need to systemically study the previously overlooked fields of Southwestern art and cultural history, and the benefits of holding a conference where discussions on these topics could be held. Due to these art historians hard work, discourse on Southwestern art history flourished at their conferences.

Since 1986 SWAHC has grown significantly—in 1990 they were incorporated by the New Mexico State Government and in 1991 they became a tax-exempt organization with a national board. The board has 11 members who are responsible for selecting papers and organizing each year’s conference, which continues to be held in Taos, NM. SWAHC conferences continue to serve as an opportunity for the active discussion of topics in Southwestern art history such as architecture, history, archaeology, sociology, anthropology, folklore, literature, and fine art. They also support other activities such as publications and exhibitions similarly invested in the advancement of art history education. Despite SWAHC’s roots in New Mexico and the museum field, their conferences have had individuals in attendance from around the world and from a variety of professions—demonstrating the influence that SWAHC has had on Southwestern art history.

**Sources:**


[Further information extracted from archival materials]

**Provenance:** Records of the Southwest Art History Conference (SWAHC) were donated to the New Mexico Museum of Art (NMMAO) by the SWAHC Board in 2010 or 2011. Records were produced and/or collected by the SWAHC and its board members. SWAHC continues to hold annual conferences and produce original records which are periodically added to the original collection. Ellen Zieselman, SWAHC Board Treasurer (2022) has facilitated the transfer of records to the archives at NMMAO.
Scope and Content: Consists of records made by SWAHC members and some records about SWAHC by outside parties. The bulk of the records are comprised of programs, abstracts, A/V recordings, and other materials that directly pertain to conference proceedings. Other records either relate to preparations made by board members for the conference or to the functions of the board. These sections include press, meeting activities, correspondence, and government forms. There are also photographs, negatives, and 35 mm slides included in the collection.

Dates: 1986-2019, inclusive

Extent: 5.82 LF


Locations:

Shelf 10: Row 5 BOXES 1-7, PHOTO BOX 1; Row 6 BOXES 8-9

COLL 0053/01 SERIES 1: CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Dates: 1986-2019

Scope and Content: Comprised of the finalized proceedings of SWAHC Conferences in two subseries. Subseries A. contains programs, session lists, and opening remarks. Subseries B. contains all material associated with a presenter such as abstracts, resumes, and correspondence, under their name.

Arrangement: Two Subseries; A. Programs & Itineraries; B. Presenters.

Organization: Chronological, with each year’s presentations in the order they were presented in. Starting in 1997 presenters are also grouped together by session due to a decrease in material mass per presenter.

Locations: BOXES 1-4

COLL 0053/02 SERIES 2: CONFERENCE RECORDINGS

Dates: 1986-2012

Scope and Content: Comprised of A/V materials with recordings of conference proceedings on them. Material types include cassette tapes, recording tape on reels, VHS, and a CD.

Arrangement: 1 series.
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Locations: BOXES 5-8

COLL 0053/03 SERIES 3: PHOTOGRAPHS

Dates: 1986-1997

Scope and Content: Pictures of past SWAHC conferences in both black and white and color photography in addition to negatives and 35 mm slides. Many of the photos were taken of speakers during their presentations, along with audience pictures. Other photographs were taken at receptions or dinners and mainly feature board members. There are also photographs of board members at the Sacred Site from the Broken Wagon Wheel story of Taos.

Arrangement: 1 series.

Organization: Maintains original order. A portion of the photographs were not labeled with names or dates.

Locations: PHOTO BOX 1

COLL 0053/04 SERIES 4: PRESS AND PUBLICATIONS

Dates: 1986-1999

Scope and Content: Comprised of newspaper articles and press releases about the SWAHC conference, in addition to papers on SWAHC's history as written by its members.

Arrangement: 1 series.

Locations: BOX 9

COLL 0053/05 SERIES 5: BOARD ACTIVITIES

Dates: 1986-2009

Scope and Content: Comprised of SWAHC Board documents in 5 subseries. Subseries A. includes calls for papers, workshopped lists of abstracts, meeting minutes, and other preparations for the conference. Subseries B. contains comprehensive membership lists of Board members. Subseries C. contains correspondence among Board members such as general announcements or resignation letters, and correspondence with outside parties such as galleries or foundations. Subseries D. is comprised of the SWAHC Records of Incorporation from the state of New Mexico. Subseries E. contains material such as tax forms, Treasurer reports, and invoices.

SWAHC finding aid: 4
Arrangement: Five Subseries; A. Pre-Conference Preparations; B. Membership; C. Correspondence; D. Records of Incorporation; E. Financial Records.

