On the Evolution of Visual Resources: A Case Study from the Institute of Fine Arts

Scope Drift: Blending and Rebranding in Visual Resources
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35mm slide drawers, Visual Resources Collections, Institute of Fine Arts (2013; J. Rodda photo)
Classroom, late 1940s, Warburg House. Institute of Fine Arts Archive photo.
Computer lab, Institute of Fine Arts (2018; J. Rodda photo)
Visual Resources Evolves

• Film images → digital images
• Slide projectors → digital projectors
• Slide library → image database
• Boxes or trays of slides → stick drives
• Boxes or trays of slides → PPT, OIV, KN
Computer Services Expands

- First computers: IBM PCs
- First printing services: ca. 1995
- First computer lab: ca. 1998
- First digital projection experiment: 1995
- First digital classroom: 2004
- First video recording: 2009
- First video conference: 2017
NYU’s Artstor iteration (Kress lantern slide scans), screenshot, February 2018.
Merged Department Portfolio

- All images, all formats, all purposes
- All web-based resources
- Audio, video, still image recording and archiving
- All computers, all offices/classrooms, all purposes (admin, library, classroom, research)
- All printing services
- Educational technology support, including livestreaming and simulcasting
- Computer lab upkeep and maintenance
- Software, hardware, applications purchases and maintenance
- ....and....and.....and....
Hand-colored lantern slide, artist at the Arch of Constantine, ca. 1880-1890. Collection of the Institute of Fine Arts, Conservation Center (digital image i10-04100).
Digital Media/Computer Services

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Main lecture hall, 2017 (N. Roberts photo)