

# Guide to the Yale School of Architecture Building Project Records

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**CALL NUMBER:** RU 1078

**CREATOR:** Yale University. School of Architecture

**TITLE:** Yale School of Architecture Building Project records

**DATES:** 1967-2008

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 16.5 linear feet (11 boxes )

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 41861.12 Megabytes

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** The materials consist of photographs, drawings, specifications, slides, negatives, publications, and publicity materials documenting the Yale School of Architecture's annual building project.

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b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

The materials were transferred from the School of Architecture, 2008; gift of Paul Brouard, 2010.

## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Since 1967, the Yale School of Architecture has offered its first-year students the unique chance to design and build a structure as part of their graduate education. Unique among architecture schools, this program is mandatory for all members of the class. Undertaken in cooperation with Common Ground, a local nonprofit agency, the Building Project results in a single-family house in an economically depressed neighborhood.

The late Charles W. Moore, who headed Yale's Department of Architecture (later the School of Architecture) from 1965 to 1971, founded the First-year Building Project in collaboration with faculty member Kent Bloomer. Moore saw that getting out of the studio and building something would have several benefits for the students. As a believer in simple tectonics and basic technologies, he hoped students would be inspired by the mechanics of building. In the midst of the student unrest of the 1960s he saw the project as a way for students to commit to positive social action by building for the poor.

The earliest projects were outside of New Haven, and included community centers in Appalachia and a series of camp buildings in Connecticut. Reduced budgets in the 1970s and 80s, as well as increasing pressure on student schedules, led to a scaling back of the program and projects-which included several park pavilions-were confined to the New Haven area.

More recently, partnerships with Habitat for Humanity and Home, Inc., Neighborhood Housing, and currently Common Ground, have led to a focus on affordable housing. The houses allow students the experience of working with a client and the opportunity to respond to the challenges of affordable housing and urban infill. Students have shown great enthusiasm for these projects focusing on community development and neighborhood improvement. Many of them arrive at school with a desire to include such

socially responsible work in their future professional lives. Having the opportunity to participate in the design and construction of such building projects often reinforces their conviction and inspiration to do so.

from the Yale School of Architecture Building Project Website, 2010

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## **Scope and Contents**

The materials consist of photographs, drawings, specifications, slides, negatives, publications, and publicity materials documenting the Yale School of Architecture's annual building project.

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## **General note**

Forms part of Yale Record Group 19-E (YRG 19-E), Records of departments, offices, programs, and projects of the Yale School of Architecture.

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## **Arrangement**

The materials are arranged by accession.

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## Collection Contents

### Accession 2008-A-171: Photographs, 1967-2006

3 linear feet and 41861.12 megabytes

The materials are open for research.

b. 1, f. 1	The Yale Building Project: A Resource Manual	circa 1997
b. 1, f. 2	Color copies	1992
b. 1, f. 3	Photographs A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.	1993-1997
b. 1, f. 4	Negatives (color and black & white, 4x5)	1990s
b. 1, f. 5	Unused images	1990s
b. 1, f. 6	Joseph Slifka Center plans	2006
b. 1, f. 7	Selected images	1970s
b. 1, f. 8	Construction A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.	2000
b. 1, f. 9	Reception	2002
b. 1, f. 10	Selected images	1980s-2000s
b. 1, f. 11	Construction contact sheets	circa 1994
b. 1, f. 12	5x7 photographs: construction, models, completed buildings A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.	1982-1995
b. 1, f. 13	Guilford Beach: articles collected by Nona and Kent Bloomer	1971
b. 1, f. 14	Michael Marsland contact sheets A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.	2002-2005
b. 5	Michael Marsland contact sheets, First Year Building Project: 2003-Construction, Final Exterior and Interior, 2004-Construction, Review, Open House, Input 2/16/06, Received February 2006 2008-a-171_0001 1 CD-R 619894597 bytes (619.89 Megabytes.) As a preservation measure, original materials may not be used. Digital access copies must be provided for use. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access.	Circa 2006

