

## Pattern & Representation: Critical Cataloging for a New Perspective on Campus History

Megan Macken, Assistant Professor, Oklahoma State University Libraries Louise Siddons, Professor, Art History, Oklahoma State University VRA, March 29, 2022



## History of American Art, Fall 2020





hoped this would become an annual event.

Tobec is president of Ittanaha, OSU American Indian
Club, sponsor of American Indian Week. Tobec said he
Tuestay in the Student Union Theatre.



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way of life through his knowledge of old stories and "teachings," many of which have never been published.

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To Meet A&S Budget Crisis—

### Enlarged Classes, **Teacher Cuts Eyed**

By BETH LINNARD Of The O'Collegian Staff

The College of Arts and Sciences the largest in enrollment at must meet it by possibly reducing the number of teachers and in-George A. Gries suid Thursday.

Speaking to approximately 60 arts and science faculty members, Gries said, "No decision has been made at this time but after meeting with the department heads, we have come up with six

faculty salaries. By this it is meant that teachers leaving the

pointing out a chart of six OSU and in upper division we have the colleges' average class lowest class average, which is enrollment. The chart did not include the College of Veterinary. "Yet we have 56 per cent of the

Medicine. university enrollmen "The College of Arts and university," he added. the number of teachers and in-sciences has a class average of 37. After listing the six possible creasing the sixe of classes, Dean at the lower division level, which savings areas, Gries said the is below the university average, See College, Page 2

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### HISTORY OF OSU ART EXHIBITIONS

This online history of exhibitions at Oklahoma State University is a digital history project led by Associate Professor Louise Siddons in her Fall 2020 History of American Art course, with the assistance of

Digital Scholarship Librarian Megan Macken, who built the database underpinning the site and ran virtual training workshops. Students used the digitized archive of the Daily O'Collegian, the student newspaper, to construct a database of exhibitions held between 1960 and 1999. Each record includes a link to the archival source, as well as a description of the exhibition and records for people-artists, organizers, and more-associated with the exhibition. The database that the students built also documents exhibition locations, helping us build a better understanding of how and where art has appeared on and off campus over the course of the institution's history.

It is our hope that students in future courses will continue to build this resource, and that the database will expand to include more archival resources. In Spring 2021, for example, we are collaborating with the Gardiner Art Gallery's internship program to augment this database with Gallery archival materials.

Oklahoma State University began collecting art in the 1920s, and had been teaching art and architecture even earlier. From the beginning, exhibitions were a key component of the university's land grant mission, sharing faculty and student research, as well as the work of artists from beyond campus, with both campus and community audiences. Exhibition organizers often invited artists to campus, enriching the campus with participatory programs and lectures.





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## History of American Art, Fall 2020

This course will examine major developments and themes in American art across media, from the moment of European contact through the middle of the twentieth century. In addition to examining the production of the many cultures of North America (predominantly in the United States), we will situate American art within its global context and in relation to current events.

This course is being taught online. Most course components will be available asynchronously, but you will be assigned to a discussion section that will meet via videoconference on either Tuesday or Thursday during our scheduled class time.

### Transferable skills

- Research with primary sources
- Digital dissemination of research

### Direct experience

- Writing for academic and public audiences
- Developing a digital humanities project

### Knowledge

 An understanding of how artists and art historians have supported or critiqued structures of inequality in American culture



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- James Riggs Collection
- Kaleidoscope of Color Exhibit 1967
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## Digital History Project

- Groups of 5 students assigned sets of 5 years
- Groups decide how they will distribute work & create work plan
- Individually graded, evaluated based on work plan
- 1-hour training on platform
- 3 weeks to create an exhibition list with links to articles and basic artist info
- Observe context of surrounding articles in the newspapers
- Feedback and Revisions on exhibition cataloging
- Description of one exhibition: info from O'Colly and 1 other scholarly or archival source
- Reflective Essay
  - Common themes, shared goals, organizers, audience reactions
  - Connection to current events/experiences
  - Gaps in exhibition history
  - Propose an artist or exhibition theme that addresses an aspect of what's missing in the history. How would your proposed exhibition respond meaningfully to a current event that was also covered in the O'Colly in your time period?



