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

• Illustrating intersections of old and new on IIT’s campus

• Tracking the transitions and transformations at IIT & Bronzeville
Sustainability

- Software selection
- Collaborative project management
- Workflows and priorities, and planning for tomorrow
Programming as Non-Programmers

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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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