

Fundamentals of the Conservation of Photographs

SESSION: Survey Work and Process ID

INSTRUCTOR: Tram Vo, Janka, Krizanova, Dusan Stulik, Art Kaplan

SESSION OUTLINE

ABSTRACT

The participants will be divided into three groups and will be rotated between: collection survey, individual object survey, and process identification. The participants will use the knowledge gained from Module I and the first week of Module II to do these assignments.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of the week, the participants:

- Will be much more comfortable with photograph survey terminologies.
- Will have a more in depth understanding of photographic materials, processes, and deterioration characteristics.

Will be able to recommend and implement a systematic preservation program to institutions covering issues such as environmental control, disaster preparedness, storage and handling, potential hazards, reformatting and conservation treatments.

CONTENT OUTLINE

Each participant will be asked to:

- Perform a general collection survey on the photographic collection at SNL
- Conduct individual condition reports including process identification for the same collection



SESSION OUTLINE CONT'D.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

- = Essential reading material
- = Available online
- Adelstein, Peter Z. 1987. From Metal to Polyester: History of Picture-Taking Supports in *Pioneers of Photography: Their Achievements in Science and Technology*. 30-36. Springlfield, VA: Northeast University Press.
- Fischer, Monique C., and Andrew Robb. [1993] 2010. Guidelines for care and identification of film-base photographic materials (1993). In *Issues in the Conservation of Photographs*, ed. Debra Hess Norris, and Jennifer Jae Gutierrez, 401-6. Readings in Conservation. Los Angeles: Getty Conservation Institute. Previously published in *Topics in Photographic Preservation* 5 (1993): 117-23.
- Hendriks, Klaus B., and Brian Lesser. [1983] 2010. Disaster preparedness and recovery: Photographic materials (1983). In *Issues in the Conservation of Photographs*, ed. Debra Hess Norris, and Jennifer Jae Gutierrez, 53-57. Readings in Conservation. Los Angeles: Getty Conservation Institute. Previously published in *The American Archivist* 46, no.1 (1983): 52-68.
- McCormick-Goodhart, M.H1996. Conservation forum: The allowable temperature and relative humidity range for the safe use and storage of photographic materials. *Journal of the Society of Archivists* 17(1): 7-21.
 - http://www.wilhelm-research.com/subzero/MMG_Allowable_Temp_and_RH.pdf.
- Norris, Debra Hess. 1991. Preservation Planning for Diverse Photographic Holdings in *Photograph Preservation and the Research Library.* 19-27. Stanford, CT: Research Libraries Group.
- Reilly, James M. Stability Problems of 19th and 20th Century Photographic Materials. American Institute for Conservation, Annual Meeting, San Francisco Post-Prints, 1980.
- Reilly, James M., Douglas W. Nishimura, Luis Pavao, and Peter Z. Adelstein. 1989. Photograph enclosures:

 Research and specifications. Restaurator: International Journal for the Preservation of Library and

 Archival Material 10(3-4): 102-11.
- Romer, Grant B. 1991. Problems and issues of photographic negative collection preservation. In *La fragilità minacciata: Aspetti e problemi della conservazione dei negativi fotografici*, ed. Karin Einaudi, and Paolo Vian, 11-22. Roma: Unione internazionale degli istituti di archeologia, storia e storia dell'arte in Roma.

©2009 J. Paul Getty Trust



