

Using Omeka and Neatline to Build an Interactive Campus Map

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Overview of IIT

- Formed in 1949 by merger of Armour Institute and Lewis Institute
- Located in the south side Chicago neighborhood of Bronzeville
- Campus is on the National Register of Historic Places, and S. R. Crown Hall was named a National Historic Landmark in 2001

Project Overview

- There's more to campus history than Mies van der Rohe
- Tracking the transitions and transformations at IIT & Bronzeville
- Illustrating intersections of old and new on IIT's campus

Sustainability

- Software selection
- Collaborative project management
- Workflows and priorities, and planning for tomorrow

Programming as non programmers

- Tackling systems administration
- Safety first (effective backups)
- Hands-on, low stakes crash course in PHP, Javascript and JQuery

User-focused design

- Considering mobile access
- Responsive design
- Designing for a broad audience

Lessons Learned

- Dive in!
- Safe/effective workflows for new features for live site
- Design is never done
- Don't fall in love

What's Next

- More Bronzeville Locations and History
- Maps for Other Campuses
- Scholarly Essays
- Written / Audio Interviews
- User-Supplied Stories and Commentary

Any questions?

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