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RWWL and LAC Showcase AUC Faculty Publications



CAU Sociology Professor **Dr. Ashwin Vyas** (left) and Sociology Department Chair **Dr. Komanduri Murty** review the Faculty Publications Exhibit during the recent reception honoring the published works of AUC faculty.

On February 28, the Robert W. Woodruff Library (RWWL) and the Library Advisory Council (LAC) honored Atlanta University Center (AUC) faculty with an all-day exhibit and evening reception celebrating their published works.

As a complement to the event, the Library prepared *Atlanta University Center Faculty Publications: A Brief Bibliography*, a compilation of scholarly and research contributions authored by more than 100 faculty from AUC member institutions Clark Atlanta University (CAU), the Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC), Morehouse College and Spelman College.

“You are to be commended for what you have accomplished as scholars and teachers,” **Woodruff CEO & Library Director Loretta Parham** told faculty members attending the reception. “We at the Woodruff Library will continue our efforts to promote and share your work with AUC students and others who might benefit from the knowledge captured in these works.”

The faculty exhibit and reception were the culminating events for a series of Library-related activities taking place on AUC campuses throughout the month of February. The events designed to enhance the academic partnership between AUC faculty and Woodruff staff.

Current LAC faculty representatives are:

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Library to Increase Summer Hours

The Robert W. Woodruff Library will be open eight-and-a-half hours more each week during the summer semester.

Just as in the spring 2006 semester, the Library will open earlier and close later this summer. The new summer schedule reflects the Library’s continuing efforts to meet the research needs of its users.

New hours will be as follows:

June 1-July 28, 2006:

Mon.-Thurs.—7:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

Friday—7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Saturday—Noon-6 p.m.

Sunday—2-10 p.m.

July 31-August 22, 2006:

Monday-Friday—9 a.m.-5 p.m.

August 23, 2006:

Fall Semester begins and regular hours of operation resume.

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Spelman and Woodruff Learning about Learning Spaces

Continuing a trend of transformation and collaboration, a team of Robert W. Woodruff Library staff members and Spelman College faculty recently attended a national conference on learning spaces. The Atlanta University Center (AUC) team was one of 23 college and university groups to receive competitive grants to attend the February workshop in Memphis, TN.

Team members attending the workshop were: Woodruff CEO & Library Director **Loretta Parham**, Deputy Director **Gail McClenney** and Assistant Director for Planning & Development **Carolyn Hart**, and Spelman Assistant Psychology Professor and Library Advisory Council Chair **Dr. Karen Brakke** and Assistant Professor of

English **Dr. Margaret Price**. Presented by the Council of Independent Colleges and the National Institute for Technology and Liberal Education (CIC-NITLE) and funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and the Carl and Lily Pforzheimer Foundation, the conference focused on “Technology and Learning Spaces.”

“The workshop allowed us to ‘dream big’ and really think in new ways about how Woodruff can support the AUC community, both in terms of physical space and services,” said Brakke. “The most invigorating part of the meeting was realizing that in many ways, Woodruff is perfectly positioned to be at the forefront of this wave of change that will occur over the

next decade, and that we really have the opportunity to make the Library what we want it to be.”

The conference culminated with teams creating action plans for implementing initiatives to improve the teaching and learning environments upon their campuses. The AUC team’s plan calls for a Woodruff-Spelman Project for Teaching Excellence designed to build on the momentum of several collaborative projects between Woodruff Library staff and AUC faculty now underway.

This month Parham, CAU Provost/VP for Academic Affairs **Dr. Dorcas Bowles** and CAU Interim Dean of the School of Arts & Sciences **Dr. Shirley Kirksey-Williams** will attend a CIC-NITLE workshop in Boston.

Mellon Information Literacy Project Underway



AUC students provide their thoughts on information literacy during a March focus group.

Talk about March Madness! The Robert W. Woodruff Library’s march toward establishing and maintaining a comprehensive information literacy program throughout the Atlanta University Center (AUC) is well underway. According to the American Library Association Presidential Committee on Information Literacy, the information literate know “...how knowledge is organized, how to find

information and how to use information in such a way that others can learn from them.”