b. 5	Michael Marsland contact sheets, First Year Building Project: 2002-Construction final, 2003-Reception, 2005-Final, Input 2/16/06, Received February 2006 2008-a-171_0002 1 CD-R 221324446 bytes (221.32 Megabytes.) As a preservation measure, original materials may not be used. Digital access copies must be provided for use. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access.	Circa 2006
b. 1, f. 15	Images donated by Mack Caldwell ('69), Brinkley Thorne ('72), Wendy Westfall Franzen ('82)Kevin Lichten ('77), Charles Loomis ('85)	1969-1985
b. 1, f. 16	Models, construction, reception A copy of this material is available in digital form from Manuscripts and Archives. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access to the digital copy.	2000
b. 1, f. 17-19	Slides	1966-1999
b. 2, f. 1-5	Slides	1967-2000
b. 3, f. 1	Construction at various sites	circa 1980s
b. 3	Mounted exhibit photographs	circa 1990s
b. 4, f. 1	Photographs	circa 1996
b. 4, f. 2	Plans	circa 1990s
Electronic records		
Master files used to create <i>The Yale Building Project: The First 40 Years</i> , by Richard W. Hayes		
Essay - "Learning, Building" 36 Computer Files (14 TIFF files, 21 JPEG files, 1 DOC file)		
Essay - "Thirty-Five Years of Teaching Yale Students to Build" 9 Computer Files (2 TIFF files, 6 JPEG files, 1 DOC file)		
Essay - "From Appalachia to New Haven" 11 Computer Files (4 TIFF files, 5 JPEG files, 1 DOC file, 1 GIF file)		
<i>The Yale Building Project 1967 - 2006</i> 237 Computer Files (80 TIFF files, 156 JPEG files, 1 PDF file)		
Non Image Files 1793 Computer Files (238 TIFF files, 1445 JPEG files, 47 PDF files, 20 DWG files, 27 PSD files, 1 DOC file, 15 XLS files)		
Yale Building Project Digital Archive		
	Camp Farnam Cabin 40 Computer Files (.tif)	1965
	New Zion Community Center 39 Computer Files (26 TIFF files, 13 JPEG files)	1967

## Electronic records &gt; Yale Building Project Digital Archive (continued)

Lower Grassy Community Center <i>49 Computer Files (44 TIFF files, 5 JPEG files)</i>	1968
A Play Machine <i>43 Computer Files (.jpg)</i>	1969
Recreation Center <i>61 Computer Files (2 TIFF files, 58 JPEG files)</i>	1969
New Hampshire Cabins <i>22 Computer Files (1 TIFF file, 21 JPEG files)</i>	1970
Guilford Beach Shelter <i>38 Computer Files (13 TIFF files, 25 JPEG files)</i>	1971
Wallingford Train Station <i>47 Computer Files (1 TIFF file, 46 JPEG files)</i>	1972
Camp Farnam Pavilion <i>28 Computer Files (2 TIFF files, 26 JPEG files)</i>	1973
Playground <i>21 Computer Files (.jpg)</i>	1974
Theater, Fireplace <i>80 Computer Files (1 TIFF file, 79 JPEG files)</i>	1974
Medical Center <i>56 Computer Files (27 TIFF files, 28 JPEG files)</i>	1975
Camp Farnam cabins <i>28 Computer Files (10 TIFF files, 19 JPEG files)</i>	1976
Camp Laurelwood <i>39 Computer Files (16 TIFF files, 23 JPEG files)</i>	1977
Shakespeare Theater <i>52 Computer Files (34 TIFF files, 18 JPEG files)</i>	1978
West Haven Community Center <i>62 Computer Files (23 TIFF files, 39 JPEG files)</i>	1979
Dormitory and Conference Center <i>25 Computer Files (3 TIFF files, 22 JPEG files)</i>	1980
Park Pavilion - East Lyme <i>35 Computer Files (21 TIFF files, 14 JPEG files)</i>	1981
Beach Pavilion and Changing Rooms <i>26 Computer Files (4 TIFF files, 19 JPEG files, 3 PDF files)</i>	1982
Concert Stage - New Haven <i>17 Computer Files (4 TIFF files, 13 JPEG files)</i>	1983
Picnic Pavilion - Lighthouse Point <i>22 Computer Files (9 TIFF files, 13 JPEG files)</i>	1984
Park Pavilioin, East Rock <i>15 Computer Files (2 TIFF files, 13 JPEG files)</i>	1985



