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Collections, Exhibits, New Resources & More

Digital Collections Continues to Grow

The AUC Woodruff Library's Digital Collections is growing faster than ever! New archival collections from the *Spreading the Word* project are available online via finding aids and the AUC's DigitalCommons platform. One of these collections, the Levi and Jewell Terrill Collection, is now accessible for research. The Terrills have deep ties to the Baptist denomination and Morehouse College. Rev. Levi Terrill is a graduate of Morehouse, a former pastor, and also served as President of the General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia (GMBCGA). He later served as Vice-President of the National Baptist Convention, USA. Mrs. Jewell Terrill was a graduate of the Atlanta University Normal School and served in national and local leadership capacities, including President of the Women's Department of the Atlanta Baptist Association. Of note in the collection are a large amount of programs, reports and minutes of the numerous boards, auxiliaries, and associations associated with the GMBCGA. The collection can be viewed at <https://goo.gl/2bTTt1>, and photographs are accessible at <https://goo.gl/Z2FZzU>.



Levi and Jewell Terrill (left) with others, London, circa 1955,
Levi and Jewell Terrill Collection, AUC Woodruff Library

Also available now are the recordings from the Bishop J. Howard Dell Collection. Dell was a Senior Bishop in the Church of God in Christ Pentecostal faith in Georgia and was appointed Overseer of the Northern Georgia Jurisdiction. A pioneering minister, Dell was a televangelist, and he broadcasted his sermons from his pulpits in Macon, Moultrie, and Bainbridge, Georgia. He was reportedly the first African

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American to appear on television in Albany, Georgia. These recordings can be found at <http://goo.gl/T8vH17>. Further information about the Bishop J. Howard Dell Collection can be found via the finding aid at <http://goo.gl/wiVJ9r>.

The Robert E. Penn Collection is open for research as well in the Archives Research Center. A Clark College and Gammon Theological Seminary graduate, Penn went on to serve as a chaplain in WWII and as a pastor of the First Baptist Church in Gary, Indiana for almost 20 years. Following his retirement from preaching, he moved to Atlanta, Georgia and joined the Interdenominational Theological Center faculty as a Director of Field Education. This Collection contains hundreds of handwritten sermons, class notes from when Penn was a student and instructor, and correspondences from when he served in the Army.

The finding aid is located at: http://findingaid.auctr.edu/arc/viewdocId=ead/auctr.edu/robert_e_penn.xml



Rev. Robert Penn, Chaplain serving in WWII, circa 1944, Robert Penn Collection, AUC Woodruff Library

AUC Women Who Impacted Atlanta and Beyond

The **Women Who Change Atlanta and the World** exhibit features highlights from two collections on prominent women-led organizations, the Chautauqua Circle and the Neighborhood Union.

Both organizations had key leaders and members who were affiliated with Atlanta University Center institutions, whether as alumni, instructors, or spouses to faculty and administrators. Members of both organizations advocated for black welfare in Atlanta, Georgia and utilized education, activism and community engagement to transform their neighborhoods. Both organizations illustrate two different but connected ways of working with black communities and using resources for creating new opportunities for growth, economic development, and self-sufficiency. Interesting pieces featured in the exhibit are the yearbooks of the Chautauqua Circle detailing the topics of discussion for each meeting as well as images from the Neighborhood Union Collection that feature members working with children.



For the second consecutive year, Atlanta University Center (AUC) Robert W. Woodruff Library received top honors from the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL). This year, CEO & Director Loretta Parham was named the ACRL 2017 Academic/Research Librarian of the Year. Last year, AUC Woodruff Library received the 2016 ACRL Excellence in Academic Libraries Award in the University category. Not only has it been over three decades since an HBCU Librarian has won the ACRL Academic/Research Librarian of the Year award, but it's also the first time an HBCU Librarian and Library have won consecutively!

To read the official press release, visit the American Library Association website <http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2017/01/loretta-parham-named-2017-acrl-academic-research-librarian-year>.

