

HBCU Library Alliance 2016 Membership Meeting

Relevance in Turbulent Times



October 10-11, 2016

Atlanta University Center Woodruff Library
Virginia Lacy Jones Exhibition Hall
Atlanta, GA

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BOARD CHAIR LETTER



Greetings and Welcome to *Relevance in Turbulent Times!*

This the 7th biennial membership meeting of the HBCU Library Alliance and as such holds an opportunity for us! We can re-shape, address issues, and transition into the next phase of the association's life. As a 14 year-old organization, we have accomplished much, and there is much more ahead as we develop library leaders, preserve collections and plan for the future.

Let's pause to reflect and ensure that our story lives on.

Exceptional activities since 2014 include:

- The publication of "Expanding Library Support for Faculty Research in Historically Black Colleges and Universities" by Sandra Phoenix and Mantra Henderson in the Journal of Library Administration Vol 56(5), pp.572-594, July 2016
- Sub-grant awards to 8 member libraries to help support development or expansion of programs to improve library services in support of the "Expanding Library Support for Faculty Research in HBCUs" project." Twenty-six webinars were presented to members on topics related to library support of faculty research by experts within the HBCU Library Alliance community and project partners.
- Significant recognition for the HBCU Library Alliance from The "Expanding Library Support for Faculty Research in HBCUs" grant:
 - The survey results were presented at:
 - a. the 2014 HBCU Faculty Development Network conference in Raleigh (NC),
 - b. the 2014 HBCU Library Alliance Membership meeting in Atlanta (GA),
 - c. the 2015 American Library Association conference in San Francisco (CA),
 - d. the 2015 National Conference of African American Librarians conference in St. Louis (MO).
- Collaboration with Wayne State University (MI): Increasing Diversity of Librarians is a 3 year IMLS funded project with Wayne State University to recruit, mentor and deliver an online Master of Library and Information Science degree to ten students from under-represented groups in order to achieve greater diversity among practicing library professionals. The HBCU Library Alliance assisted with the recruitment and retention of the ten students through mentorship by HBCU librarians.
- The HBCU Library Alliance's foray into social media
 - PULSE! The HBCU Library Alliance's News Source: hbculibraryalliance.wordpress.com
 - The Alliance's Facebook page www.facebook.com/hbculibraryalliance1
 - Share a tweet with us: twitter.com/HBCULibAlliance

I look forward to us interacting and engaging in conference activities. This is an excellent opportunity to forge ahead in establishing new relationships and strengthening existing ties. As we strive to remain relevant during these turbulent times, I am forever thankful for our founders, Loretta Parham, Janice Franklin, Emma Bradford Perry, Elsie Weatherington, the late Tommie Holton, and Kate Nevins.

I would also like to acknowledge Robert Miller and LYRASIS for their continued support of the HBCU Library Alliance.

I would be very remiss if I did not give a heartfelt special thanks to Loretta Parham and the Robert W. Woodruff Library family for so graciously agreeing to provide support to and house the HBCU Library Alliance as well as host the membership meeting.

Major kudos to my Membership Meeting Planning Committee! Team members Mary Jo Fayoyin, Tiwanna Nevels and Monika Rhue kept us on target for this wonderful gathering and sharing of experiences.

Special thanks also goes to our exceptional Executive Director, Sandra Phoenix for continuing "the work" of strengthening our HBCU libraries. This conference would most definitely not be possible without her dedication and efforts.

Sincerely,

Mantra Henderson

Mantra L. Henderson
HBCU Library Alliance Board Chair
Mississippi Valley State University



Dr. Virginia Lacy Jones (first row, far right) with Atlanta University School of Library and Information Science Honor Society, Beta Phi Mu Event, Virginia Lacy Jones Papers, Atlanta University Center Robert W. Woodruff Library

Citations for cover page

Large photo: Dr. Virginia Lacy Jones (far left) with Students after Atlanta University Commencement, 1955, Virginia Lacy Jones Papers, Atlanta University Center Robert W. Woodruff Library

Small photo: Dr. Virginia Lacy Jones (center) with Faculty and Staff of Atlanta University School of Library and Information Science, Virginia Lacy Jones Papers, Atlanta University Center Robert W. Woodruff Library

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LETTER



Welcome to the 7th Membership Meeting of the HBCU Library Alliance! It was with deliberate intent in Atlanta fourteen years ago when more than 100 HBCU Library deans and directors convened to discuss issues facing their institutions. Let's celebrate our accomplishments, share critical concerns, and strategize future directions.

The HBCU Library Alliance has relocated from LYRASIS to the Atlanta University Center Robert W. Woodruff Library. We are grateful to the LYRASIS team for their longstanding support of our activities. The move to Woodruff Library positions us for

greater connections and collaborations within the HBCU and broader community. Thanks are in order to Woodruff Library CEO and HBCU Library Alliance Founding Board Chair Loretta Parham for welcoming us to the Woodruff family.

