

## **Collection Guide: S. R. Crown Hall**

### **Overview**

S. R. Crown Hall (built 1950 – 1956) was designed by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe (1886 – 1969) and serves as the architecture building on the campus of Illinois Institute of Technology (Chicago). The building was dedicated April 30, 1956. It was designated a Chicago Landmark on October 1, 1997 and received National Historic Landmark status on August 7, 2001. Crown Hall was depicted on a U. S. postage stamp in 1982.

### **Materials in UASC**

#### ***Processed Collection***

- 1998.183     *S. R. Crown Hall Collection*  
Publications and miscellaneous materials related to S. R. Crown Hall including.
- 1999.024     *Crown Hall Feasibility Study*  
S. R. Crown Hall Renovation Feasibility Study prepared by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; dated February 1974. Photocopied pages including text, drawings, technical charts, specifications, etc.
- 2000.024     *Landscape drawings: Crown Hall field; State St. & 33rd St.*  
50 sheets (mostly oversize and mostly on vellum) of landscape designs representing all stages from freehand concepts to AutoCAD construction drawings for Crown Hall Field, streetscaping along State St., 31st, and 33rd Streets, all on Illinois Institute of Technology's campus.
- 2001.042     *Crown Hall National Historic Landmark Nomination*  
Copy of the final National Historic Landmark nomination form accepted for S. R. Crown Hall with accompanying letter from the National Historic Landmarks Survey. The narrative cites Crown Hall as "an icon of 'Miesian' architecture and the International Style" (p. 17) for which it was granted Landmark status. The nomination includes extensive verbal description of the building and includes technical specifications, drawings (floor plans) and photographs.
- 2002.14     *Mies van der Rohe/Crown Hall First Day of Issue Stamp*  
Three cancelled stamp covers commemorating First Day of Issue stamps in a series on architecture. Image on stamp on these covers is of S. R. Crown Hall in recognition of the Ludwig Mies van der Rohe-designed campus of Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago.
- 2004.51     *S. R. Crown Hall Historic Structure Report by McClier*  
Historic structure report completed by McClier corporation at the request of IIT for S. R. Crown Hall designed by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe.

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- 2005.37     *Video tape: WTTW's Crown Hall Reconstruction*  
Video tape of the Crown Hall Restoration segment of the "About Chicago" series produced for the Chicago Tonight program by WTTW TV (Channel 11), Chicago. First aired Oct. 13, 2005.
- 2005.40     *Crown Hall Press Packet*  
Media packet of promotional materials released to media at the beginning of the 2005 exterior restoration (and subsequent interior renovation) of S. R. Crown Hall on the campus of Illinois Institute of Technology.
- 2006.01     *Crown Hall Presentation Book*  
Handmade book about S. R. Crown Hall (1 of three copies) produced as a stewardship gift by the IIT Office of Institutional Advancement for the Crown family. The book contains images (both historic and recent) of the building, events related to it, and people associated with it. Short captions accompany the images.
- 2007.11     *CD-ROM, "Celebrating 50 Years: S.R. Crown Hall 1956-2006"*  
Celebrating 50 Years: S.R. Crown Hall, 1956-2006 being a CD-ROM containing photographs and texts, documenting the planning, construction, and uses of S.R. Crown Hall on the campus of the Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago.
- 2007.43     *Mies van der Rohe/Crown Hall First Day of Issue Stamp*  
Cancelled stamp cover commemorating first day of issue stamp. Image on stamp on cover is of S. R. Crown Hall in recognition of the Ludwig Mies van der Rohe-designed campus of Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago. Cancellation dated Sept. 30, 1982.
- 2008.01     *Mies van der Rohe LP album, slides of Crown Hall*  
Audio recording ("Bauwelt Archiv" [Building World Archives]) and photographs related to Ludwig Mies van der Rohe and S. R. Crown Hall construction.
- 2008.06     *DVD, Hubbard St. Dance performance, Crown Hall, 2008*  
DVD, titled: "Innovation in Dance & Design: Hubbard Street in S.R. Crown Hall, January 25-27, 2008." Produced by the Mies van der Rohe Society and the College of Architecture, Illinois Institute of Technology (Chicago).

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