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2014 Membership Meeting
Transforming Libraries for the 21st Century and Beyond: Sustaining the HBCU Library Alliance

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Lower right: 1952, Dr. Joseph Winthrop Holley and Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, image courtesy of Albany State University.
Greetings and Welcome to Transforming Libraries for the 21st Century and Beyond: Sustaining the HBCU Library Alliance!

This is the 6th Membership Meeting of the HBCU Library Alliance and as such holds the opportunity for us to look to strategically position ourselves for the next steps in our association’s life.

At 12 years old, the organization is poised on the threshold of adolescence, we have many strengths and skills but we know that we have much to do and learn quickly if we are to make it to adulthood.

As we reflect upon our legacy and make sure that we and our stories are known, we look to remind ourselves how much we have accomplished since 2012:

Exceptional activities include:

• The conclusion of Phase IV of our leadership institute to strengthen libraries through better integration of their services into teaching and learning. Ten library exchange projects were completed. Thirty-two webinars were taught by 27 instructors.


• The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation funded Project “Expanding Library Support for Faculty Research in HBCUs” is well underway. This project will assess and strengthen library service in support of faculty research at HBCUs and involves a partnership with the HBCU Faculty Development Network. Two surveys have gone out and webinars are being planned that will start in mid-October.

• Collaboration with Emory University: The Emory Center for Digital Scholarship/HBCU Library Alliance Summer Institute was a week-long workshop held in Atlanta at Emory University. Twenty institutions participated in the training designed to assist participants in acquiring technical skills for building select digital projects.

I look forward to us interacting in our engaging conference activities. This is an opportunity for us to look at current trends while exploring keys to transformation as well as strategically charting our future.

As we turn 12, I am thankful for our founders, Loretta O’Brien Parham, Janice R. Franklin, Emma Bradford Perry, Elsie Weatherington, the late Tommy Holton and Kate Nevins and LYRASIS, whose vision continues to sustain us. I would like to acknowledge the Planning Committee – Chair Loretta O’Brien Parham, Mary Jo Fayoyin, LaVerne McLaughlin, Elizabeth G. McClennen and Marvely Thomas.

Special thanks goes to our excellent Executive Director Sandra Phoenix as she continues her focus to strengthen HBCU libraries. This conference would not have been possible without her dedication and effort.

I look forward to seeing you in Atlanta!

Cynthia L. Henderson, Chair, Board of Directors, HBCU Library Alliance
Executive Director, Louis Stokes Health Sciences Library, Howard University (DC)
Colleagues:

Welcome to the 6th Biennial Membership Meeting of the HBCU Library Alliance, and welcome to Georgia! I’ve been looking forward to this meeting for some time. As well, I am very excited about the opportunity to greet you when you visit the Atlanta University Center Robert W. Woodruff Library. Planning for this meeting has been conducted by a stellar local arrangements committee. I want to express my deep appreciation to the committee members for the time and effort they graciously contributed.

To each of you, I want to express my hope that you will find your time at this meeting to be rewarding, both professionally and personally. Our meeting is a time when we can comfortably discuss matters of importance to HBCU libraries and archives, and a time when we can gather to renew relationships with one another. Of significance also is the need to discuss our organization and restate its value and viability as we look into the near future.

These are difficult times for us. Resources are dwindling, enrollments are stagnant or declining in some cases, and the value or need for libraries is being questioned. Historically, library services have been in the greatest demand during difficult times, and librarians have stepped over large barriers to respond and to serve. We will need to continue to take big steps to stay ahead of the changing climate in higher education, in technology, and in information sciences. This meeting provides a platform for these conversations and for those who will inform how we, the HBCU library, remain relevant and of value to the thousands of students and faculty we proudly serve.

Enjoy your time here and let us use this occasion together to make the HBCU Library Alliance a stronger organization.

Respectfully,

Loretta Parham
Planning Committee Chair, HBCU Library Alliance
CEO and Director,
Atlanta University Center Woodruff Library (GA)
Welcome to the HBCU Library Alliance Sixth Membership Meeting. It’s been twelve years since our historic inaugural meeting here in Atlanta where more than 100 HBCU library deans and directors gathered to discuss issues and concerns facing their libraries. The HBCU Library Alliance was borne from those discussions with a goal to strengthen White House-designated HBCU libraries and the communities they serve. I’m proud of our accomplishments!