Major kudos to Planning Committee Chair Mantra Henderson, Mississippi Valley State University and her team Tiwana Nevels, Saint Augustine's University (NC), Monika Rhue, Johnson C. Smith University (NC) and Mary Jo Fayoyin, Savannah State University (GA). Their collective efforts have resulted in a dynamic program to engage all participants. The Conference Presentations and Poster Sessions include a wide variety of topics to encourage and promote collaboration. I'm also very pleased to welcome several first-time attendees as session presenters.

Our theme, Relevance in Turbulent Times, speaks to the state of operations within the academic environment. I know that each of you face this issue as you provide services to students, faculty and the community. During our time together, members will share their strategies to address relevance in their libraries. You will also hear reports/updates on HBCU Library Alliance strategies to address this issue. Join us in these discussions as we strive to align services to meet member needs.

The Membership Meeting is our time to network, discuss issues facing member institutions and develop actionable priorities. Your input is vital to the success of our meeting.

I look forward to seeing you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Sandra M. Phoenix'.

Sandra Phoenix, Executive Director
HBCU Library Alliance



King visit to Johnson C. Smith University (NC) in 1967. The Peeler Family retains all copyright to this collection. Image courtesy of the James B. Duke Memorial Library at Johnson C. Smith University (NC)



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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

September 15, 2016



Dear HBCU Library Alliance Membership,

Congratulations from Johnson C. Smith University on your 7th Membership Meeting! It is so important that members of the HBCU community come together to celebrate and strategize. Historically Black Colleges and Universities are now facing far too many challenges while continuing their important work of providing the highest quality of education to students. I hope this meeting provides a forum for discussion and a re-kindling of ideas. "Relevance in Turbulent Times" is such an appropriate theme. Our institutions are relevant as they graduate the majority of African-American doctors, teachers and other professionals. These are turbulent times, from negative stereotypes to funding challenges that require our collective insight and actions.

I applaud your organization and its impact on the James B. Duke Memorial Library. With funding from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the James Peeler Collection has been processed. Peeler photographed Charlotte's African American experience, from churches, schools, and businesses. He passed in 2004 and his family entrusted the entire collection to the University. The collection is a vibrant reminder of the shared experiences of Charlotte's African-American community. There is relevance in processing this collection, preserving our history, making it accessible to the broader community, and in its use for teaching and research.

Thank you for your support of Johnson C. Smith University. Best wishes for a successful 7th Membership Meeting.

Sincerely,

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Ronald L. Carter
President



Johnson C. Smith University
Become yourself. Change our world.

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

September 15, 2016



Greetings HBCU Library Alliance conference attendees,

I am William B. Bynum, Jr., the self-proclaimed God-loving, God-fearing, blessed and highly favored 7th President of Mississippi Valley State University (MVSU). What an awesome blessing indeed. I want to thank MVSU Director of Library Services Mantra Henderson, the HBCU Library Alliance Chair and the conference planning committee for affording me, and other presidents to briefly address you. First and foremost, thank each and every one of you for what you do for students and the Academy at your respective campuses. Although search engines and social media dominate today's landscape, especially for our students, libraries and their staff are just as important today as ever.

This year's conference theme, "Relevance in Turbulent Times," certainly underscores the backdrop in which higher education is operating today. With few exceptions, almost every state-supported institution of higher learning has seen the percentage of their operating budgets from state legislature appropriations decrease, despite increased enrollments. Although the college attendance percentage of the US population has increased, our college completion rates have not. Although we are exposed to more data and information daily than at any point in this country's history, ignorance continues to abound.

It is because of the above, that I continue to encourage and readily support initiatives to strengthen our libraries and make sure that they remain an integral part of the Academy and the services we provide for students. When travel funds are low or absent, libraries allow us to transport ourselves anywhere in the world and beyond. When students struggle to find dollars for books and other educational tools, libraries provide educational resources in abundance. When the clamor of the world and the noise in the residence halls and students unions become too much, libraries provide quiet, safe and comfortable spaces to be productive and increase our intellectual capital.

I've written before about the \$13 million that MVSU invested in totally renovating its James H. White Library and what a significant difference it has made. The student visits to our library have increased five-fold and demonstrate clearly how if we continue to invest in libraries, our students will utilize the resources within and increase their overall and holistic development. If we are to increase our college completion rates in this country and meet our high goals, then libraries will have to play a key and vital role in accomplishing such.

Again, thank you for all that you do and enjoy your conference and the great city of Atlanta, which is always hot, literally and figuratively.

In God I Trust,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William B. Bynum, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

William B. Bynum, Jr. Ph.D.
President



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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

August 15, 2016



Dear Ms. Phoenix:

I bring you greetings from the historic campus of Saint Augustine's University located in Raleigh, North Carolina on the cusp of celebrating our 150th anniversary. I am pleased to congratulate the HBCU Library Alliance on its 7th Biennial Membership meeting. Your mission to transform leaders, preserve the legacy of our special collections and plan for the future of HBCU libraries is an extraordinary one.