New Records Open for Research

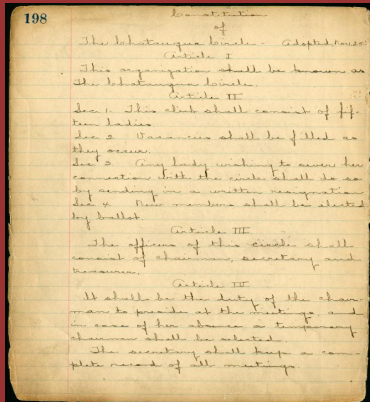
The National Conference of Black Political Scientists records are open for research in the Archives Research Center.

Founded in 1969, the National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS) is an organization committed to the promotion, study, and enhancement of the political aspirations of people of African descent in the United States and globally. The organization includes African American educators, policy makers, political scientists, politicians, and others from across the nation. NCOBPS held its first conference, known as the 1st Annual Meeting, in May 1970 at Atlanta University (now Clark Atlanta University) in Atlanta, Georgia. Since then, the organization has held a conference every year in keeping with their mission to promote research and the critical analysis of topics usually overlooked and/or marginalized in political science scholarship.

The NCOBPS records document the activities, functions, and meetings of the organization. The Collection includes materials that document the founding and mission of the organization, such as their constitution and bylaws, as well as executive council and business meetings minutes. A large portion of the Collection is dedicated to the annual meetings of NCOBPS, which includes academic presentations given by members and programs from the conferences. The presentations cover a



International Council of Women of the Darker Races, including Lugenia Burns Hope, Mary McLeod Bethune, Jennie B. Moton, and Marion Wilkinson, undated, Neighborhood Union Collection, AUC Woodruff Library



Handwritten constitution of the Chauteauqua Circle, November 25, 1913, Chauteauqua Circle Collection, AUC Woodruff Library

The exhibit launched in May in honor of Women's History Month and can be viewed digitally at:

<http://digitalexhibits.auctr.edu/exhibits/show/womenwhochangedatlanta/overview>

Back by Popular Demand- *The Richardson Papers*



Dr. Harry V. Richardson in his office, circa 1955, Interdenominational Theological Center Photographs, AUC Woodruff Library.

The Harry V. Richardson Collection has re-opened and is fully accessible for research.

variety of topics including black politics in relation to President Ronald Reagan, as well as the economy. The Collection highlights the changing approaches to black politics that African Americans have taken since the founding of NCOBPS.



Past and current presidents of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists at Deed of Gift Signing, NCOBPS Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, March 2015, AUC Woodruff Library

Start Something Exhibit Stays through Spring 2018

The display of the exhibit, *Start Something: Activism and the Atlanta Student Movement* has been extended through May 21, 2018. The exhibit documents how students from Atlanta University, Clark College (now Clark Atlanta University), Morehouse College, Morris Brown College, the Interdenominational Theological Center, and Spelman College organized and led nonviolent marches, sit-ins, picket lines, and boycotts in the 1960s that forced Atlanta merchants and government officials to desegregate stores and public facilities. The contributions the Atlanta Student Movement made to the civil rights movement helped change not just the city of Atlanta and the state of Georgia, but also the nation.



Library Receives Funding for LGBTQ Study

Dr. Richardson was a distinguished preacher, professor, author, and founder of the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC) in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Richardson began his career as the Chaplain at Tuskegee Institute (Tuskegee University) in 1933. In 1948, Dr. Richardson became President of Gammon Theological Seminary at a time of transition for the school. Recognizing the opportunity to build a strong and diverse ecumenical theological center, Dr. Richardson took the lead in 1955 in developing The Interdenominational Theological Center, which was chartered in 1958. ITC is a Christian, ecumenical, coeducational, graduate professional school of theology comprised from a federation of historically African-American seminaries. Dr. Richardson served as the first President of ITC until 1968.

Though the collection was temporarily closed for re-organization, the AUC Woodruff Library has served as the repository for the Harry V. Richardson Collection since 1991. The Collection documents the founding of ITC - the historic African American theology center - and provides rich resources in the study of African American religion in the South. Also contained within the Collection are administrative files relating to Dr. Richardson's tenure at Tuskegee Institute, Gammon Theological Seminary, and the United Negro College Fund. This collection has been utilized by ITC students and researchers throughout the world.

To view the collection, use the Finding Aid:

http://findingaid.auctr.edu/arc/view?docId=ead/auctr.edu/Harry_V_Richardson.xml

Using the Archives for Research

Since 2014, scholars outside of the Atlanta metro area have been given the opportunity to utilize the Archives Research Center (ARC) for research through the Research Travel Award grant. This program promotes scholarship of the historical and cultural holdings within the ARC.

