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HALLIE BEACHEM BROOKS

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"... In this relationship, like her other colleagues, I was deeply impressed by her great intelligence, the breadth of her knowledge, her commitment to the University, her pursuit of excellence in all that she did, her dedication to her students and her insistence that they meet the high standards she set for them, her willingness to assume the responsibilities of leadership in many of the significant and difficult tasks beyond teaching that faculty members must take on, her generous support of those with whom she worked, her contagious enthusiasm, her astounding vitality and her wonderful wit and humor."

— Lucy Grisby, First Congregational Church, October 14, 1985

Mrs. Hallie Beachem Brooks, Professor Emerita, passed October 10, 1985. After working at Atlanta University for 47 years, she retired in 1977. She received the status of Professor Emerita in 1983. Although she retired from teaching, she remained active in several SLIS programs, especially Beta Phi Mu.

Mrs. Brooks was recruited in 1930 by President John Hope to organize library services for the laboratory school the University was opening that year. When the high school was closed in 1942, she was appointed to the faculty of the AU School of Library Service. For many SLIS students surviving "The History of Books" was a labor of love.

Mrs. Brooks held offices or committee memberships in the American Library Association, the Association of Library and Information Science Education, the Southeastern Library Association, the Georgia Library Association and the Metropolitan Atlanta Library Association.

She also served on the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library, Board of Directors of the Neighborhood Union, as president of the Gate City Nursery Association, as chairperson of the Freedom Fund campaign for the NAACP and as a member of city wide committee for the United Appeal campaigns.

Among the honors that Mrs. Brooks has received are: election to Beta Phi Mu and Pi Lambda Theta. The Georgia Library Association granted her honorary membership for outstanding contributions to Georgia Libraries. In 1969 Mrs. Brooks was the recipient of the Atlanta University Trustees' Award of \$1,000 for Excellence in Teaching. Also, she received the Black Women Pioneer Award from the Black Women's Coalition of Atlanta, Inc.

Mrs. Brooks was married to Frederic Victor Brooks on June 10, 1936. He preceded her in death in 1965.

She is survived by her sister, Mrs. Octavene Beachem Ferguson, Richmond, Indiana; nieces, Dr. Hallie Beachem Collins, San Francisco, CA; Miss Anita Quick, Mrs. Gayle Hoffacker of Denver, CO; Mrs. Freddy Croft of Los Angeles, CA; two nephews, Atty. William Beachem of San Francisco, CA, Dr. Richard D. Ferguson, Jr. of Wellesley Hills, MA; six grandnephews and nieces, other relatives and friends.

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- DR. CHARLES CHURCHWELL ('53) Dean of Library Science, Washington University St. Louis, MO has been selected as the honoree for the Second Alumni-in-Residence Program.
- DR. DESRETTA McALLISTER-HARPER ('71) Associate Professor of Library and Information Science at North Carolina Central University has been invited as a Visiting Professor at Drexel University College of Library and Information Studies. She will spend the Winter and Spring terms in Philadelphia.

COMMENCEMENT:

The Summer Commencement of Atlanta University Center was held Friday, July 26, 1985 in the M.L. King, Jr. Chapel at Morehouse College. Morris F. X. Jeff, Jr., the former President, National Alumni Association delivered the commencement address. Dr. Warren E. Henry was granted an Honorary degree and a special award was given to Mr. Clarence B. Robinson.

The School of Library and Information Studies proudly awarded M.S.L.S. degrees to candidates:

Maria Carole Allen
A.B., Wittenberg University, 1984

Saundra A. Allen
B.S., Morris Brown College, 1983

Betty P. Childres
A.B., Inter-American University, 1970

Michael L. Hickman
B.S., University of Baltimore, 1983

Debra M. Jackson
B.S., Albany State College, 1980

Shirley O. Lankford
B.B.A., West Georgia College, 1976

Jane R. O'Riley
B.S., Wiley College, 1978

Wanda E. Redmond
A.B., Howard University, 1983

Albert E. Smith, Jr.
B.S., Alabama A & M University, 1965

Patricia M. Stukes
B.S., South Carolina State College, 1974

Theresa C. Montgomery ('73) was awarded the Specialist in Library Service degree.