## Critical Cataloging

'CritCat is short for "critical cataloging," a movement of cultural heritage workers who work to bring social justice, radical empathy, and outreach work into their everyday practice.'

Brian M Watson, critcat.org

Caswell, Michelle, and Marika Cifor. "From Human Rights to Feminist Ethics: Radical Empathy in the Archives." Archivaria 81 (2016): 23-43. muse.jhu.edu/article/687705.



## Selected online discussion questions

### Week 2:

"What is the relationship between your local identity and your sense of what it means to be an 'American'? How does landscape and geography play into that?"

### Week 16:

"Link to one of the exhibitions you are writing about in your Reflective Essay and explain why you chose it."

"What common themes or interests are evident in the answers to Question 1?"



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# Poultry Judgers To Compete At Memphis Show

The A. & M. poultry judging team will leave Sunday for the Southern Intercollegiate Poultry Judging contest, which will be held in Memphis, Tenn. The team will return the latter part of next week.

Team members making the trip are Claude Fite, Cordell; John Hathaway, Cleveland; Alvin Icke, Alsa, and Jack Chambers, Phoenix, Ariz. One of these will be selected as an alternate team member.

Members of the team will judge 2 classes of live market, 40 dressed market, 3 classes of exhibition, 5 classes of production and 20 r.o.p. birds, in addition to 50 grade eggs.

A. & M. team members will be accompanied on the trip by coach C. A. Roberts, poultry department professor. The judging contest is sponsored by the Southern Mixed Feed Manufacturers association.

8 p.m. in college auditorium. this be nineteenth program on tine arts activities of music department. under direction max mitchell, with hiram henry as associate conductor. other faculty members participating: ooncort james gerard, tuba; roger widdor, conductor; and joseph hofriohter, composer-organist. play "marche muitaire no. 1 by schubert; r torture orlando plandino," kaydtt-derubertis; "soiress musicals," rossini-britten; "from shores mighty pacific" by! clarke, featuring i-. "trumpet voluntary," pur-call-widder, also, "tocoata," frescobaldi-brown, conducted widder; "serious march for fun" tiofrichter, lynn pearson, trumpet; wayne nichols, thomas liar-din, trombone; eldon janzon, oboe, hofrichtor, organ; "lift up your hearts" organ elger hofrichter, organ, and, "the league composers" goldman; "college caprice," white-fennell, "tho seafarer" haydn-wood, poultry judgers to compete at memphis show the a. & m. judging team will leave sunday for southern intercollegiate contest, which be held in memphis, tenn. w'll return litter part of next week, members making trip are claude fite, cortlell; john hathftway, clevoland; al-vin icke, alsa, and jack chambers, phoenix, ariz, one these selected as an alternate member, judge 2 classes live market, 40 dressed 3 with summer of production 20 r.o.p. birds, addition 50 grade eggf, accompanied on by coach c. roberts, department professor, contest? sponsored mixad feed manufacturers association. Tussia warned by secretary of state washington, march 23 (ap) ache-son and reassured greece, turkey iran that the i united states is as determined ever to block soviet expansion into strategic middle east it was second time in live days acheson had spoken out publicly underscore policy, evident he feared some nations might have "misinterpreted" this country's recent concentration on north atlantic pact meaning a drop interest east, oit faculty tours new lab saturday w. s. burn, research scientist and director of the power propulsion laboratory, has invited members oklahoma insti-tu

Gardiner Gallery of Art: November 15, 1985 - December 15, 1985

A depression era art exhibition.

**Exhibiting Artists** Smith/Kramer

Topics

2D art, landscapes, drawings, Oklahoma art

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1. 0' Colly, 11-19-1885.