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) were created for the educational advancement of the black community. As with all institutions, libraries play a key role in fostering student development in research and collaboration. This year's theme "Relevance in Turbulent Times" will empower the membership to discover innovations, enhance community involvement, and continue a legacy of supporting the needs of our faculty and students. Libraries are more relevant now than ever and we must continue to support their efforts.

Additionally, the work of the Alliance is an invaluable one. As we embark on the celebration of 150 years of Historically Black Colleges and Universities, your continuous work in preserving our past promotes our legacy for years to come. In so doing, we are promoting opportunities for resource sharing and encouraging investment into the preservation of HBCU's.

We wish you all the best for a successful membership meeting.

In the interest of Saint Augustine's University, I remain,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Everett B. Ward". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Everett B. Ward. Ph. D.
President



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Rev. Shipman touring the Peeler exhibit. Image Courtesy of James B. Duke Memorial Library at Johnson C. Smith University (NC).



Johnson C. Smith's Chelly Tavss and Brandon Lunsford training with Rachel Wetzel, Photograph Conservator for Conservation Center for Art & Historic Artifacts

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Relevance in Turbulent Times – Business Meeting

Monday, October 10, 2016

(Atlanta University Center Woodruff Library Virginia Lacy Jones Exhibition Hall)

Noon to 1:00 pm	Registration & Lunch
1:00 to 1:05 pm	Transition to Business Meeting
1:05 to 1:10 pm	Call to Order & Welcome Mantra Henderson, Mississippi Valley State University HBCU Library Alliance Board Chair
1:10 to 1:20 pm	Historical Recognition of Membership
1:20 to 1:30 pm	Board Chair's Report Mantra Henderson
1:30 to 1:40 pm	Treasurer's Report Monika Rhue, Johnson C. Smith University (NC)
1:40 to 1:55 pm	Break
1:55 to 2:30 pm	Executive Director's Report & Updates Sandra Phoenix, HBCU Library Alliance (GA) HBCU Digital Initiative Dr. Janice Franklin and Cedric Davis, Alabama State University Increasing Diversity of Librarians Jamaal Fisher, LeMoyne-Owen College (TN) Preservation of Photographic and Magnetic Media Images Steve Eberhardt, Project Coordinator, LYRASIS (GA)
2:30 to 3:20 pm	Preservation of Photographic and Magnetic Media Images Panel Discussion Dana Chandler, Tuskegee University (AL) Andrea Jackson, Atlanta University Center Woodruff Library (GA) Donzella Maupin, Hampton University Museum (VA) Jessie Carney Smith, Fisk University (TN) Chelly Tavss, Johnson C. Smith University (NC)
3:20 to 3:35 pm	Membership Q&A

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Sharing Experiences to Strengthen Community

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| 3:35 to 3:55 pm | Let's Get Open! Exploring Hues of Open Access and Scholarly Publishing Trends
Rosaline Odom and Brad Ost
Atlanta University Center Woodruff Library (GA) |
| 3:55 to 4:15 pm | Change is Coming
Dr. Willie Hardin and Jacqueline Eldridge
Arkansas Baptist College |
| 4:15 to 4:35 pm | The Anchor Holds: Enhancing the Relevancy of Academic Libraries in Modern Times
Jamaal Fisher, LeMoyne-Owen College (TN) |
| 4:35 to 4:55 pm | Digital Preservation: Building a Repository to Ensure Continuous Access to Information for Research
Beverly Charlot, Delaware State University |
| 5:00 pm | Depart via AUC Woodruff Library Shuttle to Marriott Marquis Hotel Peachtree Center |
| 6:00 to 7:00 pm | Reception and Poster Sessions
Marriott Marquis Hotel Peachtree Center |
| | The James Peeler Photograph Collection and Memories of an African American Community in Charlotte, NC (1954-2003)
Chelly Tavss, Johnson C. Smith University (NC) |
| | What Problem do you want to Solve? Reaching Marginalized Communities through Dialogue and Technology
Nicole White, American Baptist College (TN) |
| | A Repurposed Jackson State University Library (MS)
Melissa Druckrey and Jama Lumumba, Jackson State University |

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Relevance in Turbulent Times – Business Meeting

Tuesday, October 11, 2016

(Atlanta University Center Woodruff Library Virginia Lacy Jones Exhibition Hall)

8:30 to 9:10 am	Hot Breakfast at Atlanta University Center Woodruff Library
9:10 to 9:15 am	AUC Woodruff Library Welcome
9:15 to 9:20 am	Transition to Sessions
9:20 to 9:40 am	Reimagining Student Interest into Library Programming Jennifer Cheney Laski and Cynthia Horne Elizabeth City State University (NC)
9:40 to 10:00 am	Academic Libraries and Outreach: Creating Relevance through Learning and Service Tina Rollins, Hampton University (VA)
10:00 to 10:20 am	Morning Break
10:20 to 10:30 am	Transition to Keynote
10:30 to 10:35 am	Introduction of Keynote Speaker
10:35 to 11:35 am	Keynote Speaker Veronica Cohen, Associate Vice President of Major and Planned Gifts, Claflin University (SC), HBCU Library Alliance Advancement Officer
11:35 to 11:45 am	Keynote Q&A
11:45 to 12:00 pm	Transition to Lunch
12:00 to 12:40 pm	Lunch



Circa 1950s
Home Economics class – Savannah State College
Professor Evanel R. Terrell far left gives Home Economics students instructions
in proper baking skills.

