

HBCU Library Alliance 2008 Membership Meeting

Raising the Bar

Redesigning HBCU Libraries
for the 21st Century



Students in Seminary class at Bennett College for Women, image from The HBCU Digital Collection



October 26-28, 2008

Marriott Charlotte Executive Park

FELLOW ALLIANCE MEMBERS,



It is with great pleasure, and on behalf of the entire Board of Directors, that I welcome you to the HBCU Library Alliance 3rd Membership Meeting!

Mary Jo Fayoyin (Savannah State), Membership Meeting Chair, and her team members have "raised the bar" and put together an exciting and informative agenda for this meeting. The team, and our Program Director, Sandra Phoenix, are to be congratulated. I know you join me in extending appreciation and admiration to them for their diligence and commitment.

At the 2006 meeting in Savannah, Georgia, we discussed possible strategic movements to advance the HBCU Library Alliance. I am excited to report that the HBCU Library Alliance is actively involved in a number of projects that are creating opportunities for visibility and partnerships. With your input, this meeting will reveal innovative directions for strategic planning and new approaches to advance HBCU Library Alliance projects. There is also great potential to increase the networking and collaboration among Alliance members.

As we celebrate the third Membership Meeting of the HBCU Library Alliance, I challenge you to move toward "more direct action and involvement." I challenge you to sharpen and elevate your advocacy skills in support of our institutions and the HBCU Library Alliance. Your contributions and participation are essential to the vitality and strength of the HBCU Library Alliance.

Sunday is dedicated to the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation sponsored Preservation Pre-Conference; I hope to see you there. Monday and Tuesday we will come together, along with our first-time attendees and guests, for roll call, to bond, reflect, and "raise the bar" to advance our most important cause. I invite you to enjoy the meeting, enjoy the "Queen" city of Charlotte, and enjoy the fellowship.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Loretta Parham".

Loretta Parham, Chair
HBCU Library Alliance Board of Directors
CEO and Director, Robert W. Woodruff Library
of the Atlanta University Center (GA)



Seminary first graduating class at Bennett College for Women, image from The HBCU Digital Collection

WELCOME LETTER



Dear HBCU Library Alliance Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the HBCU Library Alliance 3rd Membership Meeting. Our goal is to facilitate the kind of gathering that will ensure that you obtain the skills, knowledge and contacts you need to further your professional and personal growth.

Our membership meeting offers a great opportunity to celebrate the past, reflect on the present, and plan for the future. As information professionals, it is important that we take the time to reflect and assess our past so that we can make meaningful changes for the future. This reflection has led to our theme, "Raising the Bar: Redesigning HBCU Libraries for the 21st Century."

I would like to acknowledge the activities of Planning Committee members Laverne McLaughlin, Blanche Sanders and Sheila Stuckey, Local Arrangements Chairs Monika Rhue and Theodosia Shields, the Alliance Board, and Alliance Program Director Sandra Phoenix. Without their outstanding dedication over nearly two years of planning, we would not be here today.

Finally, we hope that you will find the Membership meeting both enjoyable and valuable, and that you will find time to enjoy beautiful Charlotte, North Carolina.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Jo Fayoyin".

Mary Jo Fayoyin
HBCU Library Alliance 2008 Membership Meeting Chair
Director of Library Services
Savannah State University (GA)



1922 Class at Bennett College for Women, image from The HBCU Digital Collection



Thirfield Gym and Chapel at Bennett College for Women, image from The HBCU Digital Collection

SESSION SUMMARIES

Re! Designing the Library Facility

Matthew James Simon, MLS, Associate AIA, Dean of University Libraries, Delaware State University

Because of new technologies, new teaching methodologies and new perceptions of the role of librarians and staff on campus, the library's definition on the campus is changing. This means library facilities must also change. As space requirements for collection storage lessen, the likelihood of successfully requesting funding for new library buildings also fades. What we must do then is Re! Design existing library buildings so they function as our partners in providing access to information and services, and become true centers for instruction, learning, research and social interaction on our campuses and in our communities. You will learn how to initiate a Re! Design and view illustrations and photographs from academic libraries that have moved through this process.