This Week At The Movies . . .

### The **Breakfast Club**

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November 22 & 23 Midnight Movie (12:15 a.m.) Student Union Little Theatre



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"It's a Wonderful Life" Student Union Little Theatre 8:00 p.m.

It All Starts December 4, 6:00 p.m. Student Union West Porch

Don't Miss It!

### Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped with, participated in and came to see Freshman Follies. This year was a big success. See you next year!

-SUAB & Freshman Follies Steering Committee

### **Attention Art Lovers!**

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'Roy Stryker: The Humane Propagandist'

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Surgeon General makes comments regarding AIDS NEW YORK (AP) — The spread of AIDS can be limited if people maintain faithful, menogamous sexual relationships, U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop said in an interview with an evangelical

In what is described as his first

public comments on the deadly disease, Koop said in an interview in the Nov. 22 issue of Christianity

Today that he was offering "public health statement," not

moral judgment.
"As a public health officer, I'm not entitled to a moral opinion in a situation like this," he said. "But the public health opinion that I

give happens to coincide with a moral position of a very large

segment of the country."
AIDS, which crippies the body's

mmune system, has occurre mainly among homosexually ac-tive males, but cases have been

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they have reversed that position i

the last decode, he said.
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He said public fears were war ranted adding, "The public healt

There is no known cure for ac

"AIDS can be maintained at its

The difficulty is that with the

virus having leapt into the heterosexual community, you never know whether a heterosex-

ual partner might be affected There are reports of a very high

incidence of positive virus tests among prostitutes — another source of contamination within