Image courtesy of Savannah State University (GA) Asa H. Gordon Library Special Collections

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Relevance in Turbulent Times – Business Meeting

Tuesday, October 11, 2016

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| 12:40 to 12:50 pm | Transition to Afternoon Sessions |
| 12:50 to 1:10 pm | Navigating Your Future: Career Test Prep Resources
Morgan Montgomery, Claflin University (SC) |
| 1:10 to 1:30 pm | Academic Libraries, It's Time for a REMIX!
Monika Rhue, Johnson C. Smith University (NC) |
| 1:30 to 1:50 pm | The Two Most Important Words
Adrienne Webber, University of Maryland Eastern Shore |
| 1:50 to 2:05 pm | Membership Q&A |
| 2:05 to 2:25 pm | Acknowledgements and Final Comments
Mantra Henderson |
| 2:30 pm | Adjourn
Depart Shuttle via AUC Woodruff Library |



SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Dana Chandler



Dana Chandler has worked in a variety of capacities within both the private and public sectors. A trained surveyor, civil engineer and project manager, he has helped to design and build projects throughout the South and nation. In later years, Chandler had worked specifically with corporations seeking to start up recycling facilities in the U.S. and Latin America.

A trained archivist and historian, receiving his graduate degree from Auburn University, Chandler now works as the University Archivist at Tuskegee University (AL). Prior to his tenure, the archives had been closed to use by researchers for several years. Within two years of his hire, the archives re-opened for use by researchers. This has permitted an influx of researchers from around the world to visit the archives in search of the interesting materials that are held within its collections. During the last eight years, the archives have had over a thousand visitors.

Beverly D. Charlot



Beverly D. Charlot is the Coordinator of Technical Services at the Delaware State University Libraries, a department that includes Acquisitions, Cataloging, Circulation/Reserves, Digitization, Federal Documents, and Serials Electronic Access. Prior to her current position, she worked as the Systems Librarian at the university.

Ms. Charlot holds master's degrees in Library and Information Science and Management. She is also a graduate of the HBCU Library Alliance Leadership Program. Ms. Charlot works to improve library services, technical services processes and library technology.

Veronica Cohen



Veronica Cohen, a native of Charleston, South Carolina, earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Saint Augustine's University in Raleigh, N.C. and a master's in Community Counseling Psychology from Springfield College, Springfield Massachusetts. She received the Certificate in Fundraising Management from Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, IN. Ms. Cohen serves as the Associate Vice President for Major and Planned Gifts at Claflin University. Ms. Cohen also served as: Financial Analyst for Carolina Power & Light Company, Raleigh, NC; Associate Director of MBA Admissions-Kenan Flagler Business School, UNC-Chapel Hill; Director of Graduate Admissions,

Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA; Executive Director of Campus Life, Lincoln University, PA; Assistant Director of Administration, Springfield College Los Angeles, CA; Manager of Recruitment and Diversity, Medical University of South Carolina College of Dental Medicine, Charleston, SC and Vice President for University Advancement at Mississippi Valley State University.

Cedric Davis



Cedric Davis is currently the Associate Director of the Levi Watkins Learning Center at Alabama State University. He has over twenty years of experience in academic libraries and the technology industry. Cedric has extensive experience in the areas of digitization, preservation, budgeting/acquisitions, and information technology. Prior to coming to Alabama State University, Cedric worked in the systems and consulting services arena with IBM. He received his MLS from Texas Woman's University and a MBA from Troy State University of Montgomery (AL).

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Melissa Druckrey



Melissa Druckrey currently serves as the Dean of Libraries at Jackson State University, Jackson, Mississippi. Professionally Druckrey holds many interests including library space utilization and design; emerging library technologies; information literacy; and preservation and archival management. She and her colleague Jama Lumumba are at work on an information literacy iBook to be introduced in freshman orientation classes this fall. A contributor to the book *HEAR AND NOW: Desk Guide for Administrative and Academic Decision Making with Higher Education Action Research*, Druckrey holds advanced degrees in Library Science (MLS) and Urban Higher Education (PhD).

Steve Eberhardt



Steve Eberhardt is the Project Coordinator for the HBCU Preservation Project. He has coordinated a variety of grant-funded preservation projects at LYRASIS (formerly SOLINET) since 1996. He also works as a photographer and his work has been published on such sites as The Guardian, The Economist, The Wall Street Journal, Rolling Stone, and The Nation. Steve received his M.A. in Sociology from Georgia State University in 1993.