This year, three scholars were awarded funding through the grant. The recipients were Dr. Andrea Williams, Associate Professor of English at The Ohio State University, and literary historian who writes about gender, class, and African American literature and culture. Dr. Frederica Barrow, Retired Psychologist and Professor, and Dr. Nick Sciullo, J.D., Assistant Professor of Communication and Rhetorical Studies, and affiliate Faculty for the Gender and Women's Studies Program at Illinois College in Jacksonville, Illinois.

Read how each recipient utilized the materials in the ARC for their research, below.

Dr. Andrea Williams

associate professor of English at The Ohio State



For the book, "Unmarried Miss-fits: Single Women and Twentieth-Century Black Culture," Dr. Williams researched collections depicting unmarried African American woman at Clark College, Atlanta University and Spelman College. "By examining the curriculum and campus environment of the AUC schools, I have been able to learn more about how they

reinforced marriage as an imperative for highly educated African Americans, who were expected to be racial leaders

The Library was awarded a \$2500 Diversity Research Grant from the American Library Association Office for Diversity, Literacy & Outreach Services for their study "Information Behaviors Among LGBTQ Students at Single-Sex HBCUs." Research into students from these populations indicates increased feelings of alienation and isolation, which the researchers think could be addressed through targeted outreach and expanded services that promote an inclusive sense of community in the Library.

While there has been research exploring best practices in meeting the information needs of LGBTQ library users, the topic has seen little or no analysis in an HBCU setting. Library researchers hope to find information that will assist with the development of library services and outreach efforts.



Save the Date!

September 28

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Douglas Blackmon, Pulitzer prize winning author of *Slavery By Another Name*, will discuss his new documentary film, *The Harvest*.

November 9

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Lecture and book signing by Professor Tomiko Brown-Nagin, author of *Courage to Dissent: Atlanta and the Long History of Civil Rights Movement*.

Broadening Access to Faculty and Student Scholarship

Spring 2017 was a productive time for AUC Woodruff Library's institutional repository, Digital Commons, <http://digitalcommons.auctr.edu/>. Over the course of the semester, Digital Services department staff worked to expand content available online through the repository. As part of Faculty Appreciation Week 2017, Digital Services added 50 additional open access scholarly articles, presentations, and books across the four member institutions. These additions brought the total number of open access scholarship by AUC faculty and library staff in Digital Commons to 117 items over the past four years. One of the items added was *Animal Ethics 101* by Nathan Nobis of Morehouse College. This is the first open textbook available on Digital Commons, <http://digitalcommons.auctr.edu/mhpubs/16/>.

Digital Commons also became the digital archive for

and reproduce respectable black citizens." The goal of her study "is to enrich our scholarly and public conversations about singleness, marriage and belonging in the United States."

Dr. Frederica Barrow retired psychologist and professor



Dr. Barrow conducted research for the expansion of her doctoral dissertation- her upcoming book project entitled: *A History of the Whitney M. Young School of Social Work: 1920 to 1960*. In this project Dr. Barrow investigated "how leading social welfare social work historians have addressed the role played by African American social work educators and

contributors to the field." Barrow carefully researched many collections within the Archives Research Center to fully assess the impact of African Americans in the field of Social Work, including the John Hope records, Neighborhood Union, Frankie V. Adams and the Atlanta Urban League papers.

Dr. Nick Sciuillo assistant professor of communication and rhetorical



By utilizing the Tupac Amaru Shakur Collection, Dr. Sciuillo was able to dig a little deeper into the mind of Tupac Shakur for his research, *Tupac Shakur's Black Power Rhetoric*. Dr. Sciuillo praised the program stating, "valuable programs like this help emphasize the importance of research, particularly the importance of primary source material."

To read more about each recipient, their work and their time at the Archives Research Center, be sure to visit our website at <http://research.auctr.edu/c.php?g=197201&p=1297522>.