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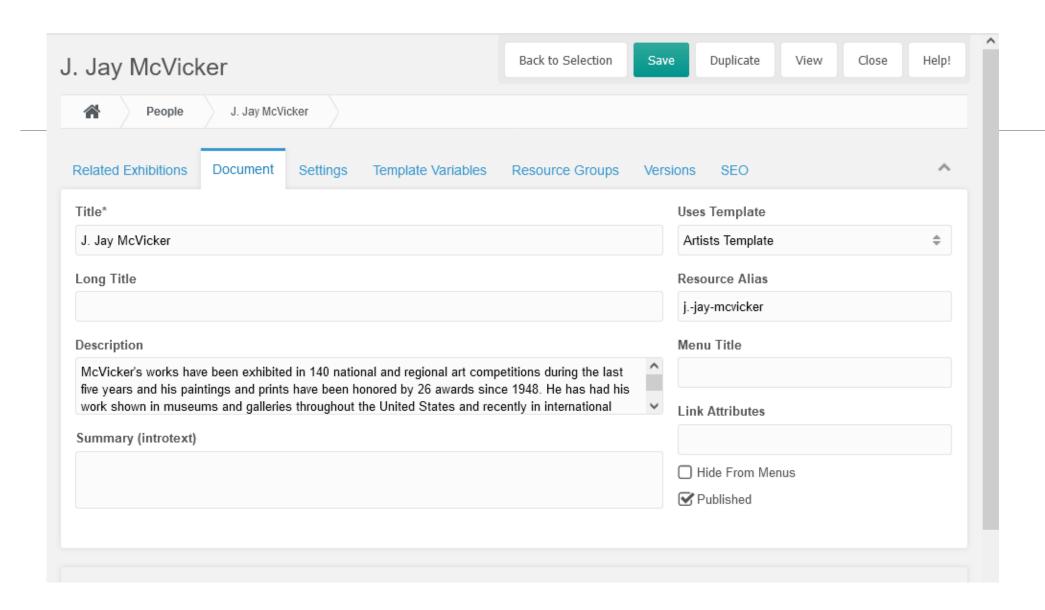
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