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North Hall and Library Architecture collection, 2008-16

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**Guide to the North Hall and Library Architecture Collection,
2008-16
LD6501.B758 N67**

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Descriptive Summary

Title:	North Hall and Library Collection, 2008-16
Collection ID:	LD6501.B758 N67
Creator:	Bronx Community College
Extent:	5 linear feet
Repository:	Archives and Special Collections. Bronx Community College

Abstract

The North Hall and Library Architecture Collection consists of five linear feet of photographs and architectural plans describing the planning and construction of the North Hall and Library building on the campus of Bronx Community College.

Administrative Information

Access

Collection is open to the public. Library policy on photocopying will apply. Advance notice may be required.

Publication Rights

For permission to publish, contact the Archivist.

Preferred Citation

Identification of item, date (if known); The North Hall and Library Collection, LD6501.B758 N67, box number; Archives and Special Collections, Bronx Community College.

Custodial History

The North Hall and Library Architecture Collection was donated to the Bronx Community College, Archives and Special Collections in 2016 by David Koenigstein.

Processing Information

The collection was processed and cataloged in 2017.

Historical Note

Spearheaded by Dr. Carolyn G. Williams, as the Bronx Community College sixth President, the North Hall and Library at Bronx Community College (BCC) of the City University of New York, was the first planned construction for a new academic building since BCC moved to the University Heights campus in 1973. The groundbreaking occurred on October 21, 2008 and the building was completed and unveiled on September 21, 2012.

Robert A.M. Stern Architects-led by Robert A.M. Stern, architect, teacher, writer and Dean of the Yale School of Architecture-was the architect for the new academic building, which would include new classrooms and a vaulted double-height library. His firm has designed buildings on college and university campuses across the country, and is adept at introducing new buildings to historic campuses that derive distinctive character from the strong visions of accomplished architects, from Thomas Jefferson at the University of Virginia, to Frank Lloyd Wright at Florida Southern College. The firm had built successfully on other McKim, Mead & White campuses, including at the Harvard Business School in Boston. The North Hall and Library was Stern's first commission for a community college. The associate architect for the building was Ismael Leyva Architects of New York.

Rising on the north side of the College's main quadrangle, the 98,000-square-foot North Hall and Library building construction cost an estimated \$102 million. It advances the original concept of the University Heights campus, drawn up by the legendary architect Stanford White at the turn of the last century. The brick and stone façade extends the visual themes of the campus's earliest creations, including the Hall of Fame for Great Americans and Gould Memorial Library, now the next-door neighbors of the building. It houses 15 large classrooms and a small café on the first floor; a vast, two-story information commons, along with 25 groupstudy rooms and lounge seating on the second floor; and on the third level, book stacks surrounding a balcony will overlook the reading room below.

Hanging from the third-floor balcony are a series of 22 oil paintings depicting scenes of Bronx life created by Bronx artist Daniel Hauben. These paintings of Bronx life, called *A Sense of Place*, are permanently housed with the building and the subjects range from views of the Burnside Avenue station of the number-four train to classic images of the Hall of Fame of Great Americans and the dome of the Gould Memorial Library, both structures designed by Stanford White for what at the time was New York University's University Heights campus.

Scope and Content Note

The North Hall and Library Collection consists of photographs, posters, and architectural plans collected by Professor David Koenigstein which document the construction of the North Hall and Library building on the campus of Bronx Community College from 2008 until its completion in 2012. The collection includes architectural plans submitted before construction began,

photographs taken by Professor Koenigstein, and materials created for a historical exhibit on the subject.

Organization Note

The collection is organized in chronological order.

Access Points

Document Type

Photographs.
Posters.
Architectural plans.

Subject Organizations

Bronx Community College

Subject Topics

Community colleges.
Architecture.
Libraries.

Subject Places

Bronx (New York, N.Y.)

Container List

Box number	Title	Date	Contents
1	Exterior illustrations	6/4/2007	Architectural illustrations of exterior of North Hall. Marked Robert A.M. Stern Architects.
1	Interior illustrations	6/4/2007	Architectural plan of interior of North Hall. Marked Robert A.M. Stern Architects.
1	Parking lot photo	2008	Oversized photograph of parking lot which formerly occupied the site of North Hall.
2	Exhibit posters	2/2016	Posters for an exhibit on the construction of North Hall.
3	Architectural photos	undated	Oversized photos on card of architectural models of North Hall.

3	BCC campus illustrations	undated	Illustrations of BCC campus with North Hall and new landscaping mounted on card
unboxed	Architectural plans	11/17/2008	Bound volume of architectural plans of New Hall produced for the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York for bidding process.