Jacqueline Eldridge



Jacqueline Denise Eldridge, a native of Flint Michigan, is a librarian at Arkansas Baptist College. She earned her Master of Library Science at the Texas Woman's University in May 2016. Mrs. Eldridge also completed her bachelor's degree in Religious Studies with an emphasis in Christian Education at Arkansas Baptist College in May 2013.

Jamaal Fisher



Jamaal Fisher is the Circulation/Reference Librarian at LeMoyne-Owen College (TN). Jamaal is a proud graduate of North Carolina Central University's School of Library & Information Science and has served in both academic and public libraries since 2004. He has many accomplishments including being named as an ALA Reach 21 Scholar, IMLS Diversity Scholar, and past participant in the HBCU Library Alliance Leadership Institute. Jamaal's professional interests include mentoring next generation librarians, information literacy, and transforming libraries into cultural learning places.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Janice Franklin



Dr. Janice R. Franklin is Dean of Library and Learning Resources at Alabama State University, a tenured Professor and Project Director for the National Center for the Study of Civil Rights and African-American Culture at Alabama State University. Franklin is co-founder of the HBCU Library Alliance, a consortium of libraries representing Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). She has led digitization initiatives for the organization and is an advocate for preserving the cultural legacy of HBCUs.

Dr. Franklin's professional recognitions include: The "Mover and Shaker" designation from *Library Journal*, recognizing her work to shape the future of libraries; the "Distinguished Service Award" from the Alabama Library Association; the "Woman of Achievement Award" from the *Montgomery Advertiser*; and she was elected to the OCLC's (Online Computer Library Center) international Member's Council, representing the SOLINET (Southeastern Library Network, now LYRASIS) region. She was also honored as a recipient of the "AACRL Sue O. Medina Significant contribution Award" presented by the Alabama Chapter of ACRL. She has served on numerous professional boards that currently include the Alabama Virtual Library, the Network of Alabama Academic Libraries and the Montgomery City/County Public Library Board.

Willie Hardin



Willie Hardin is the Library Director for the JC Oliver Library at Arkansas Baptist College located in Little Rock, Arkansas. He retired from the University of Central Arkansas as an Associate Vice President for Academic Development. His memberships include the American Library Association (member Black Caucus since 1985) and Phi Delta Kappa.

Cynthia Horne



Cynthia Horne is the Circulation Librarian and the head of Access Services at the G.R. Little Library at Elizabeth City State University (NC). In addition, she coordinates library assessments and oversees Interlibrary Loan, creates programming, and serves on many library, university and state committees. She is also the library liaison to the Department of Language, Literature and Communication, the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, and the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences. She received her Master of Library and Information Science from Valdosta State University (GA), attended the Georgia Archives Institute, and completed her Bachelor of Arts in History at North Carolina State University. Prior to Elizabeth City State University, she worked at North Georgia College & State University, managing Government Documents, Special Collections & Archives, and Access Services, successively.

Andrea R. Jackson



Andrea R. Jackson currently serves as Head of the Archives Research Center at the Atlanta University Center Robert W. Woodruff Library where she is responsible for leading all department operations. An alumna of Spelman College and New York University with a MA in US History and Archival Management certification, Jackson was a 2011 participant of the Archives Leadership Institute. She has authored and co-authored four successfully awarded grants between 2012 and 2016, as well as the article, "Funding the Future of African American Religion Archival Collections at the Atlanta University Center's Robert W. Woodruff Library" in the *Theological Librarianship Journal*. Jackson is a member of Society of Georgia

Archivists and Association for the Study of African American Life and History. She also currently serves as a member of the Appointments Committee of the Society of American Archivists, and the Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect of the Atlanta Regional Council for Higher Education- Archives Council.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Jennifer Cheney Laski



Jennifer Cheney Laski is the Music Librarian at Elizabeth City State University's (NC) G.R. Little Library. Jennifer earned a Master of Library Science (2012) and a Master of Arts in Music History (2013) from The State University of New York at Buffalo. Prior to her arrival at G.R. Little Library her roles included the Reference and Instruction Librarian at Bryant & Stratton College (NY), and Technology Instructor in the Charleston County Public Library System (SC). As Music Librarian she manages the Music Library, a branch library location embedded into the university's Visual and Performing Arts Department. In addition to handling operations at the Music Library, Jennifer creates programming opportunities for G.R. Little Library and

develops instructional classes. She is the library liaison for the Department of Visual and Performing Arts.

Jama Lumumba



Jama Lumumba currently serves as the Assistant Director of Libraries and Coordinator of Public Services, H. T. Sampson Library at Jackson State University, Jackson, Mississippi. Professionally, Lumumba's interests include information literacy, outreach library services, design thinking for libraries, and emerging technologies specifically related to information literacy (i.e. iBook design and functionality). A 1998 *Spectrum Scholar* recipient, Lumumba is co-author of *Historical survey of Library services for blacks in Mississippi 1866-1954* published in Mississippi Libraries, and holds the advanced degree in Library and Information Science (M.L.I.S.) and degrees in History (M.A.) and Educational Technology (M.S. Ed.).