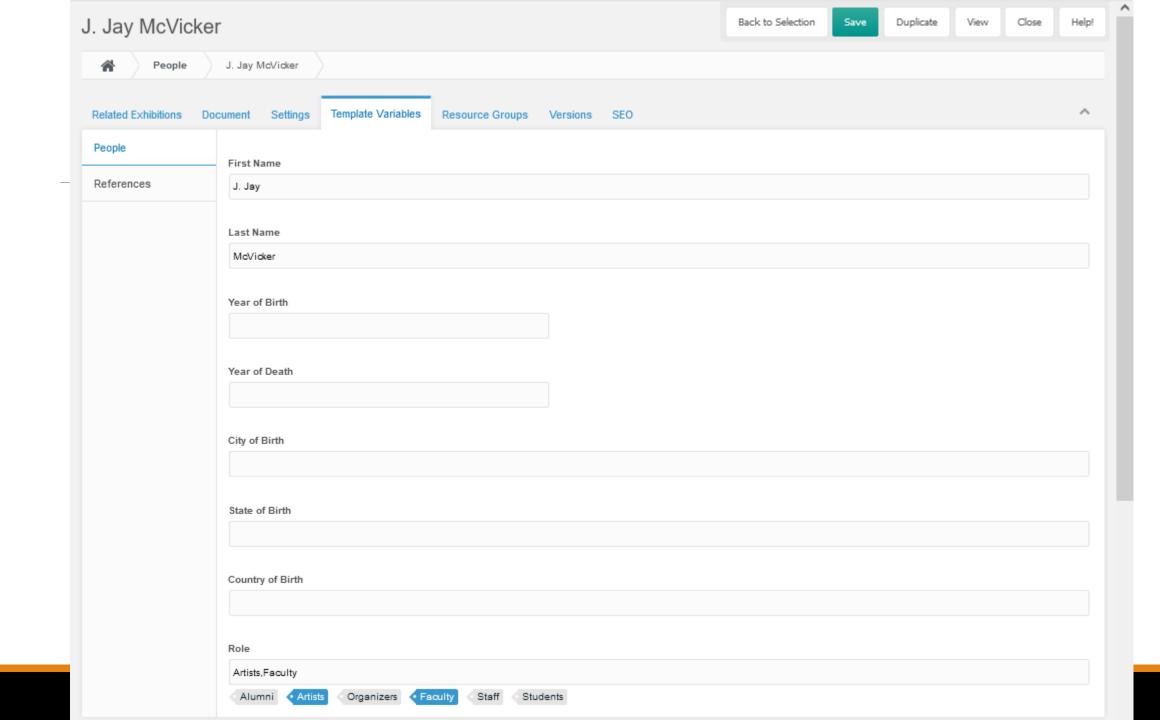
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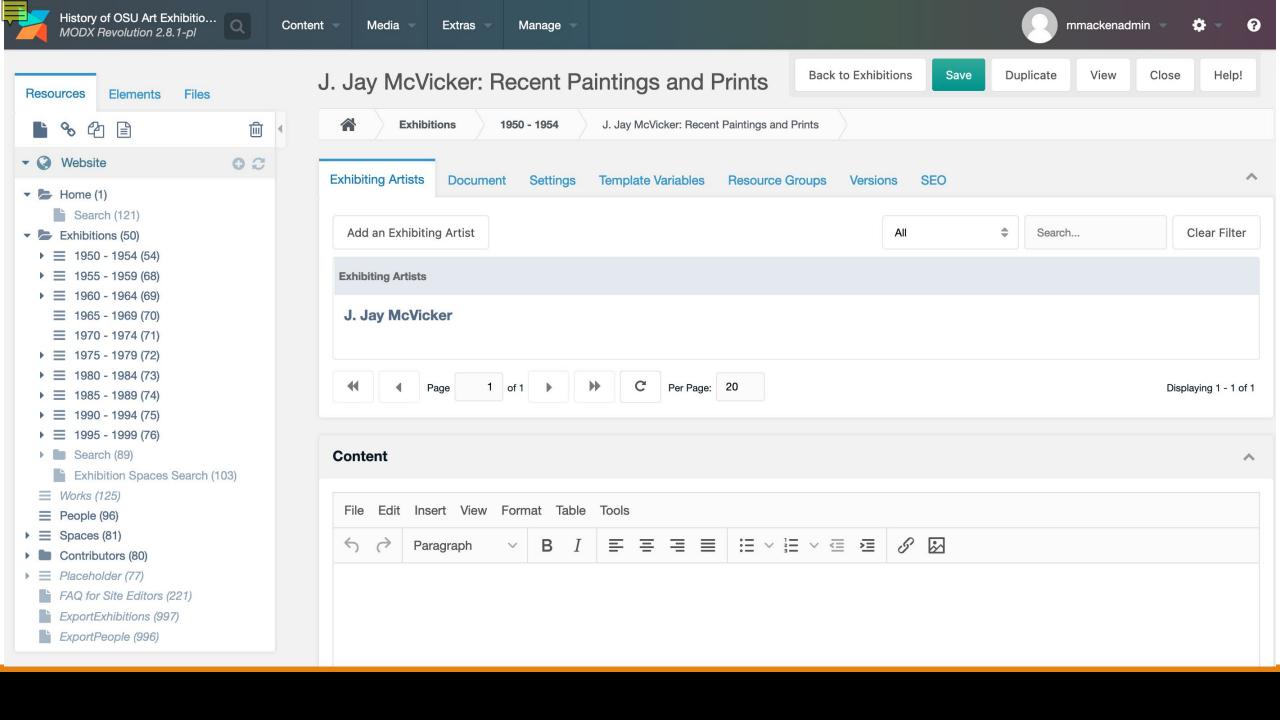
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