Current Research & Education Initiatives at the Image Permanence Institute

For over thirty years, the Image Permanence Institute (IPI) has conducted research on the stability of photographic materials, archival storage enclosures, and storage environmental conditions to inform new strategies and best practices for preserving cultural heritage collections in libraries, archives, and museums. Research results are actively disseminated through publications, educational programs, and online tools and resources. This talk will provide a brief introduction to the history of research at IPI, highlighting significant contributions IPI has made to the preservation community, and introduce current and upcoming research and education initiatives. Current projects include the effects of water damage on digital prints, exploring the use of digital image correlation to understand library and archive materials responses to changes in relative humidity, and photographic print process identification workshops.