

**Guide to the Collection on the Massachusetts
Institute of Technology Exhibit at the
World's Columbian Exposition, 1893
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Summary Information

Repository	Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Institute Archives and Special Collections
Title	Collection on the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Exhibit at the World's Columbian Exposition
Date	1893
Extent	0.6 cubic feet consisting of 2 volumes in 2 flat boxes
Location	Materials are stored off-site. Advance notice is required for use.
Language	English
Abstract	The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) was among several institutions represented in an exhibit on higher education at the World's Columbian Exposition held in Chicago in 1893. Two volumes that were part of the MIT exhibit comprise this collection.

Citation

Collection on the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Exhibit at the World's Columbian Exposition, AC 574, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Institute Archives and Special Collections, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Historical note

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) was represented in an exhibit of institutions of higher learning at the World's Columbian Exposition held in Chicago in 1893. MIT occupied 1,100 square feet of exhibit space in two alcoves, flanked by the University of Michigan on one side and Harvard, Princeton, and Columbia on the other. MIT's exhibit included photographs of buildings, rooms, laboratories, and students; charts providing information about student life; student theses and course work; and portfolios offering information on MIT's history, administration, and methods of instruction.

The World's Columbian Exposition (also called the Chicago World's Fair) was a celebration of the 400th anniversary of Christopher Columbus's discovery of the New World. The Chicago fairgrounds opened on May 1, 1893, and closed on October 30, 1893.

Scope and Contents of the Collection

The collection consists of two bound volumes, both part of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology exhibit at the World's Columbian Exposition in 1893. One is a book signed by visitors to the MIT exhibit. The second volume is a large display book titled "Massachusetts Institute of Technology Organization and Administration." The volume provides information on MIT's incorporation, charter and constitution, course schedules, student registration, exams, and other academic statistical information concerning MIT students.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Institute Archives and Special Collections 2007

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Conditions Governing Access note

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Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- World's Columbian Exposition (1893 : Chicago, Ill.)

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Massachusetts Board of Managers, World's Fair, 1893. *Report of the Massachusetts Board of World's Fair Managers*. Boston: Wright & Potter, 1894.

Institute Archives and Special Collections web exhibit on MIT and the World's Columbian Exposition in 1893: <http://libraries.mit.edu/archives/exhibits/worlds-fair/>

Collection Inventory

Visitor's book, World's Columbian Exposition 1893

Massachusetts Institute of Technology Organization and Administration 1893
