Name of Library Research Scholar:
Dana McGeehan

Project Title:
Then & Now Photo Map of Miami, Florida

Project Description:
This project will consist of an ArcGIS map of Miami-Dade County. Each “then” and “now” photo set will be marked with an icon on the map. Upon clicking on the icon, the viewer will encounter two side-by-side photos of the same physical space. These spaces will mostly be buildings, but may also focus on the landscape through maps and how this has changed over time. Furthermore, the physical spaces featured in the map will revolve around a theme and will not be well-known historic spaces (such as Vizcaya, the Biltmore, etc.). The “then” photos will come primarily from the UM Library’s Special Collections and the Florida State Archives website. This includes images that have already been digitized as well as ones that have not. The “now” photos will be ones that I’ve taken myself. I plan to have a paragraph or two of contextual/background information with each photo set on the ArcGIS map.

Project Justification:
As a History major and a Miami native, I’ve always been interested in the history of this city. Though I’m very familiar with a few historic sites – the Merrick House, the Barnacle, Vizcaya, etc. – I’ve always wanted to explore lesser-known sites of historical significance. Through this project, I hope to learn about interesting people and places in Miami history and synthesize this information into a fun, interactive platform that can be used by anyone. Ultimately, the goal is to use photographs – primarily from UM Special Collections – to make historical information come alive. In doing this, the project will serve as a promotion for Special Collections by showcasing the vast holdings of this department.

Project Stakeholders / Team (if appropriate):
Elliot Williams
Jay Sylvestre
Abe Parrish
UM Special Collections

Annotated Bibliography:
Attached at end

Project Deliverables:
1) ArcGIS Story Map containing “then” and “now” photo sets of physical spaces in Miami, Florida
2) Paragraph of contextual information for each photo set
3) Social media campaign showcasing some of the “then” and “now” photo sets via UM Special Collections Instagram account

Resources Needed:
ArcGIS software
Training in ArcGIS software
Access to UM Special Collections
Equipment to scan Special Collections photographs that have not been digitized

Timeline:
1) By February 19, 2018 – have finalized list of locations to feature (15-20)
2) By March 19, 2018 – have all “then” and “now” photos chosen/taken
3) By April 1, 2018 – speak to Jay Sylvestre and decide when Instagram takeover will occur, have all contextual paragraphs written
4) By April 20, 2018 – have ArcGIS map complete
5) Late April-Early May 2018 – Instagram takeover

Project Reviewers:
Elliot Williams
Annotated Bibliography

   A book published in 1980 that recounts the history of influential women in Miami’s history. This book contains photographs and references to primary sources which may be useful for this project, especially if I decide to focus on the theme of women in Miami. Additionally, the narrative portion covers notable and lesser-known women.

   UM Special Collections digitized collection which contains many photos of Marjory Stoneman Douglas’ home. The historic home is in Miami’s Coconut Grove neighborhood. The home is still standing today and as such, it will be part of a “then” and “now” photo set for this project.

   A promotional brochure published in 1987 highlighting the historic neighborhoods in Miami-Dade County. This brochure focuses on the well-known sites of historical significance, but also mentions other attractions. Though it does not feature many photos of these locations, it will be useful because it provides succinct background/contextual information.

   UM Special Collections digitized collection containing photographs of buildings from across Miami-Dade County. This includes Overtown, Miami Beach, and Coral Gables. This collection will be especially useful in locating lesser-known sites and discovering sites that are not mentioned in other sources.

5. **Florida Postcard Collection. University of Miami Library Special Collections,** University of Miami, Miami.
   UM Special Collections non-digitized collection containing photographs used as promotional materials for South Florida. This collection includes postcards documenting physical spaces across South Florida, not just Miami-Dade County. This collection will be useful to discover unique buildings and physical spaces that may not be documented elsewhere.

of Miami Special Collections, University of Miami, Miami. UM Special Collections digitized collection featuring photographs of many landmarks in the Coconut Grove area. This collection will be useful because it focuses on the Coconut Grove neighborhood exclusively.

   
Website run by the State Archives of Florida. This website contains vast digitized collections that will be useful in obtaining photographs as well as for gathering contextual and background information.