

Report on the Visual Resource Collection December 2025

Acquisitions: 35

Pedagogy:

- Web-Based Teaching Collection Research/Acquisition (26)
- Jason Weems, Personal Teaching Collection (3)
- Savannah Esquivel, Personal Teaching Collection (6)

NEH: The Color Film Emergency Project Implementation Grant

No significant legal developments since last month (at least that we can make sense of). The online tools for tracking the court docket have changed. At the end of the fall term, we the VRC as able to publish all assets that were worked on by UCR students. We are on track to exceed deliverable goals for Y2.

We've had a roundtable discussion accepted for the SAH conference in April. We are waiting to see if the NEH will authorize international travel to Mexico City.

We continue in conversation with UCLA and Whitworth College regarding potential collaborations.

Jim and Georgia Steinhart Photography Collection Endowed Fund

No significant changes. We requested and received a bound IP address for the Steinhart machine and waiting to learn if we can be able to add a 1GB port. At the moment, we are dealing with a degree of machine lag on ImageCloud that is related to the size of the Steinhart collection.

Work with the collection continues as planned. We have begun publishing a small set of images to JSTOR and we continue to hold regular meetings with the donors as a means of learning the intricacy of the Steinhart's collection practices and website/database architecture and operations. Our next meeting is scheduled for later this week.

ImageCloud Online Collection

During December, we surpassed 32,000 online images.

Roba di Roma Collection

No changes.

We continue in conversation with the CDL (though this feels more like a holding pattern) as we prepare to move our Roba di Roma collection, hosted on ITHAKA (JSTOR), to an OAI server for harvesting. We hope to complete this project in the coming months with CDL providing final guidance on the pilot project. As a reminder, this pilot project provides the proof of concept for the Steinhart Endowment.

Hosted Courses

We are hosting AHS 023, AHS 025 and AHS 141 and AHS 191.

Gluck Fellows program for the Arts:

Once again, we have been invited to participate at the 2026 MVUSD Steam Fair on 2/28.

Ongoing & Upcoming Projects:

- Color Film Emergency Project
 - Additional Mary Ellen Sigmond materials
 - Additional Mirza Dickel materials
 - Stephen Harby, Mexico and Egypt
 - Gerald Moorhead, Buildings of Texas
- Audit of Scholars Resource Orders
- Archivision, Italian Renaissance Module B
- Digitization of Original UCR Glass Slide Collection