
Samuel B. Solter Architectural Drawings CSU.061

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Title: Samuel B. Solter Architectural Drawings

creator: California. Office of Architecture and Construction

creator: Solter, Samuel B. (Samuel Bernard Solter)

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Physical Description: 28 items4 oversized folders;Print copies mounted on artist board. One (1) architectural drawing is printed directly on the board and two (2) items on paper.Generally, the items are posterboard with dimensions of 16 x 20 in. and images with dimensions of 9 x 14 in.

Date (inclusive): 1966

Abstract: Architectural drawings of proposed California State University campus buildings (California State Colleges at the time of rendering) and California State buildings drawn by Samuel B. Solter (May 30, 1920-May 4, 2016).

Access

There are no access restrictions on this collection.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The California State University Archives acquired the Samuel B. Solter Architectural Drawings as a gift from Nancy Solter Amodeo and Tony Amodeo.

Arrangement

The drawings are arranged in four folders separated by California State University buildings, California State buildings, and unknown buildings.

Biographical Note

Samuel Bernard Solter (May 30, 1920- May 4, 2016) was an architectural illustrator and model-builder in the California Office of Architecture and Construction. He was born in Kerhonkson, New York to Harry and Sadie Solomiansky, Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe. He moved to Los Angeles as a child where his family owned a grocery store and his father also worked in carpentry.

Solter served in World War II as a sergent in the Army Air Corps. After serving in the army, he attended the Art Center College of Design in Los Angeles on the G.I. Bill (Government Issue). Throughout his life, Solter had various careers including hand-painted tie business, a family pearl business, and a family stained glass business in addition to his work for the State of California.

Solter was married to Marie Solter and they had two children: Ken Solter and Nancy Amodeo.

Preferred Citation

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Processing Information

Processed in September 2019.

Scope and Contents

The architectural drawing are limited to California State University (California State College at the time of drawing) and California State buildings. All drawings are printed facsimilies that were likely presented to governing agencies who made decisions about the construction of State buildings. This includes the Board of Trustees of the California State University for drawings of the college campuses, as sometimes noted in the drawing's accompanied text.

All items, with the exception of three (3) are in color. Black and white drawings are of the Small College at California State University, Dominguez Hills, six (6) pages (counted as one item) of architectural rederings and a drawing of the California State University, Fullerton cafeteria, and one unidentified drawing on paper.

All California State University campuses are identified by a previous system name of "[Campus] State College". In one drawing, California State University, Fullerton is identified as Orange State College, a previous name noting the campus location in Orange County, California. The California Science Center is also identified by a previous name, as the Museum of Science and Industry. University names rendered by the archivist in this finding aid use the campus name only, (i.e. ...Fullerton campus).

In a few instances the head of the OAC (Office of Architecture and Construction), Carl C. McLevy (AIA), and the consulting architects Smith, Powell and Morgridge are identified in the drawings' accompanied text. Solter's signature is also painted in the drawings for most items. On the reverse of some of the boards is a stamp: "Hecht Color Laboratories, Incorporated,

at Columbia Studios, 1339 No. Beachwood Drive., Hollywood 28, Calif. Phone: Hollywood 5-8311."

Although many of the drawings include a building name, it is unclear if all buildings in this collection have been constructed.

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Subjects and Indexing Terms

California State University and Colleges
California State University
Campus planning—California
College buildings—California
California.--Office of Architecture and Construction
Chino, (Calif.)
California State University, Fullerton
California State University, Dominguez Hills
California State University, Northridge
San Bernardino, (Calif.)
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
California State University, Long Beach

box 1, folder 1	Small College at Dominguez Hills campus Physical Description: 2 items2 drawings1 black and white drawing, 1 color drawing Physical Description: The Small Campus Complex is not explicitly identified.
box 1, folder 1	Joseph Clayes III Performing Arts Building at Fullerton campus Physical Description: 1 item
box 1, folder 1	Cafeteria at Orange State College (Fullerton campus) Physical Description: 1 item6 pages, stapled Physical Description: Drawings include location on campus, floor plans (1-2), black and white drawing, and perspective drawings from north, south, east, and west.
box 1, Folder 1	College Commons. California State College at Fullerton Physical Description: 1 item
box 1, folder 1	Nursing Building. California State College at Long Beach Physical Description: 1 item
box 1, folder 1	South Tower rendering at Los Angeles campus Physical Description: 2 items Physical Description: Consists of a color rendering and magazine page with a portion of the rendering printed on one side and a presidential message from then president, Dr. Franklyn A.Johnson.
box 1, Folder 1	Sierra Complex at Northridge campus Physical Description: 1 item
box 1, folder 1	Bayramian Hall (Administration Building) at Northridge campus Physical Description: 1 item

box 1, folder 2	<p>Student Housing Facilities, Cafeteria. California State Polytechnic College, Kellog-Voorhis Campus (Pomona campus) Physical Description: 1 item</p>
box 1, Folder 2	<p>Speech-Drama, Mall, and Cafeteria. San Diego State College Physical Description: 1 item</p>
box 1, folder 2	<p>Speech-Drama Building. San Diego State College Physical Description: 3 items Physical Description: Three architectural drawings of the Speech Drama Building. One drawing has an attached page from the magazine, Masonry Industry, dated November, 1966 with an advertisement for Super Concrete Emulsions, LTD., the maker of the Dutch White Norma Stonefaced Facebrick, used in making the building.</p>
box 1, Folder 2	<p>Science Building. San José State College Physical Description: 2 item</p>
box 1, Folder 3	<p>Hall of Health. California Museum of Science and Industry (California Science Center) Physical Description: 1 item</p>
box 1, Folder 3	<p>Medical Psychiatric Institution. Department of the Youth Authority, Southern California Youth Center, Chino Physical Description: 1 item</p>
box 1, folder 3	<p>State Office Building, San Bernardino Physical Description: 1 item</p>
box 1, Folder 4	<p>Unidentified buildings Physical Description: 9 items Subjects and Indexing Terms Public buildings</p>