Major kudos to Planning Committee Chair Loretta Parham, Atlanta University Center Woodruff Library (GA), and her staff members Elizabeth Gail McClenney and Marvelyn Thomas. They were assisted by Mary Jo Fayoyin, Savannah State University (GA) and LaVerne McLaughlin, Albany State University (GA). All have shared their expertise, staff and resources to make this meeting successful.

Our theme, Transforming Libraries for the 21st Century and Beyond: Sustaining the HBCU Library Alliance, allows us to consider strategic sustainable directions for our organization. We must also be mindful of the challenges member institutions are facing as they support and serve their communities. The time has come to set goals, brainstorm actions to achieve those goals, and identify resources. The Strategic Planning session presents this opportunity and your input is needed to advance the mission of our organization.

Atlanta continues to grow as a culturally diverse and progressive city. I encourage you to venture out and explore the sights of this southeast metropolis. Atlanta is home to many major attractions accompanied by a Southern hospitality that’s second to none.

The Membership Meeting provides an opportunity for you to re-connect and participate in discussions about important issues facing member institutions. Come armed with your questions and suggestions.

I look forward to seeing you.

Sandra Phoenix, Executive Director
HBCU Library Alliance
To the participants of the HBCU Library Alliance 6th Biennial Membership Meeting

On behalf of the President’s Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) and the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, I am pleased to forward this letter of congratulations on your 6th Biennial Membership Meeting. We hope that your session will challenge the attendees as you discuss the most important issues confronting HBCU libraries. This is a transformative moment for your organization, as HBCU leaders are increasingly seeking a more collaborative environment where services rendered and measurable outcomes are highly valued.

The 2014 conference theme “Transforming Libraries for the 21st Century and Beyond: Sustaining the HBCU Library Alliance” highlights the importance of engaging HBCU libraries and students and embracing new technologies. HBCU libraries are also the repositories of documents that encourage new areas of research in emerging areas of importance (i.e. plant and animal science, nanotechnology and engineering).

The HBCU Library Alliance is also performing an essential function in preserving the artifacts and historical records located on campuses. The Leadership Development Programs that focus on the next generation of HBCU librarians is particularly noteworthy. We recognize your targeted programs greatly assist in recruiting and retaining highly motivated students and increasing graduation rates.

I wish you a successful 6th Membership meeting.

Sincerely,

George Cooper
Executive Director

September 15, 2014
2012 Photographic Preservation Summer Institute at University of Delaware, image courtesy of LYRASIS.
University of Virgin Islands library staff wearing HBCU Library Alliance Polos. Image courtesy of University of Virgin Islands.

1916 Domestic Science Students, image courtesy of North Carolina Central University HBCU Library Alliance Digital Collection.
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Agenda

Reconnect & Re-Engage
Sunday, October 26, 2014 (Hilton Garden Inn)

6:00 to 8:00 pm  Reception
Musical entertainment provided by the Harper Quartet

Transforming Our Libraries - Business Meeting
Monday, October 27, 2014 (Hilton Garden Inn)

7:30 to 8:30 am  Breakfast & Registration
8:30 to 8:35 am  Transition to Business Meeting
8:35 to 8:45 am  Call to Order & Welcome
Cynthia Henderson, Howard University, HBCU Library Alliance Board Chair
8:45 to 9:00 am  Historical Recognition of Membership
9:00 to 9:15 am  Decade of Investment Acknowledgement
Mary Jo Fayoyin, Savannah State University (GA), Fundraising Committee Chair
9:15 to 9:35 am  Board Chair’s Report
Cynthia Henderson
9:35 to 9:45 am  Past Chair’s Report and Report of the Fundraising Committee
Mary Jo Fayoyin
9:45 to 9:55 am  Treasurers’ Report
Monika Rhue, Johnson C. Smith University (NC)
9:55 to 10:10 am  Break
10:10 to 10:45 am  Executive Director’s Report & Updates
Sandra Phoenix, HBCU Library Alliance (GA)
  • Preservation of Photographic and Magnetic Media Collections at HBCUs
    Steve Eberhardt, Project Coordinator, LYRASIS, (GA)
  • Emory Center for Digital Scholarship/HBCU Library Summer Institute
    Yolanda Cooper, University Librarian, Emory (GA)
  • Wayne State University – Increasing Diversity of Librarians
    Mary Jo Fayoyin
10:45 to 10:55 am  Membership Q&A
10:55 to 11:00 am  Introduction of Keynote Speaker
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 pm  Keynote on Open Access & Scholarly Communication
Dr. Lorraine Haricombe, Dean, University Libraries, University of Kansas
12:00 to 12:10 pm  Keynote Q&A
12:10 to 12:15 pm  Transition to Luncheon
12:15 to 1:30 pm  Luncheon
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Transforming Our Libraries - Business Meeting
Monday, October 27, 2014 (Hilton Garden Inn)