With a planning grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Woodruff staff are collaborating with AUC faculty and staff members to develop and implement a program that promotes these skills among Library users and lays the

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Woodruff Scholars

Dan Veach, Head of **Access & Technical Services**, recently celebrated the 10th anniversary *Atlanta Review*, the award-winning poetry journal he edits. A special poetry recital and book signing was held on March 2 at the Georgia Tech Student Success Center to mark the occasion. An award-winning poet himself, Veach has given poetry recitals at Oxford University in England and the Poetry Society in London and has been published and anthologized in

the U.S., Ireland, and Russia. One of his works, “The Middle of the Day,” is engraved in bronze in Atlanta’s Memorial Plaza.

Meredith E. Evans, Curator of Printed Materials in **Archives & Special Collections**, successfully defended her dissertation, completing



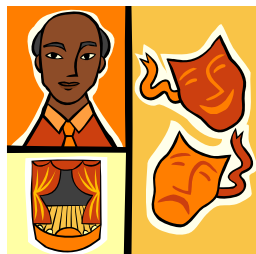
Dr. Meredith Evans

the final requirement for a doctorate in library science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Information and Library Science. Her dissertation, “Record Keeping Practices in Selected Atlanta Area Black Churches,” explores the attitudes of church leaders and their congregants toward maintaining records to preserve institutional memory, as well as for legal and administrative reasons.

Search Me...

The Robert W. Woodruff Library continues its efforts to acquire and offer the most comprehensive and useful electronic resources to support curricular needs. The latest acquisitions include:

- ❖ **Project MUSE®** – provides online access in 100% full-text format to more than 300 high-quality humanities, arts and social sciences journals from 60 scholarly publishers. A unique collaboration between libraries and publishers, the database makes the complete content (including all charts, graphics and images) of



every journal available online, with articles appearing in HTML and PDF formats.

- ❖ **PsycARTICLES** – features a collection of more than 40,000 full-text articles from 56 scholarly and scientific psychology journals—45 of which are published by the American Psychological Association (APA). The searchable, database has subject content spanning from 1985 to the present and covering general psychology and basic, applied, clinical, specialized and theoretical research.

For a full listing of RWWL eResources, visit:
<http://www.auctr.edu/eresources/databases/dataaz.html>.

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Dr. Larry Blumer and **Dr. Gloria DeCunha-Giabbi** of **Morehouse**; **Dr. Riggins Earl** and **Dea. Michael Dash** of **ITC**; **Dr. Thomas Apaiwongse** and **Dr. Osyimwense Osa** of **CAU**; and **Dr. Karen Brakke** and **Dr. Daryl White** of **Spelman**. Brakke serves as LAC chair.

The Council will continue to work with RWWL staff to organize activities promoting the scholarship of AUC faculty and strengthening the academic collaboration between faculty and Woodruff staff.

View the bibliography and photo gallery highlighting the exhibit and reception at: <http://www.auctr.edu/library/info/news/facultypub.html>. The bibliography will be continually updated. Current and emeriti AUC faculty may submit publication listings for the bibliography via email to pubs@auctr.edu, by fax at 404-978-2113 or if on campus, via interoffice mail to:

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Leaders on the Move

On Campus

Loretta Parham, CEO & Library Director, and **Karen Jefferson, Head of Archives & Special Collections**, recently attended the Third Annual Walter Rodney Symposium on March 23 at the Lyke House Catholic Center of the Atlanta University Center.

In 2004, the Rodney family donated to the Robert W. Woodruff Library a collection of Walter Rodney's correspondence, manuscripts and research notes, recorded speeches and interviews, teaching materials and photographs. This collection is available for research and study in Woodruff's Archives.

Rodney is well-published and copies of his books are available in the Library for check-out by students and faculty.

