



Southern University Founders, circa 1959, Dean John Sebastian Jones, Dr. Joseph Samuel Clark, Mrs. Octavia Head Clark, and Mr. James Blaine Moore, image courtesy of Southern University and A&M College – Archives Department – John B. Cade Library



HBCU
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HBCU LIBRARY ALLIANCE 2024 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

*EMPOWERING OUR MEMBERS TO FACE THE FUTURE OF
DEMOCRACY AND EDUCATION*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2024
SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE, BATON ROUGE LA



"1904 Sophomore Dental Class, image courtesy of Meharry Medical College Library and Archives (TN)"



University Digital Library and Learning Commons

September 27, 2024



Dear Esteemed Members and Guests,

With great pleasure, I welcome you to the 10th Membership Meeting of the HBCU Library Alliance, which is celebrating its 22nd year of existence! Thank you to Southern University and A&M College for serving as our gracious hosts for this significant occasion.

We are excited about the incredible response to our event, with registrations pouring in nationwide. This year's theme, "The HBCU Library Alliance: Empowering our Members to Face the Future of Democracy and Education," underscores our commitment to equipping you with the tools and knowledge necessary to navigate the evolving landscape of libraries today.

You can look forward to engaging sessions, inspiring speakers, and valuable networking opportunities throughout the meeting. Together, we will explore innovative strategies to enhance our Universities and libraries and support our communities in these critical times. We encourage you to take full advantage of these sessions to gain insights, share your experiences, and connect with fellow librarians and educators who are equally passionate about our mission.

As we gather to celebrate our achievements and strategize for the future, let us remember the importance of our work in preserving our communities' rich history and culture. Your contributions are vital to the continued success of our libraries, and together, we can create transformative experiences for our students and patrons.

We look forward to an enriching and empowering experience together. Thank you for being a vital part of our community.

Warmest regards,

Adrienne C. Webber
Dean, Grambling State University Digital Library and Learning Commons
Chair, HBCU Library Alliance Board

Working Group Chair Letter



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September 25, 2024

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Welcome to Southern University and A&M College-Baton Rouge for the HBCU Library Alliance Membership Conference. As Dean of Libraries at the John B. Cade Library, it is both a pleasure and an honor to host such an esteemed group of library professionals who share a deep commitment to advancing the missions of HBCUs through the transformative power of libraries and archives.

At John B. Cade Library, we believe that libraries are integral to student success. Our role goes beyond merely providing access to information; we are partners in the academic journey of our students. Whether they need research assistance, a quiet place to study, or access to digital resources, our library is a community of support, designed to cultivate intellectual curiosity and academic excellence.

As educators and leaders in library services, we all recognize that libraries play a vital role in empowering students. We help them develop critical thinking skills, navigate complex research processes, and gain access to the tools they need to succeed not only in their academic careers but also in life beyond the classroom. Our libraries are often the spaces where students gain confidence, find inspiration, and connect with knowledge that propels them toward their goals.

The HBCU Library Alliance stands at the forefront of ensuring that our libraries remain dynamic and relevant, adapting to the changing needs of our students and communities. As we gather for this conference, I encourage you to think deeply about the ways we can continue to innovate and collaborate to provide even greater support for our students. Together, we have the power to shape futures and enrich the academic experiences of the next generation of leaders.

I am excited to hear the insightful discussions and innovative ideas that will emerge from this conference. Thank you for joining us here in Baton Rouge, and I hope your time with us is both inspiring and productive. Together, let's continue to make our libraries places where students can thrive, grow, and succeed.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Dawn Kight'.

Dawn Kight, Ph.D.
Dean of Libraries



October 10, 2024



Greetings Colleagues,

As always, let me begin by thanking you for the many opportunities to provide leadership and service to the HBCU Library Alliance community.

With great pride, I welcome you to the historic 10th Membership meeting of the HBCU Library Alliance! This meeting marks twenty-two years of existence, implementing our mission to develop library leaders, preserve collections, and plan for the future. We continue with great intention to build a progressive HBCU Library Alliance. Thank you for your commitment to HBCU libraries and the communities they serve!

I extend gratitude to the Board of Directors, Membership Meeting Working Group Chair Dawn Kight, Southern University and A&M College, Baton Rouge (LA) and her phenomenal working group members Del Hornbuckle, Howard University (DC), Sam Johnson, Wilberforce University (OH), Ondrea Murphy, Delaware State University, Sophia Sotilleo, Bowie State University (MD), and Locord Wilson, Jackson State

University (MS). They have provided leadership, guidance, and support in planning our especially important time together in Baton Rouge.

Let our theme, “Empowering Our Members to Face the Future of Democracy and Education,” be a bold call to action to recognize the impact and value of our work. We are in complex and challenging times as we strive to strengthen our community and advance our work.