Donzella Maupin



Donzella Maupin has managed the Hampton University (VA) Archives since 1995. She has hosted workshops relating to conservation and preservation and has the privilege of representing Hampton University in the HBCU Preservation Project. In October 2015, Donzella was appointed the Principal Investigator of the HBCU Preservation Project Round 3. She supervised the launching of the new Hampton University Archives Collection Online Research Portal in June 2016.

Morgan Montgomery



Morgan Montgomery is the Reference Librarian at Claflin University in Orangeburg, SC. She received her bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Columbia College (SC) and her master's degree in Library and Information Science from the University of South Carolina's School of Library and Information Science. In September 2008, Ms. Montgomery was selected to participate in the American Library Association's (ALA) Emerging Leader program. She, along with her group, presented their research study entitled, "Millennial Librarians and Library Workers: A Survey on Local and National Professional Library Associations" at the 2009 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, IL.

Ms. Montgomery is a member of the South Carolina Library Association presently serving on the Scholarship for Diversity in Librarianship Committee. She is also a member of the American Library Association, ACRL, the HBCU Library Alliance, and RUSA.

Her research interests include genealogy, virtual reference, and career planning resources for library patrons.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Rosaline Odom



Dr. Rosaline Odom is Head of the Discovery and Access Services Department at the Atlanta University Center (AUC) Robert W. Woodruff Library. She has managerial responsibility for three of the Library's public service units including the Circulation Services Unit, E-Learning Technologies Unit, and Information and Research Services Unit. In addition to providing oversight for the development and delivery of service initiatives to enhance the AUC library user experience, Dr. Odom is a member of the Scholarly Communications and Open Access Working Group. In fall 2014 Dr. Odom co-coordinated an Academic Writing Institute for AUC Junior Faculty, an initiative funded by a sub-grant from the HBCU Library Alliance's Expanding

Library Support for Faculty Research Project. She recently co-authored a book chapter describing the Institute [Emily Decker and Rosaline Odom, "Publish or Perish," in *Space and Organizational Considerations in Academic Library Partnerships and Collaborations*, ed. Brian Doherty (Hershey, PA: IGI Global, 2016) pp. 298-316].

Brad Ost



Brad Ost is the Theology and Philosophy librarian at the Robert W. Woodruff Library, Atlanta University Center (AUC). In addition to the delivery of research and teaching services to the students and faculty in the AUC community, he is also chair of the Scholarly Communication and Open Access Working Group. Brad reaches out to the theological librarian community as a member of the Board of Directors for the American Theological Library Association. In collaboration with Andrea Jackson and Christine Wiseman, he wrote about the grant funding of the African American Religion Archive Collection at Woodruff Library. (Ost, Brad, Andrea Jackson and Christine Wiseman. "Funding the Future of African American Religion Archive

Collections at the Atlanta University Center's Robert W. Woodruff Library" *Theological Librarianship* 9, no.1, (2016): 16-21. Accessed April 19, 2016. <https://theolib.atla.com/theolib/>) Brad is also the primary producer of the AUC Authors Series (<http://research.auctr.edu/aucauthors>), conducting and editing interviews with AUC community creators about their latest works.

Monika Rhue



Monika Rhue is the Director of Library Services at Johnson C. Smith University (NC). She oversees library operations, including strategic planning, library accreditation, programming, and grant writing activities. Ms. Rhue served as the first African American member on the North Carolina Exploring Cultural Heritage Advisory Board and the first African American President of the Society of North Carolina Archivists. She has bridged partnerships across campus and in the community with programs including "Giving Back: the Soul of Philanthropy Reframed and Exhibited" bringing more than 400 visitors to the campus to review the exhibit.

Ms. Rhue is the author of *Organizing and Preserving Family and Religious Records: A Step-by-Step Guide, Dress the African Way: An Activity Book for the Family* and contributing writer to the ACRL publication, *Creating Leaders: An Examination of Academic and Research Library Leadership Institutes*.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Tina D. Rollins



Tina D. Rollins is the Director of the William R. and Norma B. Harvey Library at Hampton University (VA). Mrs. Rollins previously served as Collection Development Librarian at Alabama State University and has also held positions at Bryant and Stratton College- Hampton, VA, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Virginia State University and the Chesterfield County Public Library System. She received a B.S. degree in Criminal Justice from Old Dominion University and her M.L.S. was completed at North Carolina Central University.

At Hampton, Mrs. Rollins has created initiatives to improve information literacy, outreach services and professional development. The initiatives have led to increases in library programming, grantsmanship, fundraising and faculty and staff communication. The library is successfully rebuilding its brand and building cross campus collaboration and partnerships. These opportunities create a wealth of potential resources to improve library services and research efforts throughout the university.