1:30 to 1:45 pm  Transition to Afternoon Session

1:45 to 2:00 pm  Digital Initiatives Discussion
Elizabeth G. McClenney, AUC Woodruff Library

2:00 to 5:00 pm  Strategic Planning
Mantra Henderson, Mississippi Valley State University, HBCU Library Alliance Vice-Chair and
Reginald White, President, Toran Enterprises, LLC (includes break, small group sessions and
reporting out)

5:00 to 5:15 pm  Membership Q&A

Defining Our Future
Tuesday, October 28, 2014 (AUC Woodruff Library)

7:45 to 8:15 am  Depart to AUC Woodruff Library by Library Shuttle
1st shuttle departure @ 7:45
2nd shuttle departure @ 8:15
(shuttle capacity – 25 each trip)

8:15 to 8:55 am  Hot Breakfast @ AUC Woodruff Library

8:55 to 9:00 am  AUC Woodruff Library Welcome

9:00 to 9:50 am  Membership Input into Future Directions of HBCU Library Alliance
Mantra Henderson & Reginald White

9:50 to 10:00 am  Membership Q&A

10:00 to 10:15 am  Break

10:15 to 10:45 am  1890 Land Grant Institutions: Celebrating 125 Years
Vicki Coleman, North Carolina A&T State University
Adrienne Webber, South Carolina State University (includes Q&A)

10:45 to 11:15 am  Open Access & Scholarly Communication Initiatives, HBCU LA Panel
Evelyn Council, UNC Fayetteville
Cynthia Henderson, Howard University
Murle Kenerson, Tennessee State University
Elizabeth G. McClenney, AUC Woodruff Library (includes Q&A)

11:15 to 11:45 am  Building a Culture of Assessment
Carolyn Hart & Rosaline Odom, AUC Woodruff Library (includes Q&A)

11:45 am to 12:15 pm  Marketing and Promotion in HBCU Libraries
Janet Walsh, Tennessee State University (includes Q&A)

12:15 to 12:30 pm  Q&A, Acknowledgements & Final Comments
Cynthia Henderson

12:30 to 1:00 pm  Depart to hotel or MARTA by AUC Woodruff Library Shuttle:
1st shuttle departure @ 12:30
2nd shuttle departure @ 1:00
(shuttle capacity – 25 each trip)
**SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES**

**Vicki Coleman**

Vicki Coleman is the Dean of Library Services at North Carolina A&T State University. Previously, she served as Associate Dean at Arizona State University Libraries and held administrative positions at the University of Virginia, the University of Kansas, and Texas A&M University. Coleman is a member of the ACM Digital Library, Library Advisory Board. She chairs the State Library of North Carolina, LSTA Advisory Committee. She is chair-elect of the University of North Carolina System, University Library Advisory Council. She chairs the Association of 1890 Research Directors, 125th Anniversary Exhibition Planning Committee. She has participated on numerous international, national, and state professional committees, and is an active member of the American Library Association, EDUCAUSE, and the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women. Coleman is an alumna of the Association of Research Libraries Leadership and Career Development Program and the Frye Leadership Institute.