To Excite Dissatisfaction: Possibilities for 21st Century Libraries

Dr. Julianne Malveaux, President, Bennett College for Women (NC)

Dr. Malveaux will use the law that prevented slaves from learning to read during the mid-1800's as a basis for conversation on literacy and libraries in the 21st century.

Staffing New Learning Spaces

Joe M. Williams, Director of the Learning Commons, North Carolina State University

This session outlines some of the current issues that libraries face as we begin to provide new user-centered services and collaborative, media-rich spaces. Drawing on examples from NCSU Libraries' recent Learning Commons, this overview will touch on topics including staffing and training, technology support, special events, and methods for gathering continuous user input and feedback.

SACS Guidelines and Collaborative Learning Spaces: Redesigning for Now and Beyond

Emma Bradford Perry, Dean of Libraries and Dawn Kight, Manager, Systems & Technology, Southern A&M University (LA)

The SACS Guidelines related to libraries will be reviewed. This session will also focus on how current space can be re-designed and renovated to meet the needs of the user. Before and after photos and a video will be shared to showcase how a video/media collection was re-designed into a very popular and colorful hi-tech spot for students. Technology and teamwork will also be discussed.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

BRENDA ANDERSON



President and CEO of The Galilee Agency, Inc., Brenda has more than 20 years of leadership and organizational development experience in Fortune 500 corporations. She has held key leadership roles in human resources, training and development, operations, accounting and financial management. Prior to joining The Galilee Agency, she was Vice President, Special Market in the E-Commerce Division, Wachovia Bank in Charlotte, N.C. As a result of a "standing room only" presentation Brenda conducted for the Carolinas Healthcare System Annual Diversity Conference in 2005, Charlotte Radiology sought her out to lead its customer focused services initiative and training. Brenda was named as one of the Charlotte Business Journal's 2006 Women in Business Achievement Winners. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of San Diego and pursued graduate study at San Diego State University.

DR. JULIANNE MALVEAUX



The 15th President of Bennett College for Women, Dr. Malveaux has been nationally recognized for her progressive and insightful observations. An economist, author and commentator, she has been described by Dr. Cornel West as "the most iconoclastic public intellectual in the country." Malveaux's writings have appeared in USA Today, Black Issues in Higher Education, Ms. Magazine, Essence Magazine, and the Progressive. An accomplished author and editor, her academic work is included in numerous anthologies and journals. A native of San Francisco, she is the Founder and Thought Leader of Last Word Productions, Inc., a multimedia production company in Washington, DC.

EMMA BRADFORD PERRY



Professor and Dean of Libraries at Southern A&M University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Emma Bradford Perry has held numerous positions in the Library profession including Director of the Library at Dillard University in New Orleans; Associate Director of the Business School Library, Harvard University; Consultant, State Library of Louisiana; Division Head, Texas A&M University plus numerous others. She received her formal education at Grambling State University, Atlanta University, and Western Michigan University with further study at Harvard University and UCLA. She is the first African-American to serve as Chair, Board of Directors, Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET). Emma is a member of numerous professional organizations, and is a frequent speaker on diversity issues.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

DAWN KIGHT

Dawn Kight is currently the Manager of Systems and Technology at the Southern A&M University John B. Cade Library. She received a B.S. degree in Computer Science from Southern A&M University and the MLIS from Louisiana State University. Dawn has had the pleasure of working as a Technology Consultant and she served as a Visiting Program Officer for the Association of Research Libraries (ARL), heading the Distance Education initiative. She is a Frye Leadership Institute graduate and a fellow of the ARL Leadership and Career Development Program (millennial class). She has several publications, presented at regional and national conferences and is a member of professional and social organizations. Dawn works with numerous community service groups and is a 2004 recipient of the Polaris Award.

MATTHEW SIMON

Matthew Simon is Dean of University Libraries at Delaware State University, and President, pre-DESIGN Planning Associates. Boasting over 30 years of experience, he has served as a university administrator, professor, librarian and facilities planner. In addition, he has served as an architectural planning consultant on many projects across the country. Believing each project has its own unique mix of design and operational elements, his task is to help clients determine what the right mix should be and then to develop the program that will enable the architects to achieve the design solutions necessary to achieve the programmatic goals. His library planning awards include the Albert S. Bard Award for Urban Architectural Excellence for the Rosenthal Library and the 2001 Louis I. Kahn Award for Best Post-Secondary Education Facility for the Lied Library.