Keeping Up With the Millennials

Today's college students are more technology-savvy than ever before. They think about and use technology much differently from earlier generations and have unprecedented levels of skill with information technology. Accessibility is a priority for them, and they expect an instant connection to the world around them. Knowing this, the Library constantly looks for ways to ensure that the services provided compliment the lifestyles, meet the needs, and speak the language of today's millennials.

Two examples of how we are accomplishing this is through the recent upgrades to the Interlibrary Loan Management System and the online Search and Discovery interface. Over the summer, both platforms went through an extensive upgrade to streamline processes for searching and borrowing materials through the Library's website.

the work of the Africana Digital Ethnography Project (ADEPt), <http://digitalcommons.auctr.edu/adept/>. ADEPt is a grant-funded project at Morehouse College that "gathers data-rich ethnographies from across Africa and the African Diaspora." The ADEPt project plans to add 50 new student-produced videos to Digital Commons over the next year.



Lastly, two new honors programs at Spelman College made Digital Commons their online home to include the Departmental Honors in Psychology. Two years worth of papers from this department are now available, totaling seven undergraduate theses, <http://digitalcommons.auctr.edu/scpsychhonors/>.

For information on digital services at the AUC Woodruff Library, please contact DSU@auctr.edu.

Library Survey Winners Announced!

Eighteen percent of Atlanta University Center students and faculty participated in the 2017 Library Quality (LibQual) User Satisfaction survey, exceeding the objective of 15 percent. The survey asked questions about library collections, services, spaces, and user characteristics, as well as about how frequently they use the Library. The 1,562 surveys that were completed and the 661 comments provided will guide the Library in prioritizing the changes our users want to see. In the areas where we received high marks, we will continue to sustain that excellence.

As in past years since 2007, each participant completing the survey was eligible to receive one of several valuable prizes. Participants were asked to provide their email addresses on the survey form, which were later used to randomly select the winners. This year, the grand prize was the Apple iPad Pro. Other prizes included an Apple Watch Series 2; Beats by Dre Solo 3 Wireless; two Walmart gift cards, and a pair of Apple earplugs. This year's grand prize winner was Lennard Long (pictured below), a junior Psychology major at Morehouse College! The other prizes were awarded to students and faculty at each of the other AUC institution.

Overall AUC survey results will be placed on the Library's website in October. Results for each school will be shared with the specific campus. Please contact Cardyn Hart for more information (chart@auctr.edu).



The update to the interlibrary loan management system provides a more intuitive user experience for processes like interlibrary loan renewals, submitting requests for a loan and loan account management. The new system comes with two great features that researchers are sure to find useful.

1. **Barcode login** that allows students and faculty to access the system using their current library account barcode instead of a username. This gives them one less login credential to remember!
2. **Responsive design** and display that allows users to create interlibrary loan requests from a smart phone and other mobile devices.

The updated Search and Discovery interface is just as intuitive; giving researchers greater access to resources worldwide. The technical term for the interface is WorldCat Discovery. When a student or faculty member uses the search box on the Library's homepage, the interface will share results from not only our Library but all libraries with holdings in WorldCat. Furthermore, the interface is mobile-ready, so researchers that are on-the-go will have access to 2.8 billion electronic, digital and physical resources at their fingertips.

The Library is committed to being the "first and best choice" for AUC students and faculty in their search for information, and these upgrades further demonstrate the Library's commitment to making research convenient and easily accessible.

Thank you for your participation and feedback!



Lennard Long standing with Library CEO Loretta Parham

Library Building Hours



Regular Building Hours

Mon - Thu	7:30 a.m. - Midnight
Fri	7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sat	Noon - 6:00 p.m.
Sun	Noon - Midnight



*Archives Research Center Hours

Mon - Thu	1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Fri	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sat	Noon - 5:00 p.m.

*ARC is accessible by appointment ONLY with



Extended Library Hours

Midterm Period

September 25-30	Open 24 hours
October 1-5	Open 24 hours

*Close at midnight on Oct. 5

Library Amenities



Ride the Shuttle!

With a valid AUC school ID, ride one of our shuttles for quick and easy transportation between campuses, the Library and MARTA stations.

Visit the **Shuttle Service and Times** page on the website for the routes and schedule.



Grab a Bite to Eat!

Hungry? No worries. The Woodi Café has a variety of menu items that are sure to satisfy you. Located on the Middle Level, the café is open weekdays, **Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.** and **Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

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