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Descriptive Summary

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Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

Czeslawa Zielinska is a Polish-born Canadian architect and the inventor the GETSET Building System and, with her husband Zenon, of the UCOPAN, a pre-cast concrete building system. The collection includes promotional material, published articles, and booklets about UCOPAN as well as copies of landscape and building sketches drawn during her travels.

Creator

Zielinska, Cz.

Extent

0.75 Cubic Feet 2 boxes and 1 oversize folder

Repository

Special Collections and University Archives, Virginia Tech

Administrative Information

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Processing Information

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Biographical Note

Czeslawa (or Czesia) Zielinska is a Polish-born Canadian architect and inventor. She was educated in Poland and holds both a Master of Science degree in Architecture from the Warsaw Technical University in 1952 and a Master of Science in Interior Design from the Academy of Fine Arts in Warsaw in 1962. Zielinska invented the patented GETSET Building System (prefabricated components for building structures and modular furniture), and is co-inventor with her husband, structural engineer Zenon A. Zielinski, of patented UCOPAN (Universal Concrete Panel System). She is a partner in UCOPAN Enterprises and is a member of Royal Institute of Architecture of Canada as well as the Interior Decorators Society of Quebec. Her specialization is in integrated exterior-interior architectural and structural design, low cost housing as well as furniture and product design.

Scope and Content

The Czeslawa Zielinska Architectural Collection includes Zielinska's curriculum vitae, a Canadian patent certificate, promotional literature on UCOPAN as well as published papers and articles relevant to UCOPAN's uses and deployment abroad. It also includes personal accounts and photocopies of landscape and building sketches she drew while she and her family were living in Egypt and India from 1966-1971.

Keywords

Architects

Architects and community

International Archive of Women in Architecture (IAWA)

Women -- History

Women architects -- Canada

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged by subject matter, and is divided into three series: I: Personal Papers, II: Professional Papers, and III: Project Records.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series I: Personal Papers

Unit Date 1964-2005

Unit Date (bulk 1966-1971)

Curriculum vitae, patent, biographical notes, diplomas

Unit Date 1964-2005

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Container 1 (folder)

Sketches [Photocopies], Cairo, Aswan, Alexandria, Egypt and Detroit

Unit Date 1966-1968, n.d.

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Personal Account, Egypt

Unit Date 1966

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Personal Account, India

Unit Date 1968-1971

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Series II: Professional Papers

Unit Date 1970-1979

Conference Materials

Unit Date 1974, 1979

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

GETSET Projects, patents and realized work

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Handbook on Construction of UCOPAN Buildings by Zenon A. Zielinski

Unit Date January 1970

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Container 2 (folder)

Publications

Unit Date 1969-1997

Unit Date (bulk 1970-1975)

**Role of Prefabrication in Low-Cost Housing by Zenon A. Zielinski, part of the publication
Papers on Housing put out by Calcutta Metropolitan Planning Organization**

Unit Date 1969

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**Search for Economic and Universal Housing Systems - Some Design and Construction
Experience by Zenon A. Zielinski**

Unit Date Oct 1970

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Container 4 (folder)

**Demonstration Construction of UCOPAN Houses for Flood Victims at Jalpaiguri, North
Bengal**

Unit Date 1970

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Article in Decormag

Unit Date June 1975

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Container 6 (folder)

Article in the Journal of the Prestressed Concrete Institute

Unit Date May/June 1982

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Container 7 (folder)

Promotional Material on GETSET and UCOPAN

Unit Date c.1973-1997

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Container 8 (folder)

Series III: Project Records

Unit Date 1985-2005

Unit Date (bulk 1985-1987)

Cour St. Marc condominium Montreal

Unit Date 1987

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Container 9-10 (folder)

UCOPAN Barbados: Housing Design

Unit Date 1985-2005

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