

Occupy Collecting at NYU

David Millman

New York University, Libraries & ITS

dsm@nyu.edu

April, 2012

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 | Activity | NYC General Assembly # Occupy Wall Street


www.nycga.net/groups/think-tank/

Think Tank | Activity | NYC Gen...

#OCCUPYWALLSTREET NEW YORK CITY GENERAL ASSEMBLY BETA

ACTIVITY BULLETIN GROUPS EVENTS ASSEMBLIES ▾ RESOURCES ▾ MAPS ▾ HOW TO HELP ABOUT

» Join Us for the [March to Commemorate the 6 Month Anniversary of the Mass Arrests on the Brooklyn Bridge](#), Sunday, April 1, 2:30pm.
» Start Training for [May Day](#) and [Join the Spring Resistance! Marches Every Friday](#), 2pm in Liberty Square!
» [OWS@UNSQ Union Square](#) Has Been **Occupied**.



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 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/256207074434147>

Tags: thought ideas positions politics analysis collection economy society culture

Group Admins



Please create an account to get started.

Username

Password

Remember Me

HOW TO HELP

OTHER WAYS TO HELP

GA AND SPOKES COUNCIL

Spokes Council
Mon. Apr 2 - 7:00 PM
TBD

General Assembly
Tue. Apr 3 - 7:00 PM

ACTIVITY CONTACT BLOG FORUM DOCS 16 EVENTS 1 MEMBERS 845

Show: Everything RSS

poc replied to the forum topic [The Usual Suspects or Posting Dominatrixes](#) in the group [Think Tank](#) 19 hours, 17 minutes ago

Collecting – Think Tank

- Blue sky, strategy
- Daily, 2 hours
- Audio capture hardware provided by NYU library (Zoom-H2n)
- Bi-weekly digital file transfers

Collecting – Think Tank

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 Zucotti 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. 8-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.

Collecting – Think Tank



tamwag

[Edit](#) | [Back to Partners](#)

Partner Long Name	The Tamiment Library and Robert F. Wagner Labor Archives
Partner Code	tamwag
R* Path	/content/prod/rstar/content/tamwag
Partner Contact Information	Elmer Holmes Bobst Library, 10th Floor 70 Washington Square South (West 4th btwn LaGuardia and Greene Streets) New York, NY 10012 Map Telephone: 212-998-2630 Fax: 212-995-4225
Partner Description:	http://www.nyu.edu/library/bobst/research/tam/index.html

tamwag :: collections

[New Collection](#)

Code	Ready for Content	Long Name	R* Path	Contact
aiagih	yes	AIA.030: Ireland House Oral History Collection	/content/prod/rstar/content/tamwag/aiagih	Mike Nash michael.nash@nyu.edu Marion Casey marion.casey@nyu.edu
aiamn	yes	AIA.036 Miriam Nyhan Oral History Collection	/content/prod/rstar/content/tamwag/aiamn	Mike Nash michael.nash@nyu.edu Marion Casey marion.casey@nyu.edu
albamoscov	yes	ALBA PHOTO 177: International Brigades Archive, Moscow: Selected Images	/content/prod/rstar/content/tamwag/alba_moscov	Michael Nash michael.nash@nyu.edu Erika Gottfried erika.gottfried@nyu.edu
ows	yes	TAM598: Occupy Wall Street Think Tank Collection	/content/prod/rstar/content/tamwag/ows	michael.nash@nyu.edu chela.weber@nyu.edu
randallphoto	yes	ALBA.PHOTO.011 : Harry Randall: Fifteenth International Brigade Photographs	/content/prod/rstar/content/tamwag/randall_photo	Michael Nash michael.nash@nyu.edu Erika Gottfried erika.gottfried@nyu.edu

Collecting – Think Tank



David S. Millman Sign out He

Storage :: tamwag/ows/xip/CRUCIAL_003_8617B7AE-5C75-4D5F-BFDE-9B0423C7A821/bag-info.txt

Source-organization: Tamiment-Wagner
Organization-address: 70 Washington Square South, New York, NY 10012
Contact-name: Chela Weber
Contact-phone: +1-212-998-2631
Contact-email: chela.weber@nyu.edu
Bagging-date: 2011-11-30T04:22:18Z
Payload-Oxum: 8486775193.20
Internal-sender-identifier: Occupy Wall Street (OWS) Think Tank Collection
Internal-sender-description: Content from the Occupy Wall Street Think Tank sessions
nyu-dl-project-name: tamwag/ows
nyu-dl-hostname: dl-oak.bobst.nyu.edu
nyu-dl-pathname: /Volumes/CRUCIAL_003

