An American in Paris: The Beaux-Arts Education of Shepherd Stevens

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An American in Paris features drawings and other documents bequeathed to Yale University Library by Shepherd Stevens, a professor of architecture at Yale (1920-1947) who studied at the renowned École des Beaux-Arts in Paris in the early twentieth century (1905-1908). An institution of art and architectural design attended by many Americans, the École offered a curriculum grounded in the study of historical precedents, with emphasis on architecture as art. This selection of items from the Shepherd Stevens Papers, housed in the architectural archives at Sterling Memorial Library, provides a glimpse of student life and pedagogy at the École, as well as the early Beaux-Arts curriculum at Yale. Other exhibits on the history of the École, and its influence at Yale, can be seen in Pedagogy and Place: Celebrating 100 Years of Architecture Education at Yale at the School of Architecture Gallery (December 3, 2015—May 7, 2016).