

Cooper, Robertson & Partners Records

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 1991

CREATOR: Cooper, Robertson & Partners

TITLE: Cooper, Robertson & Partners records

DATES: 1979-2008

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 57.5 linear feet (22 boxes)

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 9,115.5 Megabytes

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The records, dated 1979 to 2008, consist of drawings, press clippings, reports, photographs, and other project-related materials for a portion of the architectural work undertaken by the New York firm Cooper, Robertson & Partners. The drawings include sketches, schematics, site plans, and working and record drawings. The collection also comprises press materials pertaining to the firm's two founding partners, Alexander Cooper and Jaquelin Robertson.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Cooper, Robertson & Partners, 2012.

Conditions Governing Access

Some projects are restricted and require permission of the firm to access. See Project Index for details.

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Other Finding Aids

For a list of projects and boxes in which materials are located, please consult the [Project Index](#).

Biographical / Historical

Cooper, Robertson & Partners (CRP) is a New York-based architecture and urban design firm founded in 1979 as Alexander Cooper Associates. The firm became Cooper Eckstut Associates in 1981, Alexander Cooper+ Partners in 1986, and finally Cooper, Robertson & Partners in 1988, when longtime colleague Jaquelin Robertson joined the firm. Both Cooper (BA 1958; MArch 1962) and Robertson (BA 1955; MArch 1961) are graduates of Yale University. CRP has carried out significant commissions for cultural and academic institutions, public agencies, entertainment companies, and developers of new communities. CRP is also known for its high-end residential work. The principals of CRP combine significant experience in government, teaching, and academic administration with private practice, as well as acting as representatives for both public and private development clients.

Within the firm's portfolio is the master plan for Battery Park City in New York City, the Framework for Campus Planning for Yale University, the plan for Allston at Harvard University, Columbia University's School of Social Work, MoMA QNS, the Ethical Culture Fieldston School, Duke University Cancer Center, Charleston Visitors Center, Disney Celebration and WaterColor in Florida, as well as the design of Zuccotti Park in Lower Manhattan and the design of a new 32-acre waterfront park in Miami – a range of work that extends from cities to gardens. More recently, the firm has undertaken a number of projects aimed at strengthening the cultural and physical infrastructure of New York City, including designs for the new Whitney Museum of American Art, Hunter College's School of Social Work, the Harlem Village Academy, and continued work for the Metropolitan Museum of Art for whom the firm completed a Collections Master Plan. CRP has shaped master plans for six miles along Philadelphia's Delaware River waterfront, for Research Triangle Park in North Carolina, and for the Honeywell Corporate Campus in New Jersey, as well

as designing several new homes and apartment renovations. CRP is also a member of the winning team for The City + The Arch + the River 2015 International Design competition in St. Louis.

Cooper, Robertson & Partners has received numerous design awards for its work and is the first firm to receive National American Institute of Architects Awards in both architecture and urban design in the same year.

Sources: Firm information courtesy of Cooper, Robertson & Partners

Scope and Contents

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List of projects in collection

Project Number	Project Name/Client/Title
80003	Battery Park City
93003	Celebration
90029	New Albany Country Club
88035	Rose House
97019	WaterColor
97005	Yale Framework for Campus Planning
11021	Zuccotti Park

Arrangement

The projects are arranged by job number.

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Project records

For a list of projects and boxes in which materials are located, please consult the [Project Index](#).

	Battery Park City	1979–1982
	Job number: 80003	
	Job location: New York, NY	
	Project type: Urban Design, MP	
b. 1	Press Files	
b. 2	Reports and Books	
	Celebration	1997
	Job number: 93003	
	Job location: Celebration, FL	
	Project type: Urban Design, MP, New Town Plan	
b. 2, 8	Press Files	
b. 2	Reports and Books	
b. 2	Drawings: Sketches	
b. 2	Drawings: Schematic/Design Development	
b. 5, 7	Working Drawings: Architectural/Structural	
b. 4–8	Drawings: Site/Landscape	
b. 5	Drawings: As-Built/Record	
	New Albany Country Club	1991–1993
	Job number: 90029	
	Job location: Columbus, OH	
	Project type: Architecture, Urban Design	
b. 3	Press Files	
b. 3, 11	Drawings: Schematic/Design Development	
b. 9	Working Drawings: Architectural/Structural	
b. 10–11f. 12	Drawings: Site/Landscape	
b. 4	Drawings: As-Built/Record	

	Private Residence Job number: 88035 Job location: East Hampton, NY Project type: Architecture	1986
b. 13	Drawings: As-Built/Record	
	WaterColor Job number: 97019 Job location: WaterColor, FL Project type: Urban Design, MP, New Town Plan	2007
b. 3	Press Files	
b. 3	Drawings: Sketches	
b. 3, 14, 20	Drawings: Schematic/Design Development	
b. 15-16, 18-19f. 17	Working Drawings: Architectural/Structural	
b. 14	Drawings: Site/Landscape	
b. 20	Drawings: As-Built/Record	
	Yale Framework for Campus Planning Job number: 97005 Job location: New Haven, CT Project type: Urban Design, MP, Education	2000
b. 21	Drawings: Sketches	
b. 21	Drawings: Schematic/Design Development	
b. 21	Working Drawings: Architectural/Structural	
b. 21	Drawings: Site/Landscape	
	Zuccotti Park Job number: 11021 Job location: New York, NY Project type: Urban Design, Public Space	2006
b. 3	Reports and Books	
b. 3	Correspondence	
b. 3	Photographs, Negatives, and Slides	
b. 22	Working Drawings: Architectural/Structural	
	Press Files on Principals	1979-2012

Computer files

1 Audio Disc (CD)

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Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Architecture -- Designs and plans
Architecture -- United States

Geographic Names

Battery Park (New York, N.Y.)
Celebration (Fla.)

Names

Cooper, Alexander, 1936-
Robertson, Jaquelin Taylor, 1933-

Corporate Bodies

Cooper, Eckstut Associates
Cooper, Robertson & Partners