Locations: BOX 9
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Collection 0053: Southwest Art History Conference

Container List

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SERIES 1: CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Organized in 2 subseries;

Boxes 1-4

0053/01.01 A. Subseries: Programs & Itineraries

BOX 1 Folder 1. Program and Opening Remarks 1986

2. Program and Opening Remarks 1987

3. Program and Itinerary 1988

4. Program 1990

5. Program and Itinerary 1991

6. Program, Itinerary, Opening Remarks 1993

7. Program 1995

8. Program 1996

9. Program and Itinerary 1997


11. Program and Itinerary 1999

12. Program 2000

13. Program 2001

14. Program 2003
15. Program and Session Lists 2004
16. Program 2005
17. Program 2006
18. Program 2007
19. Program 2008
20. Program 2009
21. Program 2010
22. Program 2011
23. Program and Session Lists 2012
24. Program 2013
25. Program and Session Lists 2014
26. Program 2015
27. Program and Session Lists 2016
28. Program and Itinerary 2017
29. Program 2018
30. Program 2019
30A. Program 2022

B. Subseries: Presenters

BOX 1 Folder 31. Rodriguez: Session I 1986
32. Chavez: Session I 1986
33. Cuba: Session II 1986
34. Rudnick: Session II 1986
35. Meek: Session III 1986
36. Couse Leavitt: Session IV 1986
37. Rusnell: Session IV 1986
38. Mead: Session I 1987
39. Campbell: Session I 1987
40. Waldrum: Session I 1987
41. White: Session II 1987
42. Sabo: Session II 1987
43. D’Emilio: Session II 1987
44. Karlstrom: pre-session III 1987
45. Porter: Session III 1987
46. Udall: Session III 1987
47. Schimmel: Session III 1987
48. Rushing: Session I 1988
49. Traugott: Session I 1988

BOX 2  Folder
1. Naranjo: Session II 1988
2. Lonewolf: Session II 1988
3. Udall: Session III 1988
5. Campbell: Session III 1988
6. Fahlman: Session I 1993
7. Dorrill: Session II 1993
8. Watson: Session III 1993
9. Ingram: Session III 1993
10. Udall: Session IV 1993
11. Witt: Session IV 1993
12. Karlstrom: Session IV 1993
15. Moore: Session I 1995
16. Ebie: Session II 1995
17. Fahlman: Session III 1995
18. McMullen Chen: Session III 1995
20. Houston: Session IV 1995
21. Sanchez: Session IV 1996
22. Reily; Wolfe: Session IV 1997
23. Raymond; Jacob; Campbell: Session II 1997
24. Juarez; Salazar; Tafoya: Session III 1997
25. Carne; Hartel: Session IV 1997
26. White; Cullinan; Grindstaff: Session I 1998
27. Pasquine; Sheley; Ebie: Session II 1998
28. Cuba; McGrath: Session III 1998
29. Szabo; Nunn; Steele: Session IV 1998
30. Flynn; Takayama; Morrill: Session I 1999
31. Fox; Zega; Houston: Session II 1999
32. Karlstrom; Fahlman; Bransbury/Musick: Session III 1999
33. Haug; Clubbe; Eldredge: Session IV 1999
34. Fricke; Fryd; Ebie: Session I 2000
35. Scott; Smith; Yoshiki-Kovinick: Session II 2000
36. Blythe; Jaffee; Dunbier: Session III 2000
37. Brandauer; Lonewolf; Reed: Session IV 2000
38. Labinsky; Faubion; Cripe: Session I 2001
39. Sheley; Hartel; Fenn: Session II 2001
40. Hartley; Thompson; Wolfe: Session III 2001
41. Jones; Loscher; Senf: Session IV 2001
BOX 3  Folder