Jessie Carney Smith



Dr. Jessie Carney Smith is Dean of the Library and holds the Camille Cosby Distinguished Chair in the Humanities at Fisk University (TN). She is a graduate of North Carolina A&T State University, Michigan State University, Vanderbilt University (TN), and the University of Illinois. She has written or edited nearly 28 books, including *Black Firsts*, *Notable Blacks American Women*, *Notable Black American Men*, *Encyclopedia of African American Popular Culture*, *Black Women of the Harlem Renaissance Era*, and the historic *Black Academic Libraries and Research Collections*. Dr. Smith is consultant to the Commission on Colleges, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and has served as consultant for the U.S.

Office of Civil Rights and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Her recognitions include the Candace Award, the Anna J. Cooper Award, Academic/Research Librarian of the Year, and the Distinguished Alumni Award from the iSchool at the University of Illinois.

Chelly Tavss



Chelly Tavss is the Photographic Archivist Librarian and the library Federal Work Study supervisor at Johnson C. Smith University (NC). She holds an MLIS with a concentration in Archives Management from Simmons College in Boston, and a BA in English Literature and Photography from the University of North Florida, Jacksonville. Chelly has completed a year of graduate studies in Photographic Preservation and Collections Management at Ryerson University in Toronto Ontario, Canada. She was hired as the Processing Photo Archivist on the Peeler Photograph Collection in 2012, and was made a full-time permanent employee in 2013. Chelly designed, built and curated the exhibit "Peeler's Portrait Studio: Capturing Charlotte's African American Community 1954-2003" in the spring of 2016. Chelly also handles the archival digitization for the library, and works with professors to integrate the use of archives and archival materials into the classroom.

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Adrienne Webber



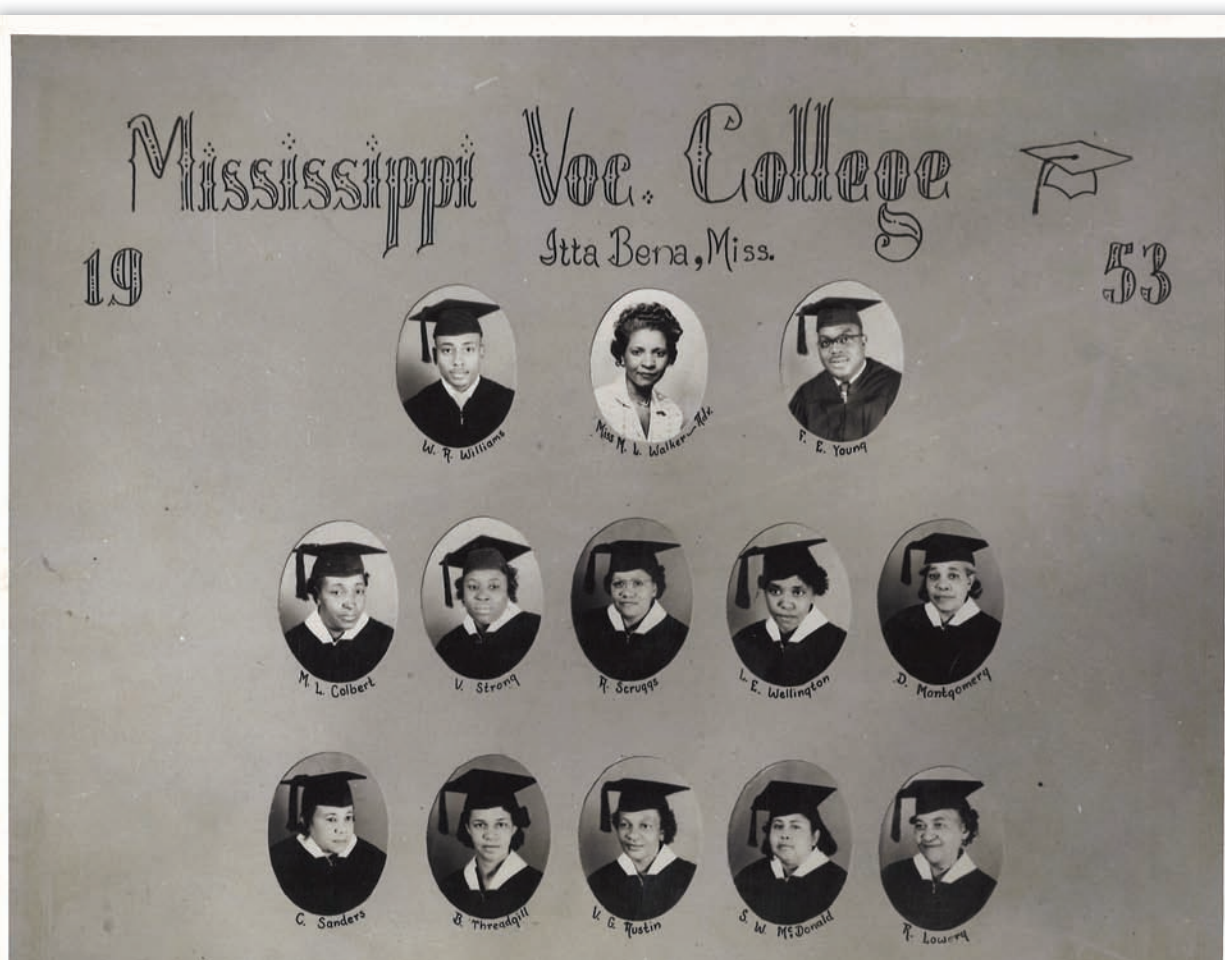
Adrienne Webber, Dean of Library at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore in Princess Anne, MD, has more than 20 years in library management, primarily in the academic setting. She has worked in small and large libraries as well as private and public higher education institutions. Through her experience, she has become an advocate for the student-centered environments, encouraging students to use the library by incorporating non-traditional methods. Her vision is for the library to engage students to be lifelong learners, information seekers and most of all information literate. Webber has served as the Chair - 1890 Library Deans and Directors and the past Board Secretary of the Partnership Among South Carolina