FACULTY NEWS

DEAN LORENE BROWN participated in the White House Initiative Conference on Historically Black Colleges in Washington, D. C. on September 25, 1985. She made a presentation entitled "The Introduction and Integration of Computerized Bibliographic and Information Resources into the Library Services of 17 Historically Black Institutions." She has been invited by the Professional Development Committee of the Black Caucus to serve as one of the six minority deans participating in a panel discussion at ALA Midwinter Black Caucus meeting.

DR. PENELOPE BULLOCK was one of the instructors in the FIPSE Summer Seminar; she taught the unit on the Social Sciences.

DR. JOSEPH W. COFFMAN joins the faculty from Case Western Reserve University where he worked as an instructor and received his Ph.D. He received both his bachelor's and master's degree in Music from Northwestern University (Evanston), his MSLS from Kent State University. His interests include library automation, literature of the Humanities, and the history and books and communications. Also, he remains an active musician. This Fall Semester he has attended the Georgia Library Association Convention in Augusta and a conference in Orlando, FL on the Retention of Black Students in Historically Black Institutions.

PAMELA B. CRAIG participated in the NLM Associates Program Orientation where she made a presentation on Atlanta University and SLIS. In November, she made a successful recruiting trip to New Orleans for the University.

DR. HEMALATA IYER joins the SLIS faculty from Syracuse University where she was a Visiting Scholar in 1984. She received her degrees in India culminating with the Ph.D. in 1984. Her interests are in the sciences and technical services. Dr. Iyer has presented several papers and published several articles on indexing and other aspects of technical services.

DR. STEPHEN E. JAMES has published a review of the book *Organizational Adaption by Public Libraries* by Snunith Shoham in *The Library Quarterly*, October, 1985.

MRS. JOYCE W. MILLS has been invited by The W. H. Wilson Company to serve as a consultant on the next edition of *Brewton's Index to Poetry for Children and Young People*.

COA SELF-STUDY

The 1985-86 academic year marks the year of the Self-study for the ALA Committee on Accreditation; the site visit will take place in 1986-87. Dr. Penelope Bullock has been designated the chairperson for the COA Self-Study report. Each faculty member is chairperson for one of the

various Standards Committee. Most committees are comprised of faculty members, students, and alumni. In order to help complete this task, we ask your assistance by promptly completing and sending back questionnaires and survey forms.

SLIS REUNION ALA, CHICAGO, 1985



DR. GUY CRAFT — NEW ROBERT W. WOODRUFF LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Dr. Guy Craft ('61) became the new Director of the Atlanta University Center Robert W. Woodruff Library on September 1, 1985. He is a graduate of Morehouse College, and he received his Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from Southern Illinois University in 1976. He had been library director at Albany State College in Albany, GA since 1965.

On October 10, 1985, Dr. Craft spoke on "The Mission of the AUC Robert W. Woodruff Library" in a joint colloquium sponsored by the AUC Robert W. Woodruff Library and the School of Library and Information Studies.

Welcome and we wish you success!

FIPSE SUMMER SEMINAR

The FIPSE project Seminar, July 29 – August 23, 1985, was successful. This seminar addressed itself to the concept of integrating computerized databases into the Bibliographic Instruction Programs in an academic community. It helped the participants develop modules in the sciences, social sciences, business and the humanities utilizing the DIALOG Information Retrieval System.

The participants are: Kathryn B. Neal, Alabama A & M University; Fannie Simmons and Almeta Woodson, Atlanta University; Maria DeCaria, Bethune-Cookman College; Ellen K. Berg, Bishop College; Pamela Tisby and Fannie Hogan, Clark College; Arthur Roberson, Dillard University; Doris Gosier, Fort Valley State University; Lou Helen Sanders, Jackson State University; Jacquelyn Johnson-Daniel, Morehouse College; Lucelia

Flood-Partridge, Morris Brown College; Ada M. Williams, Paine College; Minora M. Hicks, S. C. State College; Bernetta Robinson and Hulda Wilson, Spelman College; Fletcher Moon, Tennessee State University; Helena H. Lewis, Tuskegee University; Laurence Sykes, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff; Ruth L. Polk, University of Maryland -Eastern Shore; Julia Bond and Helen Threatt, Atlanta University Center.

The participants had an enjoyable learning experience. As the work load increased, the working relationships of the participants grew, because they had to rely on each other to accomplish the goals of the month-long seminar. We say thank you for the effort and hard work; it made the seminar successful.

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