1. Komanecky; Giles; Cuba: Session I 2003
2. Strong; Clark; Neff: Session II 2003
3. Fahlman; Cripe; Elliott: Session III 2003
4. Hassrick; Scott; Boehme: Session IV 2003
5. Senf; Manthorne; Buselle/Stack: Session I 2004
6. Becker; Hartley; Ebie: Session II 2004
7. Loscher; Boyles; Stewart: Session III 2004
8. Neff; Thistlewaite; Braddock: Session IV 2004
9. Dasch; Watkins; Braddock; Hole: Session I 2005
10. Woods; Diamond; Carne: Session II 2005
11. Rosenburger; Kjaer; Maurer; Besaw: Session III 2005
12. Markovitz; Marley; Komanecky: Session IV 2005
13. White; Watkins; Alderson: Session I 2006
14. Taylor; Fowler; Kjaer; Wylie: Session II 2006
15. Komanecky; Simpson; Senf; Loscher: Session III 2006
16. Fahlman; Stewart; May: Session IV 2006
17. Robertson; George; Ott; Wardle: Session I 2007
18. Allbright; Harrison; Freeman: Session II 2007
19. Martinez; Stott; Walz; Luarca-Shoaf: Session III 2007
20. Braddock; Anthes; White: Session IV 2007
21. Rudnick; White; Gavin; Udall: Session I 2009
22. Stott; Booker; Cuba; Manthorne: Session II 2009
23. Burk; Schuster; Egan; Hedlund: Session III 2009
24. Langa; Messinger; Renn: Session IV 2009
25. Komanecky; Ott; Sailor; Patin: Session I 2010
26. Hinsley; Evans; Andrus: Session II 2010
27. Burns; Hintze; Welton; McLerran: Session III 2010
28. Haltman; Braddock; Peck: Session IV 2010

29. Harrison; Boylan; Siddons; Cash: Session I 2011
30. Hafertape; Anderson: Session II 2011

BOX 4 Folder
1. Scott; Fry; Shannon; Moore: Session III 2011
2. Fahlman; Swensen; Turnbow: Session IV 2011
3. Kerrigan; Senf: Session I 2012
4. Scott; Boehme; Haltman; Brenneman: Session II 2012
5. Traugott; Rushing: Session III 2012
6. Reece-Hughes; Denny; Sailor: Session IV 2012
7. Fleming; Bowditch; Hawley; Bravo: Session I 2013
8. Rees; Klein; Alderson: Session II 2013
9. Leard-Coolidge; Clark; Vigneault: Session III 2013
10. Guzman; Rudnick; Komanecyk: Session IV 2013
11. Hutchinson; Rader; Ott; Wardle: Session I 2014
12. Knappe; Earle: Session II 2014
13. McLerran; Patin; Dilworth: Session III 2014
14. Lewis; Siddons; Schmitz: Session IV 2014
15. Hassrick; Smith; Whitney; Moore: Session I 2015
16. Rushing; Woodbury: Session II 2015
17. Egan; Manthorne; Burns; Swensen: Session III 2015
18. Siegwarth; Bischof; Shea: Session IV 2015
19. Doss; Brienen; Ress; Komanecyk: Session I 2016
20. Burdan; Mintie; Mickevicius; Witt: Session II 2016
21. Clark; Rooney; Hawley; Vendelin: Session III 2016
22. Nicholas; Giani; Scott: Session IV 2016
23. Fry; Jensen; White; Loscher: Session I 2017
24. Kloeppe; Ronan; Hawley: Session II 2017
25. Ross; Moses; Swensen; McLerran: Session III 2017

26. Clark; Jerman; Grauer: Session IV 2017

27. Norcini; Henneman; Dennis: Session I 2018

28. Montogomery; Hartley; Farlow: Session II 2018

29. Hedlund/Sakiestewa/Hiller; Burns; Gabrielsen; MacAulay: Session III 2018

30. Rees; Rudnick/Warm Day Coming; Wade: Session IV 2018

31. McWhorter; Michael; Boehme; Koenig: Session I 2019

32. Castenell; Macfarlane; Swensen: Session II 2019

33. Richmond-Moll; Wurzelbacher; Giani; Rowang: Session III 2019

34. Komanecky; Boylan; Sasse: Session IV 2019

35. Giles; Clarke; Holland; Orzulak: Session I 2022

36. Strupp; Swensen; Jerman: Session II 2022

37. Moore; Freese; Young; Bailey; MacAulay: Session III 2022

38. Fahlman; Weems; Everett: Session IV 2022

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SERIES 2: CONFERENCE RECORDINGS

Boxes 5-8; Boxes 5-7 contain mainly cassette tapes; Box 8 contains other audio/visual material

BOX 5 1986-1999; 34 cassette tapes

BOX 6 1999-2007; 37 cassette tapes

BOX 7 2007-2012; 18 cassette tapes, 1 CD

BOX 8 1986-1998; 7 recording tape reels
1991-1993; 7 VHS tapes

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SERIES 3: PHOTOGRAPHS

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Photo box 1; envelopes containing photographs and negatives