Academic Libraries. Ms. Webber received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mass Communications from Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge, LA, and a Master of Science degree in Library Service from Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta, GA.

Nicole White



Nicole White, since 2013, has been transforming the Susie McClure Library of American Baptist College in Nashville, TN through her brand of T.L.C. (Technology, Listening, and Collaboration). She is a proud graduate of North Carolina State University and is currently pursuing her Master of Library Science at the University of North Texas. When she is not spending time with her son, she is working to complete a book of poetry.





November 7, 1947, Alumni Banquet Dinner
Georgia State College Alumni Banquet Dinner held in Adams Hall.
The table was arranged in an "A" shape significant for "Alumni",
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Circa 1950s. Auto Mechanics class – Savannah State College
Students in Savannah State College's auto mechanics class overhaul an engine, instructed by Professor Leroy Brown,
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Snapshot of The Peeler Exhibit, Johnson C. Smith University (NC)
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Mississippi Valley State University (MVSU) Black College Day
at the US Capitol Building in 1980,
Image courtesy of Mississippi Valley State University James H. White Library

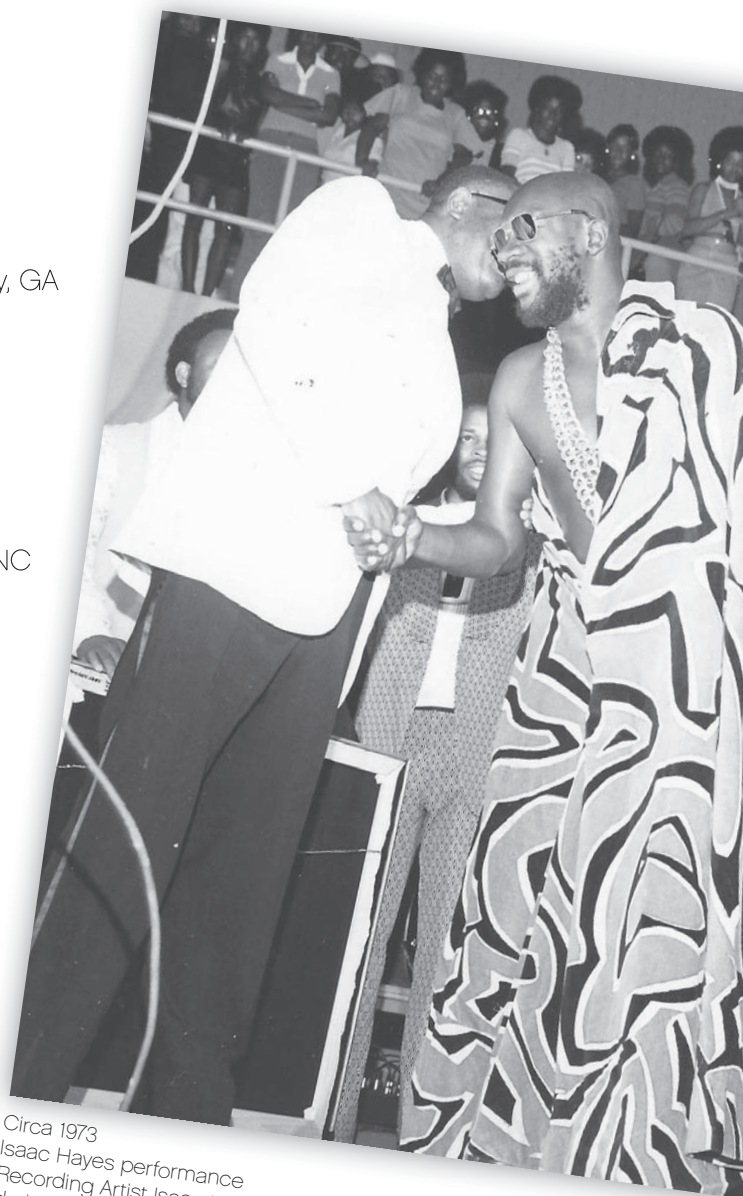
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Circa 1973
Isaac Hayes performance
Recording Artist Isaac Hayes listening to President Prince A. Jackson
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Circa 1958

President William K. Payne student reception – Savannah State College

Rutherford Lockett listens to students socializing at student reception,

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