

## Occupy Collecting at NYU

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## OWS Collecting

- Tamiment special collections library
  - archive of labor and the left
  - collections of print, ephemera, media, born digital
  - web archiving of political sites
- Occupy Wall St. collecting
  - single archival Tamiment collection, EAD
  - several sources

## OWS Content

- YouTube
- Web
- Meeting notes
- Ephemera
- Oral/video history
- Google, Facebook groups

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## Collecting -- YouTube

- YouTube: 34,000 hits for “ows”
- plug-in for FireFox (downloadhelper.net)
- currently ca. 250 items, policy: large events
- Fair Use: 2012 ARL Code of Best Practices
  - “transformative” collecting with context

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## Collecting – Think Tank

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the 'NEW YORK CITY GENERAL ASSEMBLY' website. The main content area is titled 'Think Tank' and contains text about the group's activities and a call to action. The sidebar on the right has a form for creating an account.

## Collecting – Think Tank

- Blue sky, strategy
- Daily, 2 hours
- Audio capture hardware provided by NYU library (Zoom-H2n)
- Bi-weekly digital file transfers

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## Collecting – Think Tank

**Think Tank**  
Outlines for Participants Recording Audio and Video

There are two sections that participants can use that will make it easier for Tamnet, and any other user wishing to archive Think Tank recordings, to manage, describe, archive, and provide access to their recordings.

**When recording the session:**  
**Check your equipment:**  
 Check to make sure the recording is working, and that time and date display are correct. If time and date are not correct, make sure you set it right for the day.

**When recording the session:**  
 If the session goes on a pre-announced date of files to create, choose the larger of the two. If there is a double session, save and .mp3, you want .wav.

**Identify the session uniquely:**  
 Record the date, time, location, name of facilitator, and topic of conversation, using something like "15 June 2010 10:00 AM, 200 E. 42nd Street NYC, This is a double session including a Think Tank event on page 2".

**State your intention of who holds rights to the recording:**  
 A recording, the audio version with a Creative Commons license will be made available to anyone access to it in the future. Advise the participants of the value of your commenting to the recording and how you are archiving that. This is a double session with the other that the recording is a part of the session should you choose the this copyright intention. By participating, you agree to be recorded, and that the recording will be a part of the public domain.

**After recording the recording:**  
**Organize the recording files so they can be found again:**  
 Check to make sure the files are organized in a way that identifies the event. The folder should be named in that way and should contain the files:  
 1. "0001" (e.g., "01")  
 2. "0002" (e.g., "02")  
 3. "0003" (e.g., "03")  
 4. "0004" (e.g., "04")  
 5. "0005" (e.g., "05")  
 6. "0006" (e.g., "06")  
 7. "0007" (e.g., "07")  
 8. "0008" (e.g., "08")  
 9. "0009" (e.g., "09")  
 10. "0010" (e.g., "10")  
 For example, a folder might be named "012010-06-15".

**Put the files in the folder and make them into the folder:** Do not change the name of the records. Do, when you are done, make them into the folder. Do not change the name of the records. Do, when you are done, make them into the folder. Do not change the name of the records. Do, when you are done, make them into the folder.

**Send off the files as soon as possible:**  
 The recordings should be sent to the archive as soon as possible.

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## OWS Archives Working Group

- Oral histories w/formal releases
- Other materials: Independent ownership?

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## OWS Minutes Working Group

- Documents formal decisions
- Actions
- Finances
- Via web archive

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## Web Archiving

- ~40 sites
- Collection focus is NYC and national, not other localities

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## Also . . .

- Ephemera
  - paper, posters
- Some: OWS Media Working Group
- Not yet: Google groups, Facebook

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