**Yolanda Cooper**

Yolanda Cooper became the University Librarian at Emory University, Atlanta, on January 15, 2014. Prior to Emory she held an acting position as Dean and University Librarian at the University of Miami Libraries in the fall of 2013, and from 2006 to June 2013 she was Deputy University Librarian at the University of Miami Libraries. Prior to joining the University of Miami Libraries, she served as the Associate University Librarian for Organizational Development at the University of Virginia Library in Charlottesville, Virginia from 2003 to 2006, and prior to that, she held two positions at Indiana University Bloomington Libraries from 1994 to 2003, the assistant to the Dean, and the Assistant Dean for Human Resources. Yolanda has also held positions at the University of Northern Colorado and the University of Illinois. Yolanda holds a B.G.S. and a M.L.S. from Indiana University. In 2004, she was selected as a Frye Fellow and attended the Frye Institute in Atlanta, currently called the Leading Change Institute.

**Evelyn Council**

Evelyn Council is the Associate Director for Collection Development at Chesnutt Library, Fayetteville State University. Her roles have included Head of Serials, Assistant Reference Librarian and Outreach Graduate Center Serials Librarian. A graduate of North Carolina Central University School of Library and Information Science, Council was the first NCCU Government Documents Intern at Duke University. Council was on the planning committee for the North Carolina Serials Conference for 20 years as member, chair and co-chair. She also implemented the FSU Digital Commons with the Director of Library Services, Mr. Bobby Wynn. Council has served as the North Carolina Library Association Executive Board Chair of the Technical Service section and Serials Interest Chair (RTSS), and as co-chair of the Continuing Education Committee and Strategic Planning Task Force Committee on the NASIG Executive Board. Ms. Council collaborates with the faculty and staff of Fayetteville State University about Scholarly Communication issues.

**Steve Eberhardt**

Steve Eberhardt is the LYRASIS Project Coordinator for Round 3 of the HBCU Preservation Project. He also served in this role for Rounds 1 (2007-2010) and 2 (2011-2013) of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation-funded projects, which have addressed the preservation needs of the photographic collections of sixteen HBCU institutions. Steve has a Master’s Degree in Sociology from Georgia State University. He has worked on library preservation projects at LYRASIS (formerly SOLINET) since 1994. Steve is also a photographer documenting life in the Atlanta area.
Lorraine J. Haricombe is Dean of the University of Kansas Libraries, which serves more than 25,000 students and 1,300 faculty. One of the founding members of the Coalition of Open Access Policy Institutions, Haricombe also serves as the Provost’s designate for open access implementation at the University of Kansas (KU). She is chair of the SPARC Steering Committee, a member of the ARL/AAU Task Force on Scholarly Communication, and serves on the PubMed Central National Advisory Committee. Prior to joining KU in 2006, she was Dean of libraries at Bowling Green State University. She holds doctoral and master’s degrees in library and information science from the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign.

Carolyn Hart is Assistant Director – Planning, Assessment and Communications at the Atlanta University Center Robert W. Woodruff Library in Atlanta, Georgia. She received her B.S. in Business Administration from William Carey College (Hattiesburg, MS); Master of Science and Library Service (MSLS) from Clark Atlanta University, and Executive MBA from Mercer University (Atlanta, GA).

Carolyn is a Fellow of the Frye Leadership Institute (Emory) and the Harvard Leadership Institute and has more than 25 years of corporate and library experience. She is responsible for designing, implementing and evaluating formal assessment activities and also coordinates development and outcomes reporting of the Library’s strategic plan.

Cynthia L. Henderson, MILS, AHIP, is the Executive Director of the Louis Stokes Health Sciences Library at Howard University. Ms. Henderson is a Distinguished Member of the Medical Library Association’s Academy of Health Information Professionals and has practiced Librarianship for more than 20 years.

She received her Undergraduate Degree Cum Laude from Alcorn State University, and her Graduate Degree in Information and Library Studies from the University of Michigan. She has worked at a variety of institutions: Iowa State University; Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science; the University of Illinois at Chicago; Samuel Merritt College (now Samuel Merritt University), and before coming to Howard University, she was the Director of the Morehouse School of Medicine Library.

