Out of Storage and into the Classroom: Revealing the Spencer Museum of Art Collection through the KU Libraries Information Gateway

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Spencer Museum of Art
More than 25,000 objects in permanent collection
About 500 on display at any given time
Must visit to Museum to view objects
IMLS grant to digitally document the collection
Expertise in digital photography

KU Community
Images scattered in repositories across campus
Instructors must locate images for class use
Digital and analog formats

Project Goals:
Support a growing KU community
developing digital content for research, teaching, and learning

Promote better use of KU resources
through shared expertise

Increased Availability
Open access to Spencer Museum of Art images through KU Libraries Information Gateway
Separate “virtual” Spencer Museum collection and also integration with all Art & Cultural Heritage images

KU Libraries
Building an image repository using Luna Insight
4 Major collections:
Art & Cultural Heritage
Natural History
Medicine
Maps & Cartography

Instruction
Workshops and tutorials developed by Libraries Instructional Services unit
Art History instructors using Spencer Museum of Art images in classes

The Numbers
72,000 images in Art & Cultural Heritage collection
17,200 images in Spencer Museum of Art collection