JOE WILLIAMS

Joe Williams is Director of the Learning Commons at D. H. Hill Library, NC State University. Joe works closely with students, faculty, and staff to keep the Learning Commons a vibrant and student-focused learning space. Previously, he was Assistant Professor at Texas A&M University Libraries and Adjunct Assistant Professor with Texas A&M Health Sciences Center's School of Rural Public Health. His recent publications include co-editing the book "Teaching With Technology: An Academic Librarian's Guide" and an ACRL Casebook chapter on "Gaming in Academic Libraries," currently in press. Joe Williams presents regularly on learning commons topics, and most recently spoke at the ALA 2008 Annual Meeting in Anaheim. He received his MSLS in 2000 from UNC Chapel Hill and began his professional career as an NCSU Libraries Fellow.

- 8:00 - 9:00** **Registration**
- 9:00 - 9:15** **Opening Remarks**
Loretta Parham, Robert W. Woodruff Library of the Atlanta University Center (GA) and **Brenda Banks**, Project Manager, HBCU Photo Preservation Project (GA)
- 9:15 - 10:15** **Preservation Challenges: Historic and Contemporary**
Photographic Print & Negative Materials **Debra Hess Norris**, University of Delaware, and **Barbara Lemmen**, Conservation Center for Art and Historic Photographs (PA)
- 10:15 - 10:45** **Break**
- 10:45 - 11:15** **The Importance of Environmental Conditions**
Edward Zinn, Rochester Institute of Technology (NY)
- 11:15 - 11:45** **Selecting Safe Storage Enclosures for Photographic Materials**
Jae Gutierrez, University of Delaware
- 11:45 - 12:15** **Questions and Answers from Morning Session**
- 12:15 - 1:30** **Lunch**
- Strategies for Securing Preservation Assistance**
PANEL: **Ingrid Bogel**, Conservation Center for Art and Historic Photographs (PA), **Kate Nevins**, SOLINET (GA), **Loretta Parham**, and **Brenda Banks**
- 1:45 - 3:15** **Break Out Sessions**
Review photographic process identification (prints and negatives) and deterioration and proper storage and handling procedures
Led by **Debra Hess Norris**, **Jae Gutierrez**, **Edward Zinn**, and **Barbara Lemmen**
- 3:15 - 3:45** **Afternoon Break**
- 3:45 - 5:00** **Establishing Preservation Priorities for Photographic Collection**
Balancing Value, Access, and Condition
Vernon Courtney, Hampton University Museum (VA),
Juanita Roberts, Tuskegee University (AL), **Debra Hess Norris**
- 5:00 - 5:30** **Final Remarks and Discussion**

All Day**SUNDAY, October 26, 2008**

All Day (Pre-Conference) The Care and Conservation of Photographic Collections: A Preservation Summit for Historically Black Colleges and Universities

6:00 - 8:00 PM**Reception****MONDAY October 27, 2008****7:30 - 8:30****Check-In****8:30 - 8:35****Call to Order****8:35 - 9:00****Introductions and Welcome****9:00 - 10:00****Roll Call of Membership****10:00 - 10:15****Break****10:15 - 10:45****Board Chair's Report****10:45 - 11:15****Program Director's Report****11:15 - 11:30****Treasurer's Report****11:30 - Noon****Open Mike****Noon - 1:30****Lunch Speaker**

Dr. Julianne Malveaux, President, Bennett College for Women

1:45 - 2:15**HBCU-CUL Digitization Initiative**

Dr. Janice Franklin, Alabama State University and Ira Revels, Project Manager, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

2:30 - 4:15**New Strategic Plan 2009-2011****4:30 - 5:30****Exchange Librarians Presentation****TUESDAY October 28, 2008****8:00 - 9:00****Re! Designing the Facility**

Matthew Simon, Delaware State University

9:00 - 10:00**Staffing New Learning Spaces**

Joe Williams, North Carolina State University

10:00 - 10:15**Break****10:15 - 11:15****SACS Guidelines and Collaborative Learning Spaces**

Emma Perry & Dawn Kight, Southern A&M University, Baton Rouge, LA

11:15 - Noon**Acknowledgements and Wrap-Up****Noon****Adjourn**

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