Collecting – Think Tank

```
=====  
/content/prod/process/rstar/bin/rs-xfer/bin/rs-xfer-validate.sh v0.0  
current time: 2011-11-29T23:15:02-0500  
=====  
validating /content/prod/rstar/xfer/  
CRUCIAL_001_4A1FDAE0-06C0-462F-963C-7D66E75584DA  
  testing that 'bag-info.txt' file exists  
  testing that manifest is not empty  
  executing /usr/local/bin/bag verifyvalid  
Result is true.  
  PASSED bag validation  
=====  
end of script: /content/prod/process/rstar/bin/rs-xfer/bin/rs-xfer-  
validate.sh  
current time: 2011-11-29T23:16:55-0500  
=====  
/content/prod/process/rstar/bin/rs-xfer/bin/rs-xfer-validate.sh v0.0  
current time: 2011-11-29T23:16:55-0500  
=====  
validating /content/prod/rstar/xfer/CRUCIAL_002_24DB148F-1B15-4ED2-93DF-  
AF8D63DF05F6  
  testing that 'bag-info.txt' file exists  
  testing that manifest is not empty  
  executing /usr/local/bin/bag verifyvalid  
Result is true.  
  PASSED bag validation  
=====  
end of script: /content/prod/process/rstar/bin/rs-xfer/bin/rs-xfer-  
validate.sh  
current time: 2011-11-29T23:19:24-0500  
=====
```

Collecting – Think Tank



David S. Millman Sign out Help

Storage :: tamwag/ows/xip/CRUCIAL_003_8617B7AE-5C75-4D5F-BFDE-9B0423C7A821/manifest-md5.txt

```
5fa98c26bcffe6d61de240cf15be0b2f data/CRUCIAL_003/11.19.2011/ZOOM0001.mp3
e70255a12cdcb9082723571a01eea07d data/CRUCIAL_003/11.19.2011/ZOOM0001.WAV
80e912854614b27f8e08e889e650f83a data/CRUCIAL_003/11.19.2011/ZOOM0002.mp3
82a9ed69607e9b8757858540853ae2fa data/CRUCIAL_003/11.19.2011/ZOOM0002.WAV
daed41be0df8c6dc6d479b97d5ef6b39 data/CRUCIAL_003/11.19.2011/ZOOM0003.mp3
8e70c2fbc49e69f5515b4d906be62a70 data/CRUCIAL_003/11.19.2011/ZOOM0003.WAV
352427fc0bf026d64ced86bce553a620 data/CRUCIAL_003/11.20.2011/STEREO/FOLDER01/ZOOM0001.mp3
7c73ba7072d911601d70de061fa5ca39 data/CRUCIAL_003/11.20.2011/STEREO/FOLDER01/ZOOM0001.WAV
3a54f42764e247541a35565c7c6ce129 data/CRUCIAL_003/11.20.2011/STEREO/FOLDER01/ZOOM0002.mp3
34aa18047671d469f10800099ff3c5e0 data/CRUCIAL_003/11.20.2011/STEREO/FOLDER01/ZOOM0002.WAV
6d9d2fbce2372ee3b8a8b997860a221b data/CRUCIAL_003/11.26.2011/ZOOM0001.WAV
9990187d635b787cbb9c437b0ba535c9 data/CRUCIAL_003/11.26.2011/ZOOM0002.WAV
00a70ca18b5dfd6724f179b652dd1ebe data/CRUCIAL_003/11.27.2011/ZOOM0003.WAV
ec4c69e5213097eece330c4ab6d1c7e1 data/CRUCIAL_003/11.27.2011/ZOOM0004.WAV
4791e8b308238cf00d3ee6f0eba5b96e data/CRUCIAL_003/11.27.2011/ZOOM0005.WAV
f02bcebce260916257dc4d1408dc88b8 data/CRUCIAL_003/11.27.2011/ZOOM0006.WAV
1cea260e3c55e87b98eca87d98bc63e5 data/CRUCIAL_003/11.27.2011/ZOOM0007.WAV
1c04e03b7fb9a711d2c35999ba5557cd data/CRUCIAL_003/11.28.2011/ZOOM0001.WAV
507bcfafef2c21196e611640e4ece4055 data/CRUCIAL_003/11.28.2011/ZOOM0002.WAV
6ffe2d635879d962b55935c03f8bd5d2 data/CRUCIAL_003/11.28.2011/ZOOM0003.WAV
```

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