## Electronic records &gt; Yale Building Project Digital Archive (continued)

Education Pavilion <i>42 Computer Files (37 TIFF files, 5 JPEG files)</i>	1986
Concert Pavilion - Bridgeport <i>35 Computer Files (9 TIFF files, 26 JPEG files)</i>	1987
Meeting House <i>13 Computer Files (1 TIFF file, 12 JPEG files)</i>	1988
Hallock Avenue <i>30 Computer Files (6 TIFF files, 24 JPEG files)</i>	1989
133 Rosette Street <i>33 Computer Files (15 TIFF files, 18 JPEG files)</i>	1990
Blake Street <i>50 Computer Files (46 TIFF files, 4 JPEG files)</i>	1991
316 Newhall Street <i>49 Computer Files (21 TIFF files, 28 JPEG files)</i>	1992
348 Newhall Street <i>65 Computer Files (37 TIFF files, 28 JPEG files)</i>	1993
Dewitt Street <i>60 Computer Files (18 TIFF files, 42 JPEG files)</i>	1994
Cassius Street <i>57 Computer Files (22 TIFF files, 35 JPEG files)</i>	1995
140 Cedar Hill Avenue <i>34 Computer Files (5 TIFF files, 29 JPEG files)</i>	1996
50 Derby Avenue <i>28 Computer Files (7 TIFF files, 21 JPEG files)</i>	1997
96 Sherman Avenue <i>72 Computer Files (54 TIFF files, 18 JPEG files)</i>	1998
212 Winthrop Avenue <i>51 Computer Files (6 TIFF files, 45 JPEG files)</i>	1999
23 West Read Street <i>77 Computer Files (45 TIFF files, 32 JPEG files)</i>	2000
33-35 Fifth Street <i>109 Computer Files (5 TIFF files, 104 JPEG files)</i>	2001
83 Parmalee Avenue <i>120 Computer Files (100 JPEG files, 20 DWG files)</i>	2002
14 Porter Street <i>307 Computer Files (.jpg)</i>	2003
20 Hudson Street <i>374 Computer Files (369 JPEG files, 1 PDF file, 4 PSD files)</i>	2004
590 Orchard Street <i>375 Computer Files (369 JPEG files, 1 PDF file, 4 PSD files)</i>	2005

Electronic records > Yale Building Project Digital Archive (continued)

51 Henry Street  
*270 Computer Files (.jpg)* 2006

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New Digital Material  
*507 Computer Files (.tif)*

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Unknown  
*338 Computer Files (57 TIFF files, 279 JPEG files, 2 DOC files)*

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**Accession 2010-A-073: Records***13.5 linear feet*

## Background material

b. 1, f. 1	The Building Project-Submission: ACSA Collaborative Practice Award	
b. 1, f. 2-3	News clippings/press	circa 1982-2003
b. 1, f. 4	Habitat for Humanity publicity	1990-1992
b. 1, f. 5	Arch 502B, Neighborhood Study Project: Newhallville essays	1990
b. 1, f. 6	Structural calculations: Beach Pavilion, Lighthouse Point Park	1984

