Occupy Collecting at NYU

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OWS Collecting

• Tamiment special collections library
  – archive of labor and the left
  – collections of print, ephemera, media, born digital
  – web archiving of political sites

• Occupy Wall St. collecting
  – single archival Tamiment collection, EAD
  – several sources
OWS Content

- YouTube
- Web
- Meeting notes
- Ephemera
- Oral/video history
- Google, Facebook groups
Collecting -- YouTube

• YouTube: 34,000 hits for “ows”

• plug-in for FireFox (downloadhelper.net)

• currently ca. 250 items, policy: large events

• Fair Use: 2012 ARL Code of Best Practices
  – “transformative” collecting with context
Collecting – Think Tank

Think Tank

Since September 2011, the Occupy Wall Street People's Think Tank has been facilitating open dialogues in public spaces throughout New York's financial district. Formerly based in Liberty Plaza, we are reconfiguring our schedule in order to address the decentralization of the movement.

The think tank is a space where Wall Street bankers, chronically homeless folks, union workers, lawyers, and underemployed college grads might talk about the relationship between art and politics, or the effects of stop and frisk policing on communities of color. By simply sitting down together in public, we create a space in which all people have an equal voice on the issues that matter to them. Our working group also provides a space to discuss issues within the OWS movement. ThinkTank has been the site of initial conceptions for action plans, adjustments to the GA process, pop-up occupations, and conversations between Town Hall planning and the homeless population. We record the conversations, and with help from NYU's Tamiment library, we plan to get them organized and back to the public as an open-source digital archive.

Also, be sure to Like our Facebook page for daily updates:
http://www.facebook.com/pages/OWS-Think-Tank/252257074434147

Tags: thought ideas positions political analysis collection economy society culture
Collecting – Think Tank

• Blue sky, strategy

• Daily, 2 hours

• Audio capture hardware provided by NYU library (Zoom-H2n)

• Bi-weekly digital file transfers
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OWS Think Tank
Guidelines for Facilitators Archiving Audio and Video

There are a few actions that facilitators can take that will make it much easier for Tamiment, and any other entity wishing to archive Think Tank recordings, to manage, describe, preserve, and provide access to these recordings.

When recording the session:
Check your equipment
Check to make sure the recorder is working, and that time and date display are correct. If date and time displayed are not correct, make sure not to forget the next step.

If the recorder gives you a choice between types of files to create, choose the larger of the two. If there is a choice between .wav and .mp3, you want .wav.

Identify the session uniquely
Record the date, time, location, name of facilitator, and topic of conversation, saying something like: "It is Friday Dec 16th, 2PM, at Zuccotti Park in NYC. This is Sarah Smith facilitating a Think Tank forum on topic X".

State your intention of who holds rights to the recording
A recording in the public domain or with a Creative Commons license will be much easier to provide access to in the future. Advise the participants of the value of their consenting to be recorded and archived. Say something like: This Think Tank is being recorded, with the intent that the recording be a part of the public domain and remain free from copyright restriction. By participating, you agree to be recorded, and that the recording will be a part of the public domain.

After creating the recording:
Organize the recording files so they can be told apart
Create a computer folder for each event that identifies the event. The folder should be named in four parts, with hyphens between each part:
1. 6-digit date: year, month, day, as in YYYYMMDD, e.g., "20120212";
2. OWS site, e.g., "nyc";
3. unique name for the facilitator, e.g., "johnb";
4. two-digit number, counting the number of events for this facilitator, for this day. In other words, every day, each facilitator starts over at "01";

For example, a folder might be named "20120115-nyc-johnb-02".

Put the media file from the audio or video device into the folder. Do not change the name of the media file. Also put any other files associated with the event, such as notes, or other text documents, into the folder.

Hand off the files as soon as possible
The sooner you get the files to Tamiment, the less chance they have of becoming lost or corrupted.
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The Tamiment Library and Robert F. Wagner Labor Archives

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West 4th b/w LaGuardia and Greene Streets
New York, NY 10012 Map

Telephone: 212-998-2300
Fax: 212-998-4225

http://www.nyu.edu/library/bobst/research/tam/index.html
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OWS Archives Working Group

- Oral histories w/formal releases
- Other materials: Independent ownership?
OWS Minutes Working Group

- Documents formal decisions
- Actions
- Finances
- Via web archive
Web Archiving

• ~40 sites

• Collection focus is NYC and national, not other localities
Also . . .

- Ephemera
  - paper, posters
- Some: OWS Media Working Group
- Not yet: Google groups, Facebook