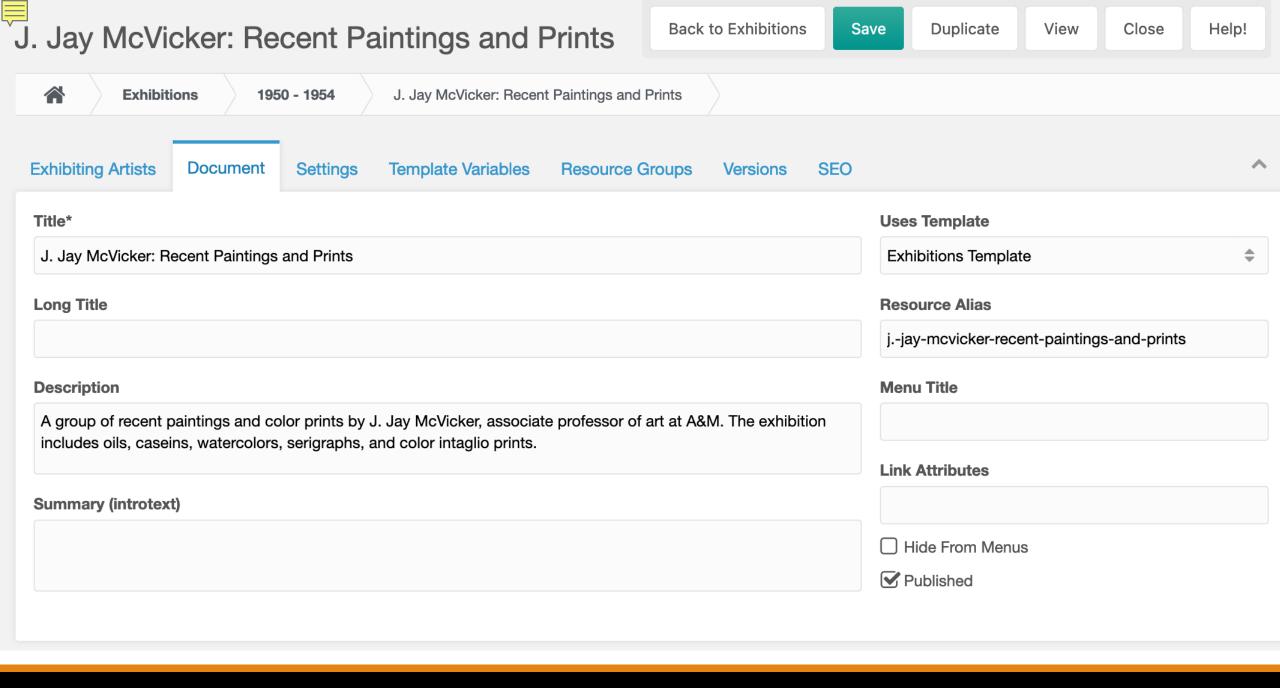
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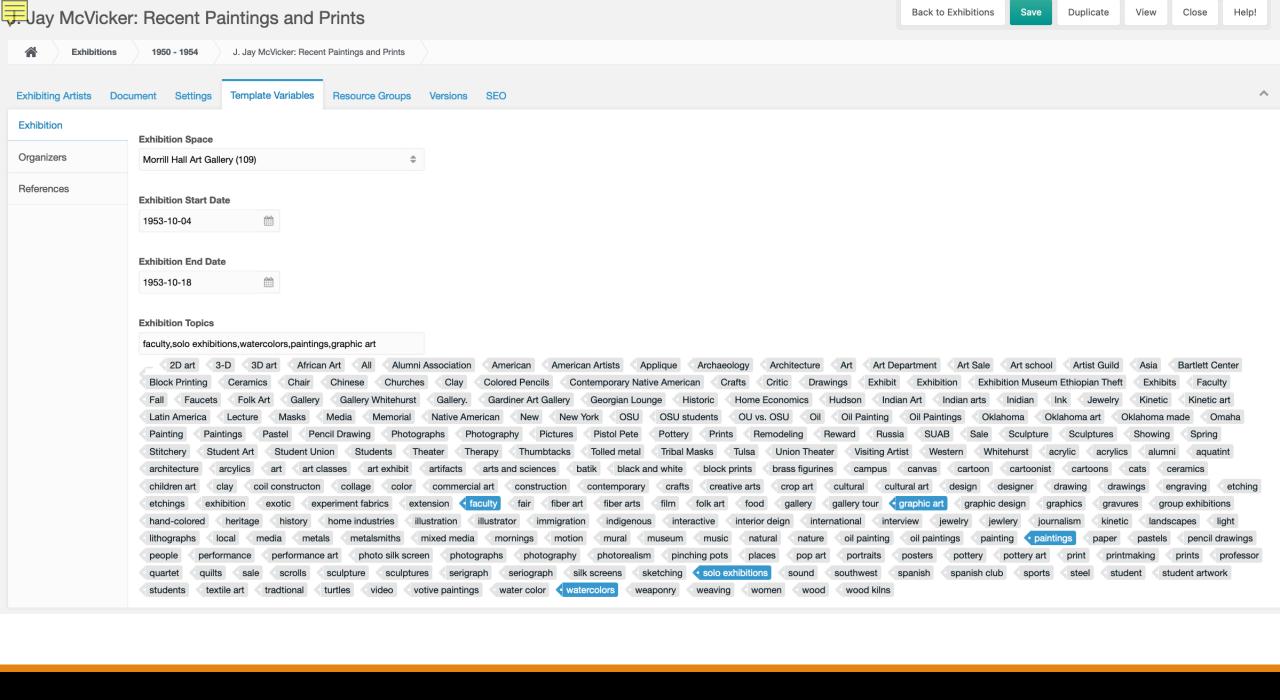