The symposium annually celebrates the legacy of the late Walter Rodney, professor, Pan Africanist, historian, political activist and author of *How Europe Underdeveloped Africa*, a book still in print and widely studied in universities internationally.

This year's event focused on the relevance of Rodney's work to young scholars and activists, health workers and educators. The symposium was sponsored by the CAU Political Science Department, the African American Human Rights Foundation, and the Walter Rodney International 25th Anniversary Celebrations Committee.

Around Town

Human Resources Director Marvelyn Thomas shared her professional expertise with future business professionals during the March 30 NAAHR-Atlanta (National Association of African Americans in Human Resources) 2006 Human Resources Career Fair.

Thomas served on the panel "Opportunities in Human Resources: The Present & Future of the Human Resources Profession." The event was co-sponsored by NAAHR-Atlanta and the American InterContinental University (AIU). The panel discussion was designed to provide AIU students with insight into career opportunities within the human resources field.

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foundation for their successful lifelong learning.

A series of March focus groups with AUC faculty, staff, administrators, students and librarians revealed the need for more information literacy education/training, more collaboration between faculty and librarians and differing service expectations among faculty and students.

The information gathered will be helpful in developing an online tutorial to be unveiled this fall and a curriculum-based pilot project to be implemented within selected AUC classrooms next year.

Hot off the Presses...

Loretta Parham, CEO & Library Director of the Robert W. Woodruff Library, and University of Tennessee Dean of Libraries Barbara Dewey have collaborated to produce *Achieving Diversity: A "How to Do-It"*

Manual for Librarians released by Neal-Schuman Publishers, Inc.

Parham and Dewey edited the writings of more than 50 librarians exploring diversity, a major issue facing their profession. "This innovative guide explores how librarians can ensure that their services, staff, and collections truly reflect our multicultural society," Neal-Schuman writes of the book.

Book chapters cover topics important in promoting diversity among library staff and collections, such as:

- Strategic planning and assessment
- Recruiting and retaining minorities
- Reaching out to new users
- Marketing to underrepresented populations
- Building collections for marginalized groups
- Overcoming the digital divide

The contributors provide numerous tools and resources including library diversity plans; residency and intern job descriptions; recruitment materials; programming plans and documents; and Web links.

Using real-world experience gained as library administrators, contributors provide guidance that can help their colleagues make diversity a reality in libraries. To purchase or learn more about *Achieving Diversity*, visit: www.neal-schuman.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Commencement Event: Library Tours/Fine Clearance

On **Saturday, May 13**, from **10 a.m.– 2 p.m.**, the Robert W. Woodruff Library (RWWL) will offer **Library tours** to parents, friends and family of the Atlanta University Center community visiting during commencement



weekend. Visitors will have an opportunity to talk with Library staff and to learn about services and operations.

It's also a time to sit and reflect and refresh during the commencement weekend activities.

In addition, Circulation Services staff will be available to assist graduating seniors with

clearing their library records. The Library looks forward to the celebration of the achievements of the 2006 graduates of AUC schools and offers best wishes for continued success in the future.

Library Closed May 22-26 for "Spirit Week"

During the week of **May 22-26**, the **Library will be closed** for its annual RWWL "Spirit Week" observance.

"Spirit Week" allows Library staff to focus attention on internal projects, activities, services and operations that will improve service delivery to our users and better assist our member institutions in carrying out their academic missions.



Take Woodruff With You: Sign Up for Remote Access

Whether at home, the office or in the dorm—through remote access, you can take the Robert W. Woodruff Library with you wherever there's a computer.

With a remote account, users can search and retrieve articles from most of the Library's electronic full-text databases from any Internet connection.

So, when a brainstorm occurs in your dorm

room or apartment, remote access opens Woodruff's doors to you and other Atlanta University Center (AUC) faculty, staff and students at any time, day or night.

To establish remote access, visit: <http://www.auctr.edu/eresources/remotearchive.html> and create an account through any networked computer at the Robert W. Woodruff Library or any of the AUC campuses. For questions about remote access, contact: helpdesk@auctr.edu.



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