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Art Institute of Boston, Photographs

1940-2001

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Collection Overview

Title: Art Institute of Boston, Photographs, 1940-2001

ID: 05/03

Creator: Art Institute of Boston (1912 -)

Extent: 9 Boxes

Arrangement: Arranged in chronological order.

Languages: English

Scope and Contents of the Materials

This collection comprises photographs, slides, and audiovisual materials (videotapes, cassettes, CDs, DVDs) created and collected by the School of Practical Art (SPA) and the Art Institute of Boston (AIB).

Photographic materials document administration, faculty, students, and campus life; artists and artwork exhibits; and special events on campus between 1940-2001.

Historical Note

The Art Institute of Boston was founded by Roy Davidson in 1912 as the School of Practical Art and was one of the first private, nonaffiliated studio schools in the United States. A pioneer in the field of commercial art education, Davidson sought an alternative to the traditional art training of his day, which was the apprenticeship system with long years of menial, repetitive labor. To keep pace with the growing needs of industry, the School of Practical Art developed a program that would allow young people to complete their art training in a reasonable length of
time and enter fields equipped for successful contribution on a professional level. Davidson was influenced by art critic John Ruskin, in particular his notion that it is “in art that the heart, the head, and the hand of a man come together.” AIB's early philosophy was based on Davidson's own belief that "beauty comes from the use.” The school opened in Davidson’s own studio, three small rooms in Boston’s Back Bay. As the institution prospered and attracted the attention of the art community, the curriculum expanded to include a wide range of artistic exploration and discipline. The school soon outgrew its first location and moved to progressively larger facilities. (See below for a full listing of addresses and directors.)

Through the mid-twentieth century the school increasingly embraced the fine arts and developed a growing liberal arts curriculum. In 1967 the school was renamed the Art Institute of Boston (AIB), establishing itself as a non-profit institution of higher education and preparing for future expansion and development. The name change also acknowledged the school’s increased focus upon fine art as well as design, illustration, and photography. In 1970 AIB moved to Kenmore Square into a building with 40,000 square feet of studio and workshop space, including a library, gallery, lecture rooms, and administrative offices. In 1972 AIB joined with Northeastern University to create an exchange program, giving AIB students the option of earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Applied Art, Photography, or Fine Art.

In 1998, AIB merged with then Lesley College, located in Cambridge, Massachusetts and founded in 1909. In Autumn 2013, the University officially changed the name of the Art Institute of Boston to the Lesley University College of Art and Design (LUCAD).

LUCAD is governed by the Lesley University Board of Trustees and the larger University administration. The school and University are accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

Directors:
Roy Davidson served as Director from 1912 to 1940. When Davidson died, he was succeeded by Harold Pollock who served as director from 1941 to 1945, until he became president, a post he held from 1945 to 1962. During this time Alan Furber served as for one year from 1944 to 1945 as president. Pollock was followed by William Willis, who was President from 1962 to 1990. Stan Trecker became president in 1991 and served until 1998. After serving as president of Montserrat College in Beverly, Mass., Trecker returned to Lesley as the art school’s dean.

Locations:
711 Boylston Street (1918-1924)
797 Boylston Street (1925-1926)
857 Boylston Street (1927-1931)
883 Boylston Street (1932-1940)
10 Newbury Street (1941-1951)
665 Atlantic Avenue (1952-1960)
683 Atlantic Avenue (1953-1955)
718 Beacon Street (1960-1969)
700 Beacon Street (1970-2014)
Massachusetts Avenue, Porter Square (2014-present)
Administrative Information

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Box and Folder Listing

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Box 1: Photographs, Artists and Artwork, 1990-1999
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Folder 3: Louis Bourgeois with “Spider IV”, 1996
Folder 4: Anthony (Tony) Apesos, 199?
painting the Meridian mural, includes negatives.
Box 2: Photographs, Artwork, 1990-1999
Folder 1: Artwork used in AIB catalogs, 1990-1991 includes negatives.
Folder 2: Student Work, 1991
Folder 3: Matt Stone photographs, 1992
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Folder 6: Delilah Montoya/Frank Carrilo, 1994
"Corazon Sagrado/El Aborto" + other titles.
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Box 2: Slides, Artists and Artwork, 1990-1999
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Folder 2: Ken Beck - artwork, 1993
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Folder 4: Martin Mugar, Geoffry Fried - artwork, 1990s
Folder 5: Liza Folman, Michael Branan - artwork, 1985-1989, 1990s?
Folder 8: Eugene Dorgan, Koetsch - artwork, 1984-1991
Folder 9: Herb Snitzer, 1987-1989?

Box 3: Slides, Artists and Artwork, 1990-2001
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Folder 2: Portfolio Images for catalog, 1996-1998
Folder 3: Dan Szabo: Foundry: Cat Shots, May 1994
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includes negatives.
Folder 5: Visiting Artists, Exhibitions, 1990-1999
Folder 6: Misc. Exhibits and Gallery shots, c. 1950s - 1980
-City Hall Gallery, March 1978
-Construction, unidentified location, n.d.
-"Gallery & Reception @ 718", c. 1960
-"Contemporary Presentation" - 3 students in exhibition space, c. 1950s.
Folder 7: The 100 Exhibit, 199?
with negatives.
Folder 8: Korean Student Exhibition, 3 Nov 1997
Folder 9: Installation - Close/Updike + Other misc., Fall 1991
Folder 10: Boston International Fine Art Show, n.d.

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Includes new open houses, student orientations, commencement, student contests, performances, reunions, and special institutes/seminars/programs.
Sub-Series 1: Receptions, Parties, Social Gatherings, 1986-1998
Folder 1: Reception for Israeli Program, 21 July 1986
Folder 2: Reception at 14 Kirkland Place, 20 July 1987
Folder 3: AIB/Lesley Merger, 1998
Folder 4: Lunch for 20-year Faculty at MFA, 29 March 1998
Folder 5: Hamilton Party for Luis Gonzalez Palma, 1998
Sub-Series 2: Open Houses, 1965-1995
Folder 1: Open House, 1965?
Folder 2: Open House, 1968
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Sub-Series 3: Lectures, Talks, Presentations, 1992-1999
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Folder 3: Alex Webb, 30 Nov 1995
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Sub-Series 4: Alumni Relations, 1984-1992
Folder 1: Alumni Talks, 199?
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Folder 3: Reunion, 11 July 1992

**Sub-Series 5: Performances, 1996-**
Folder 1: Capoeira Dance Troupe, Fall 1996
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**Sub-Series 6: Awards ceremonies, Contests, 1983-1999**
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Folder 2: Holiday Greeting Card Contest (2 of 4), 1983-1984
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Folder 5: "An Artistic Discovery": Congressional Art Competition for High School Students, 3 June - 9 July 1993
Folder 6: Congressional District Art Awards with Joseph P. Kennedy II, June 1994
Folder 7: Congressional Art Awards, 1999?

**Box 3: Photographs, Special Events and Programs, 1970-1999**
Includes new open houses, student orientations, commencement, student contests, performances, reunions, and special institutes/seminars/programs.

**Sub-Series 7: Campus Happenings, 1970-1999**
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Folder 4: Disney Studios visit AIB, 18 Mar 1996
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Tony Bennett honored.
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**Box 2: Photos, Student/Campus Life, 1970s-1980s**
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**Box 3: Photos, Student/Campus Life, 1990s**

**Box 4: Photos, Student/Campus Life, 1990s**