Finding Aid for the New York State University Construction Fund Project Control and Initiation Unit Aerial Photographs of State University Campuses series.

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**Online Finding Aid Record:**
http://iarchives.nysed.gov/xtf/view?docId=ead/findingaids/15592.xml

**Overview of Records**

**Repository:**
New York State Archives

**Summary:**
These aerial photographs of State University of New York (SUNY) college and university campuses provided the Project Control and Initiation Unit with visual information necessary for capital plans and surveying. Taken at approximately five year intervals between 1962-1981, the photos are of individual campuses and the SUNY Central Administration Building in Albany. In addition, a series of aperture cards depicting construction drawings and schematics of the buildings and grounds is available for the majority of school sites.

**Creator:**
New York State University Construction Fund. Project Control and Initiation Unit

**Title:**
Aerial photographs of state university campuses

**Inclusive Dates:**
1962-1990, Undated

**Quantity:**
53 cubic feet

**Series Number:**
15592

**Arrangement:**
15592-96: Roughly chronological and then by name of campus.

15592-97, 15592-98: Arranged by campus code.

**Administrative History:**
The Project Control and Initiation Unit provides the following services for the various college and university campuses that make up the State University of New York (SUNY): comprehensive capital planning, project development and initiation, budget and cost control, surveying, preparation of design contracts, and development of the university's Academic Master Capital Construction Plan.

**Scope and Contact Note:**
15592-96: This accession consists of approximately 10,800 black-and-white positive and negative photoprints of the campuses that comprise the SUNY system. Included are photos of the SUNY Central Administration Building in Albany, the architecturally significant former headquarters of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad. Taken at approximately five year intervals between 1962-1981, the photos of individual campuses are either from a vertical perspective (useful in topographical mapping and geographical analysis) or from a lower, oblique camera angle (providing more illustrative images of buildings). Prints for the vertical images measure 9 x 9 inches; those for the oblique images measure 4 x 5 inches. Selected views of the various campuses are represented by enlargements measuring 36 x 36 inches. Scales for the vertical images include: 1" = 200', 1" = 400', and 1" = 1000'; the scales for oblique photos vary widely.

15592-97: This accretion consists of ca. 700 aerial photonegatives of the various campuses that comprise the SUNY system. The bulk of the photos, taken from the vertical perspective, date from the 1969-1972 period; although a single 1990 photo is usually present. In addition, a series of aperture cards depicting construction drawings and schematics of the buildings and grounds is available for the majority of school sites.

15592-98: This accretion consists primarily of approximately 1,000 black and white photographs. A few scattered color photos are also present. The bulk of the photographs date from 1985 and 1990, with a few dating as early as 1972.

Use of Records:

Access Restrictions:
There are no restrictions regarding access to or use of this material.

Related Information:

Other Finding Aids:
15592-96, 15592-98, 15592-12, 15592-13: Container list is available at the repository.

Acquisition Information:
15592-12: This accretion includes records from transfer lists 24-83, 21-83, and 188-78.
15592-13: This accretion includes records from transfer list 68-16.

Access Terms:
Subjects:
- College facilities--Planning
- College buildings--New York (State)
- Campus planning--New York (State)
- School sites
- Universities and colleges

Corporate Names:
- New York State University Construction Fund. Project Control and Initiation Unit
- New York State Archives

Genres:
- Aperture cards
- Photonegatives
- Aerial views
- Photographs

Geographic Names:
- New York (State)

Functions:

• Campus planning
• Planning campuses
• Documenting state universities