Class Resources
The Richard J. Daley Special Collections Department houses collections of rare books, manuscripts, and photographs. The rare book collection includes books of permanent, historic, and research interest focusing primarily on the history of Chicago. The manuscript holdings consist of records of individuals and organizations important to the history of Chicago. Images of these individuals, organizations, and Chicago form the core of the photographs and digital images collection.

Special Collections is open to the public during the following hours:
- 10-4:30, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
- 10-7, Wednesday
- 12:30-4:30, 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month

Closed on holiday weekends and for occasional special events.

Phone: Richard J. Daley Library, Special Collections - 312.996.2742

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Search for Archival Collections

The following databases can be used to search for archival materials from other libraries' collections:
- ArchiveGrid
- WorldCat

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Organizational Records and Personal Papers

Each of the archival collections from organizations contain material related to the experiences of Mexican Americans and Mexican immigrants to Chicago. The links below lead to finding aids (lists of contents) for each collection.

- American Friends Service Committee Records, 1931-1967
- Bethlehem Howel Neighborhood Center Collection, 1894-1969
- Hull House Association Records, 1893-1999
- Immigration and Protective League Records, 1902-1904
- Juvenile Protective Association Records, 1913-1961
- Mexican American Committee of South Chicago
- Near West Side Community Committee Records, 20th Century
- Rafael Chirón/Zúñiga Cultural Center Records, 1970-2000
- The Hablet Zúñiga/Chirón Cultural Center (RCDC) was established in 1972 as a permanent site for cultural, educational and recreational activities for the large and growing Latino student population at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Its records contain material documenting the 50th Anniversary Oral History Project; various administrative records including budget material, conference and symposium material, events and programs, including Remembrance Day, Cinco de Mayo, film festival

Assorted reports published by CUE2 and the College of Urban Planning and Design.
University Archives Class Resources

This page includes links to images and contextual information about the images from University Archives. The originals of the images and additional images are available for use in University Archives.

The images are 72 dpi and open either as .jpg files or as .PDF files. Tips on opening PDF files when using FireFox.

Currently three classes have visited the archives and chosen images to be available on this page: Building a Better World (Architecture), Honors Seminar in History: Emancipation, and Writing 1.

[Building a Better World (Architecture)] [Honors Seminar in History: Emancipation] [Writing 1]

Building a Better World: Architecture and Social Reform in America
(A46 ARCH 421J)

- Aerial view of campus - from circa 1920 [Photo Services - Buildings: Aerial]
- Aerial view of campus - from 1922 by U.S. Army Air Service [Photo Services - Buildings: Aerial]
- Aerial view of campus - from 1947 [Photo Services - Buildings: Aerial]
- Aerial view of campus - from circa 1964 [Photo Services - Buildings: Aerial]
- Aerial view of campus - from 1968 by Peter H. Zimmerman, Washington University Photographic Services [Photo Services - Buildings: Aerial]

- Brookings Hall was originally named University Hall. It was renamed in 1928.
- Brookings Hall - View of construction of Brookings Hall with workman and horses, August 11, 1900. [Photo Services - Buildings: Brookings Hall Construction]
- Brookings Hall - View of construction of Brookings Hall with foundation completed, circa October 6, 1900. [Photo Services - Buildings: Brookings Hall Construction]
- Brookings Hall - Exterior view of Brookings Hall with a few small trees, circa early 1900s. [Photo Services - Buildings: Brookings Hall]
- Brookings Hall - Exterior view of Brookings Hall at the end of tree-lined road, circa early 1900s. [Photo Services - Buildings: Brookings Hall Exteriors]
- Brookings Hall - Six exterior views of Brookings Hall, circa early 1900s. [Photo Services - Buildings: Brookings Hall]
- Brookings Hall - Image of Brookings Hall on postcard from circa early 1900s. Caption: "Washington University, one of the country's greatest educational institutions and especially famed for its medical school." Back labeled "Blackwell Wielandy, St. Louis. C.T. Art-Colortone, made only by Curt Teich & Co., Inc., Chicago, U.S.A." [Photo Services - Buildings: Brookings Hall]
- Brookings Hall - Exterior view of Brookings Hall towers by photographers Sanders and Melzheimer for Washington University, circa 1914. [Photo Services - Buildings: Brookings Hall]
Honors Seminar in History: Emancipation (in St. Louis)
(History 301-01)

- Correspondence
- Letter acknowledging receipt of slave girl and note about her freedom between William Greenleaf Eliot and Johnson Heilen, October 6, 1842. [William Greenleaf Eliot Personal Papers, Series 02, folder 1842] (See transcript)
- Bond of Indemnity from John A. Kasson to William Greenleaf Eliot for Lydia, April 15, 1850. [William Greenleaf Eliot Personal Papers, Series 03, folder 1850. 15 April] (See transcript)
- Letter from William Greenleaf Eliot to son Thomas Lamb Eliot including mention of a war meeting, August 22, 1862. [William Greenleaf Eliot Personal Papers, Series 02, folder 1862. 22 Aug. Father to Thom]

- Notebooks
- Notes about getting Sarah Green out of Lynch's Slave Yard May 22, 1860, page 34. [William Greenleaf Eliot Personal Papers, Series 01, folder Notebook 5] (See transcript)
- Notes from meeting of the Western Sanitary Commission January 11, 1871, page 131. [William Greenleaf Eliot Personal Papers, Series 01, folder Notebook 7] (See transcript)

- Photographs

- Published Works
- "Inaugural Ceremonies of the Freedmen's Memorial Monument to Abraham Lincoln" April 14, 1876. [William Greenleaf Eliot Personal Papers, Series 04, folder (6) Inaugural Ceremonies of the Freedmen's Memorial Monument to Abraham Lincoln]
About the Selected Editions

In conjunction with History of Science 323, The Scientific Revolution, taught in fall 2007, spring 2008, and spring 2009 by Prof. Florence Hsia, the Department of Special Collections, Memorial Library, University of Wisconsin-Madison, has digitized several pages from each of its editions of the works of Sacrobosco (Joannes de Sacro Bosco, or John of Holywood, fl. 1230), for use in class presentations.

Additional information from a preliminary survey of editions is available at the Web site Johannes de Sacrobosco, Editions of the Tractatus de Sphaera, maintained by the Group of History and Theory of Science, University of Campinas, Brazil.
Sin and Evil in Modern America

Guide for students in Professor Molly Worthen’s junior seminar.

Key Reference Databases for U.S. History
- America History and Life: The key source for searching scholarly literature in U.S. History. Unlike JSTOR, America History and Life is current and includes books and dissertations. Tip: Search base sites to find book reviews.
- ATLA: Key database for scholarship in religious studies/history.
- Yale Finding Aid Database: Collection of online finding aids to archival collections held at Yale.

Divinity Library Collections
- Social Ethics Pamphlet Collection: Contains pamphlets covering eugenics, civil rights, and nuclear disarmament.
- Africana Collection: Records of the Washington Office on Africa Publications, correspondence, reports, statements, and collected material document the work of the Washington Office on Africa and the issues addressed by its work. The Washington Office on Africa was founded in 1972 to support the movement for freedom from white minority rule in southern Africa.
- Billy Sunday Papers: Archival materials from a leading figure in modern American religious history.

Digital Newspapers
- Access Newspapers: A collection of digital newspapers from smaller towns, cities and places, very widely, making search results vary much hit or miss.

Digital Magazines
- Alt-Press Watch, 1970-present: Alt-Press Watch showcases unique, independent voices from grassroot newspapers, magazines, and journals. The database features over 670,000 articles from...

Representative Documents: Class Resources