PHOTO BOX 1

1. Dinner picture: Robert White, Suzan Campbell, Sandra D’Emilio, 3 unidentified

2. Group pictures 10/29/1988
3. Picuris Pueblo project 10/29/1988
4. David Witt 1986
5. Sylvia Rodriguez, Joe Watkins 1986
6. Tom Chavez, Sylvia Rodriguez 1986
7. Sylvia Rodriguez 1986
9. Sandra D’Emilio 1986
10. Sandra D’Emilio, Stanley Cuba 1986
12. Liz Cunningham 1986
13. Lois Rudnick 1986
14. Stanley Cuba 1986
15. Liz Cunningham, Sandra D’Emilio 6/12/1986
16. Elly Schafer, Pat Trenton 6/12/1986
17. Lois Rudnick, Bernard Ewell, Joe Watkins, Malin Wilson 6/12/1986
18. Ernie Leavitt, Virginia Couse Leavitt, unidentified friends 1986
19. Sandra D’Emilio, Robert White, Suzan Campbell 1986
20. Julie Schimmel 1986
21. Sheldon Reich 1986
22. Malin Wilson 1986
23. Clinton Meek 1986
24. Clinton Meek, Sheldon Reich, Malin Wilson 1986
25. Patricia Trenton 1986
26. Virginia Couse 1986
27. Wesley Rusnell 1986
28. Wesley Rusnell, Julie Schimmel 1986
29. Virginia Couse Leavitt, Wesley Rusnell 1986
30. Audience pictures 1986
31. Audience interaction pictures 1986
32. Liz Cunningham, Virginia Couse 1986
33. Karen Puruker, unidentified friend 1986
34. Malin Wilson, Lonie Kyea 1986
35. Susan McGarry 1988
36. Group picture at Sagebrush Inn 1988
37. Audience pictures n.d.
38. Group pictures 2/13/1996
39. Hotel Pictures n.d.
40. Suzan Campbell, Teresa Ebie, David Witt n.d.
41. Teresa Ebie n.d.
42. Robert White n.d.
43. David Witt n.d.
44. Group pictures outdoors n.d.
45. Group pictures at Couse-Sharp Historic Site n.d.
46. SWAHC members at meals n.d.
47. Robert White, David Witt, Ernie Couse, Virginia Couse, Betsy Fahlman n.d.
49. David Witt, Robert White, unidentified n.d.
51. SWAHC Board group pictures n.d.
52. Audience pictures n.d.
54. Liane Hernandez 1996
55. Tricia Losher 1996
56. Joanne Moser 1996
57. Andrew Cecil, Ellen Landis 1996
58. David Witt, Ellen Landis, Betsy Fahlman 1996
60. Suzan Campbell, Betsy Fahlman, Dean Porter, Teresa Ebie, Ellen Zieselman
61. Unidentified presenters 1997
62. Dean Porter, Suzan Campbell, unidentified presenters 1997
63. David Witt, unidentified presenters 1997
64. David Witt, Ellen Landis, audience 1997
65. SWAHC Board group pictures n.d.
66. Unearthing the Sacred Site: David Witt, Dean Porter 1994
67. At the Sacred Site: David Witt, Dean Porter, Paul Karlstrom 1994
68. At the Sacred Site: Teresa Ebie, Dean Porter, David Witt 1994
69. At the Sacred Site: Teresa Ebie, Suzan Campbell, David Witt 1994
70. At the Sacred Site: Robert White 1994
71. Sacred Site group pictures 1994
72. At the Sacred Site: Paul Karlstrom 1994
73. At the Sacred Site: Dean Porter 1994
74. Negatives in Envelope 1996
75. 35 mm slides n.d.

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SERIES 4: PRESS AND PUBLICATIONS

Box 9

BOX 9 Folder 1. Newspaper Articles 1986; 1987; 1996

SWAHC container list page: 10
3. Papers about SWAHC History n.d.

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SERIES 5: BOARD ACTIVITIES

Organized in 5 subseries;
Box 9

0053/05.01 A. Subseries: Pre-conference Preparations

4. Call for Papers 1998; 2001; 2003; 2005
5. Workshopped Abstract Lists 1987-2005 [detailed list on folder]
8. Art History Cookbook 1996; 2001

0053/05.02 B. Subseries: Membership


0053/05.03 C. Subseries: Correspondence

10. Correspondence 1986-1989
11. Correspondence 1990; 1992; 1994
12. Correspondence 1996; 1997; 1998
13. Correspondence 1999
15. Dick Spas Grant Correspondence 1999
16. Correspondence 2000
17. Letters of thanks/welcome by Landis 2000
18. Correspondence 2001; 2005; 2009

0053/05.04  D. Subseries: Records of Incorporation

21. Records of Incorporation: Trade Name 1989
22. Records of Incorporation: Articles of Amendment 1990; 1991

0053/05.05  E. Financial Records

27. Book Corner Reports 1998; 1999
28. Self Storage Forms 1999
29. Paid Registrations 1999