

Iraqi Institute for the Conservation of Antiquities and Heritage (IICAH) Archive, 2008-2017

Finding Aid

Collection Summary:

Creator: Taylor Pearlstein

Date of Creation: January 2018

Title: Iraqi Institute for the Conservation of Antiquities and Heritage Archive

Inclusive Dates: 2008-2017

Location: E.L. Quarantelli Resource Collection
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Abstract:

The Iraqi Institute for the Conservation of Antiquities and Heritage (IICAH) Archive consists primarily of material related to the IICAH and some material related to the Oriental Institute's Chicago Center for Archaeological Heritage Preservation (CCAHP) at the University of Chicago. The primary documents are transcribed oral history interviews conducted by the archive creator with nine individuals involved with the IICAH and the CCAHP. The purpose of the archive was to document the creation and development of the IICAH over its first ten years. Documents related to administrative information, course information, funding, and publicity are also included to clarify and expand upon details discussed in the oral history interviews. The archive was created as part of an undergraduate senior thesis entitled *The Preservation of Memory: Archiving and Assessing the Mission to Protect Cultural Heritage in the Middle East*.

Extent:

Number of Items or Digital Files: 4 folders with 816 digital files

Number of Physical Files: 1 folder with printed copies of select material (41 documents)

Language of Materials:

Most of the records are in English. A few are in Arabic or Kurdish.

Administrative Information:

Processing Archivist: Pat Young, Resource Collection Coordinator,
E.L. Quarantelli Resource Collection

Provenance:

Files related to the oral history interviews and some supporting documents provided by Taylor Pearlstein, the archive creator. Additional files regarding the IICAH provided by Dr. Vicki Cassman, Director of Undergraduate Studies in the Art Conservation Department at the University of Delaware.

Related Materials Note:

At the time of the archive's creation, the creator was not aware of any other similar archives with other institutions. However, they were made aware that other organizations were in the process of collecting and reviewing files for an archive, including the Smithsonian Institution. Suggested locations for further information regarding the IICAH include the Walters Art Museum, University of Pennsylvania, University of Arizona, and the US State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Using the Collection:

Preferred Citation:

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Restrictions on Access and Use:

To access this archive, a request must be sent to the University of Delaware's Disaster Research Center. For general inquiries and to schedule a visit to the Center or the Resource Collection, please contact elq-resource@udel.edu or 302-831-6618.

Redacted interview transcripts and supporting files are open to general research use.

The original audio recordings of the interviews, the unredacted interview transcripts, and related interview information require special permission, which will be given on a case-by-case basis. The decision is at the discretion of the Disaster Research Center. Potential future uses of the collection include researchers conducting longevity research and using this archive as a benchmark.

Disaster Research Center policies prohibit copying of any material in and to any format.

Collection Details:

Arrangement:

The digital archive is arranged to include a separate folder for files with restricted access, a folder for files related to the oral history interviews, a folder containing a collection of published articles related to the IICAH and CCAHP found through the archive creator's own research, and a final folder containing files donated by Dr. Vicki Cassman. The files in the last folder outline the work of the IICAH and are organized by year and topic.

The physical folder contains hard copies of both the redacted and unredacted interview transcripts. It also contains other documents included in the Restricted Access digital folder. All of the hard-copy files are also available digitally in the digital archive folders.

Additional Notes:

It should be noted that some of the files contained in the folder “Years” are drafts of documents that would later be published, sent, or submitted. The purpose of keeping these documents was to provide insight into the process for writing documents such as grant proposals and press releases.

Archive Inventory:

Digital Inventory:

Folders	Subfolders (Level 1)	Subfolders (Level 2)
IICAH Archive- Restricted Access	Interview Transcripts (No Redactions)	
	Oral History Interview Audio	
	Oral History Interview Key	
	Oral History Interview Paperwork	
	Oral History Interview Signed Consent Forms	
	Oral History Interview- Interviewer’s Handwritten Notes	
	Research Email Correspondence	
Oral History Interviews	Interview Transcripts (Redacted)	
Relevant Online	Articles in Arabic	

Articles	Articles in Kurdish	
	Articles Related to IICAH People	
	Getty Conservation Institute	
	IICAH	
	Related Articles	
	Smithsonian	
	UNESCO	
	University of Arizona	
	University of Chicago	
	University of Delaware/Winterthur	
	US Government	
	Walters Art Museum	
	World Monuments Fund	
Years	IICAH Timeline	
	2009	Administrative
		Maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction Plans • Photographs
	2010	Administrative
		Funding
	2011	Administrative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisory Council • Board of Directors
		Course Information
		Funding
	2012	Administrative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisory Council • Archaeology Subcommittee • Faculty & Instructors
		Course Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course Reports

		Funding
		Publicity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Articles • Blog Posts • Posters • Press Releases
	2013	Administrative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisory Council • Budget • Correspondence • Miscellaneous • State Board of Antiquities & Heritage
		Course Information
		Funding
		Miscellaneous
		Photographs
		Publicity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Articles • Brochure
		2014
	Course Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course Reports 	
	Funding	
	Publicity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Articles • Photographs 	
	2015	Administrative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisory Council • Correspondence • Resumes
		2016

		Course Information
		Miscellaneous <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Koya University
		Publicity
	2017	Administrative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisory Council
		Funding

Physical Inventory:

Folder	Contents
(Contact elq-resource@udel.edu for more details)	Interview Transcripts (No Redactions)
	Interview Transcripts (Redacted)
	Oral History Interview Key
	Oral History Interview Paperwork
	Oral History Interview Signed Consent Forms
	Oral History Interview-Copy of Interviewer's Handwritten Notes