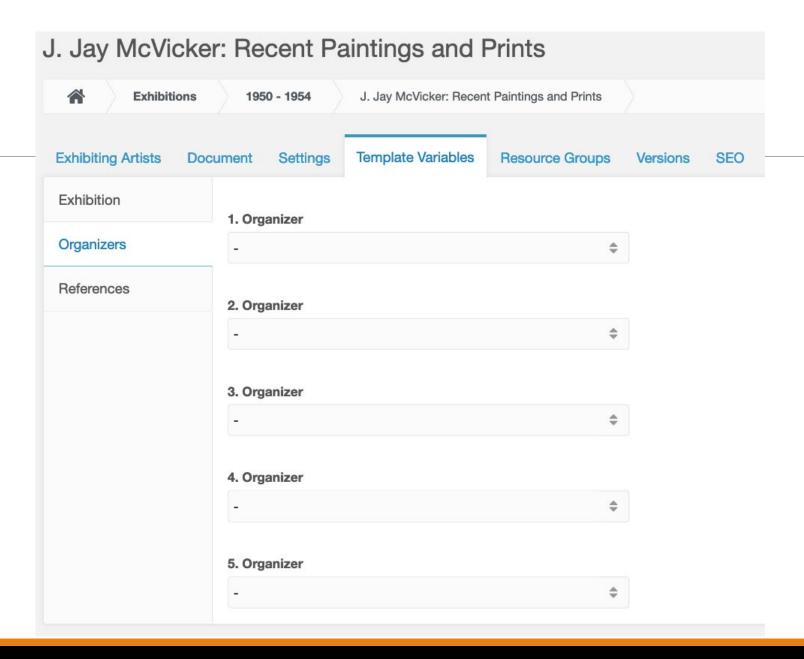


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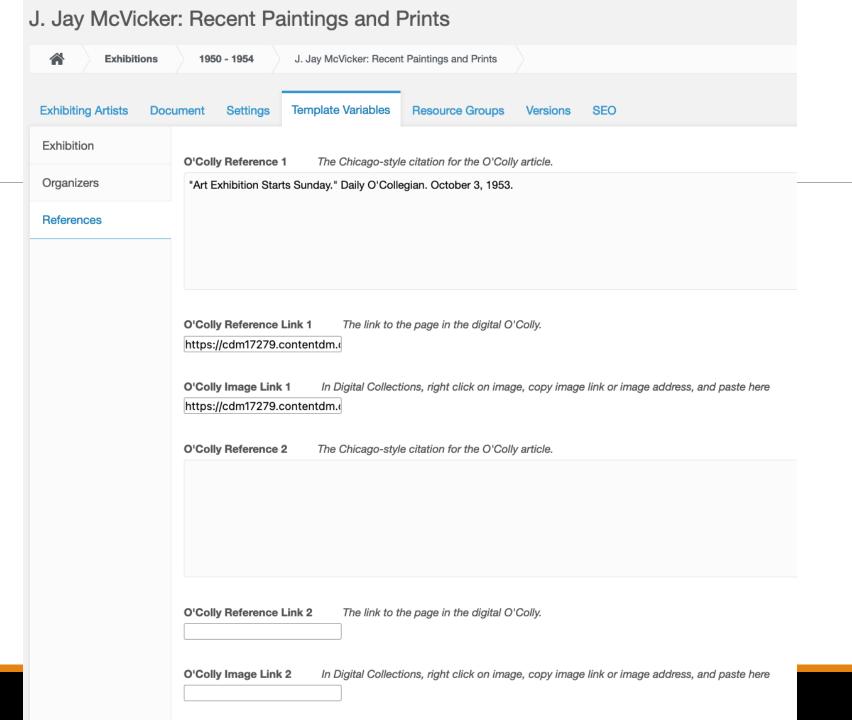
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## J. Jay McVicker: Recent Paintings and Prints

Morrill Hall Art Gallery: October 04, 1953 - October 18, 1953

A group of recent paintings and color prints by J. Jay McVicker, associate professor of art at A&M. The exhibition includes oils, caseins, watercolors, serigraphs, and color intaglio prints.

**Exhibiting Artists** J. Jay McVicker

**Topics** 

faculty, solo exhibitions, watercolors, paintings, graphic art

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