## Photographs, slides, negatives, and videos

b. 2, f. 7	Team pictures	
b. 2, f. 8	Dock and floating sculptures (Whitesburg, Kentucky); play device, Camp Cedarcrest (Orange, Connecticut); Community Center, Long River Village (Middletown, Connecticut)	1969
b. 2, f. 9	Cabin Creek Medical Center (Dawes, West Virginia); House addition (Branford, Connecticut)	1975
b. 2, f. 10	Three cabins at Camp Farnam, Durham, Connecticut	1976
b. 2, f. 11	Camp Laurelwood shelter, Madison, Connecticut	1977
b. 2, f. 12-13	Picnic pavilion at the Stratford Festival Theatre, Stratford, Connecticut	1978
b. 2, f. 14	West Haven Community House, West Haven, Connecticut	1979
b. 2, f. 15	Cohen Memorial Lodge at Camp Sequassen, New Hartford, Connecticut	1980
b. 2, f. 16	Hopkins pavilion at the Yale Outdoor Education Center, East Lyme, Connecticut	1981
b. 2, f. 17	Beach pavilion and changing rooms, Madison, Connecticut	1982
b. 2, f. 18-19	Summer concert stage, New Haven, Connecticut	1983
b. 2, f. 20	Two-family house, 63-65 Hallock Street, New Haven, Connecticut	1989
b. 2, f. 21	Two-family house, 133 Rosette Street, New Haven, Connecticut	1990
b. 2, f. 22	Two-family house, Blake Street, New Haven, Connecticut	1991
b. 2, f. 23	House at 316 Newhall Street, New Haven, Connecticut	1992
b. 2, f. 24-25	House at 348 Newhall Street, New Haven, Connecticut	1993
b. 3, f. 26	House at 92 Dewitt Street, New Haven, Connecticut	1994
b. 3, f. 27-29	House at 10 Cassius Street, New Haven, Connecticut	1995
b. 3, f. 30	House at 136 Cedar Hill Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut	1996
b. 3, f. 31	House at 50 Derby Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut	1997

## Photographs, slides, negatives, and videos (continued)

b. 3, f. 32	House at 96 Sherman Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut	1998
b. 3, f. 33	House at 212 Withrop Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut	1999
b. 3, f. 34	House at 23 West Read Street, New Haven, Connecticut	2000
b. 3, f. 35	House at 33 Fifth Street, New Haven, Connecticut	2001
b. 8	The Barn: A Film, videorecording <i>1 Audio Disc (CD)</i> English	1988
b. 9	Building Project 2002 Construction, videorecording <i>1 Audio Disc (CD)</i> English	2002
Architectural drawings		
b. 4	Camp Laurelwood Shelter, Madison, Connecticut	1977
b. 4	West Haven Community House, West Haven, Connecticut	1979
b. 4	Summer Concert Stage, New Haven, Connecticut	1983
b. 5	Picnic Pavilion in Lighthouse Point Park, New Haven, Connecticut	1984
	Seaside Park Bandshell, Bridgeport, Connecticut	1987
b. 5	Meeting Hall, Smith-Harris Farm, Village of Niantic, Connecticut	1988
b. 6	Two-family house, 63-65 Hallock Street, New Haven, Connecticut	1989
	Two-family house, 133 Rosette Street, New Haven, Connecticut	1990
b. 6	Two-family house, Blake Street, New Haven, Connecticut	1991
b. 7	House at 136 Cedar Hill Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut	1996
b. 7	House at 50 Derby Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut	1997
b. 7	House at 96 Sherman Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut	1998
b. 7	House at 212 Withrop Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut	1999
b. 7	House at 23 West Read Street, New Haven, Connecticut	2000
b. 7	House at 33 Fifth Street, New Haven, Connecticut	2001
	2003 Building Project Digital Archive <i>144 Computer Files (121 DWG, 4 DOC, 2 TIF, 17 other)</i>	2002
	2004 Building Project Digital Archive <i>8999 Computer Files (6149 JPG, 830 DWG, 479 TXT, 249 PDF, 174 GIF, 111 TIF, 41 DOC, 966 other files)</i> English	2003-2004
	2006 Building Project Digital Archive English	2005-2006

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Computer files

*1 Audio Disc (CD)*

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## **Selected Search Terms**

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Design  
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