Murle E. Kenerson is the Interim Dean of Libraries and Media Centers at Tennessee State University. Murle previously worked at the Chicago Public Library, Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital Memorial Medical Library in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and the Library of Congress, Congressional Research Service. He also worked at the American University in Cairo, Egypt, as head of reference and has interned as a fellow at the Tennessee Board of Regents. He was a research fellow at the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute, Patrick Air Force Base, Cocoa Beach, Florida, sponsored by the Department of the Navy. He received his undergraduate degree from Southern University (Baton Rouge, LA); master’s degree of Divinity at Colgate Rochester Divinity School (Rochester, NY); master’s degree of Library Science from the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI); and his doctoral degree from Tennessee State University in Educational Administration and Supervision (Nashville, TN).
SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Elizabeth G. McClenney
Elizabeth G. McClenney serves as Deputy Director of the Atlanta University Center Woodruff Library. Ms. McClenney has oversight for the user experience, resources and operations, including the Archives Research Center, Information & Research Services, Circulation & Interlibrary Loan Services, Access & Technical Services, and Digital Services. Prior to her arrival at Woodruff Library, Ms. McClenney was the Associate University Librarian, Technical Services, for Davidson Library at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Ms. McClenney has held positions in Virginia at Virginia State University in Petersburg and at Old Dominion University in Norfolk. She has also served as an adjunct instructor for the School of Library and Information Science at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. Ms. McClenney received a Master of Science in Library Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish from the College of William and Mary.

Rosaline Odom
Dr. Rosaline Odom is Head of Discovery & Access Services at the Atlanta University Center Robert W. Woodruff Library in Atlanta, Georgia. She has managerial responsibility for three of the Library’s public service units including the Circulation Services Unit, E-Learning Technologies Unit, and Information & Research Services Unit. These service areas represent the first point of contact for library users. In her role as Head of Discovery & Access Services, Dr. Odom implements assessment tools to obtain faculty/student feedback, reviews data collected and crafts the appropriate response. She develops strategies for addressing service gaps and coordinates new service initiatives as required. Dr. Odom also serves as subject liaison for faculty and students in biology, chemistry, dual degree engineering, environmental sciences, mathematics and physics at Atlanta University Center member institutions – Clark Atlanta University, Morehouse College and Spelman College.

Janet Walsh
Janet Walsh, Ed.D., has more than 17 years of experience enhancing academic library services through technology, marketing, administration and instruction. Her professional experience includes Sirsi Corporation, Fisk University, HBCU Library Alliance Leadership Program, American Baptist College, Ingram Library Services, and Tennessee State University. Some of the initiatives she has worked on include Second Life Library Virtual World Avatar, Air Library Instruction, UniversiTEA, Video Reference, Poetea Symposium, Spoken Word Up, Literary Words Scavenger Hunt, Read IN with Local Leaders, and a Customer Service Checklist for staff. She has contributed to Sharing Information, Building Communities, and Preserving Stories, Libraries as Cultural Keepers (2014), Connecting Communities with the University Library (2014), and Marketing activities and usage in HBCU Libraries (2012). She has worked with educational and non-profit organizations that promote literacy and library usage to children and adults including Southern Word YouthSpeaks and Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools and the Children’s Defense Fund.

Adrienne Webber
Adrienne C. Webber, Dean of Library and Information Services at South Carolina State University, has more than 18 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. Currently, Webber serves as the Chair - 1890 Library Deans and Directors and is 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.
Reginald H. White is a speaker, trainer, facilitator, and Executive Coach. He is also President of Toran Enterprises, LLC, a management consulting and training company that specializes in Executive Coaching, Diversity and Inclusion, Customer Profitability, and Organizational Development. Reginald works with his clients to identify and remove obstacles to achieving their personal and organizational goals.

Over the past 20 years, he has held VP-level positions in Human Resources and Marketing for Fidelity Investments and Merrill Lynch. He has worked in the Financial Services, Technology, Pharmaceutical, and Higher Education sectors. As a skilled facilitator and inspiring speaker, he has shared the stage with the legendary Les Brown. Reginald currently serves on several boards including the Cornell University Human Ecology Alumni Board, Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, and Social Venture Partners. He received his Bachelor's degree in Human Development from Cornell University and his MBA in International Management from Boston University.
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