This historic meeting has been designed with you in mind. From Sunday’s professional development pre-conference for student library ambassadors and non-director library staff to member and partner presentations and the funders panel, we are responding to your needs and concerns. Be sure to take the time to connect with one another and celebrate this important milestone.

Thank you to our sponsors, project partners, funders, and students who have joined us for this meeting. We have much to learn from them as well as much to share about the work of the HBCU Library Alliance.

This is the first Membership Meeting of the HBCU Library Alliance with a staff of four. Thanks to the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation grant funding, the Alliance is staffed with the expertise of LaTasha Denard, Executive Assistant, Marion Key, Development Officer, and Shaneé Yvette Willis, Program Manager. Each of us is a proud HBCU alum, having benefited from ancestral foundations complemented by a nurturing and supportive environment.

As we embark on this historic journey together, let us remember that our collective efforts today will shape the future of our libraries and the communities we serve. Your dedication and passion are the driving forces behind our progress and success. Let us continue to empower each other, embrace the challenges ahead, and celebrate the milestones we achieve. Together, we will build a brighter future for HBCU libraries and the generations to come.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment and support. Here’s to a successful and transformative meeting!

Respectfully,

Sandra Phoenix
Executive Director



THE LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS

September 6, 2024

Dear HBCU Library Alliance Colleagues,

Congratulations from Washington as you celebrate your 10th annual Membership Meeting. We all play a vital role in amplifying the diverse stories and voices across the nation and illustrating how libraries and reading can connect people and inform their lives.

As the largest library in the world, the Library of Congress has a special opportunity to champion libraries in our communities. This is the time more than ever of our kinship of readers to spotlight the vital value of libraries: that it allows all voices to be heard, broad topics to be learned, and dynamic engagement. From HBCU libraries to public libraries, our work can change a life, unlocking life's wonders, and teaching us to live and flourish.

The best way for us to honor the history of our institutions and our professional associations is to make sure they are vibrant centers of learning and creativity. The students you work with in your libraries and the interns we welcome to the Library of Congress are essential to that, and you, their librarians and their mentors, are essential to them. I hope this year's HBCU Library Alliance Membership Meeting will be engaging, inspiring, and informative, and I wish you every success as you revisit your goals, refocus your work, and reframe what it means to be a great librarian.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carla Hayden".

Carla Hayden
Librarian of Congress





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September 27, 2024

Dear HBCU Library Alliance Members,

Welcome to Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge (SUBR)! It is an honor to welcome so many esteemed library leaders and professionals from Historically Black Colleges and Universities across the nation. As President of the Southern University System, I am incredibly proud to support the HBCU Library Alliance Annual Membership Meeting, which highlights the vital role libraries play in transforming our institutions and the communities we serve.

The HBCU Library Alliance continues to foster collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and professional development, all of which are critical to sustaining and advancing the legacy of HBCUs. This conference provides a unique opportunity to explore innovative approaches to librarianship and to connect with colleagues who share a commitment to preserving and promoting the rich heritage of our libraries.

Libraries are a critical component of student success, providing access to essential resources, fostering academic inquiry, and offering spaces for collaboration and learning. They empower students with the tools and support needed for research, personal growth, and academic achievement. The Southern University System recognizes the pivotal role that libraries play in preparing students for success not only in their academic careers but in their lifelong pursuit of knowledge.

On behalf of the Southern University System, I extend my warmest greetings to all of you. I wish you a productive, inspiring, and enjoyable conference here on Southern University's main campus in Baton Rouge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "D. J. Shields".

Dennis J. Shields
President
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September 25, 2024

Dear Esteemed Members of the HBCU Library Alliance,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to Southern University and A&M College in Baton Rouge for the 10th Annual Membership Meeting of the HBCU Library Alliance. As Chancellor, I am honored that our campus serves as the gathering place for this important event, which brings together trailblazers in the library profession dedicated to uplifting and advancing HBCU libraries.

Libraries are more than storehouses of books and other resources; they are foundational to our academic mission and have a significant impact on shaping the future of our students. Your efforts play a crucial role in preserving our institution's history, culture, and academic accomplishments for generations to come.

This conference reflects your commitment to enhancing the profession of librarianship, preserving the rich archives of HBCUs, and offering resources that support student success. I am confident that the collaborations and exchange of ideas during the sessions will create lasting benefits for our institutions.

We are excited to host you at Southern University and A&M College and hope that you find both the conference and our campus to be a welcoming and enriching environment. I am confident that this conference will inspire new ideas, strengthen partnerships, and further empower all of us to continue our vital work.

Welcome to Baton Rouge, and I hope you enjoy the Southern hospitality and vibrant campus community during your time here.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'John K. Pierre'.

John Pierre, Chancellor
and Vanue B. Lacour Endowed Law Professor



SENIOR OPERATING OFFICER **Perspective**



SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AND AGRICULTURAL & MECHANICAL COLLEGE

OFFICE OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

September 30, 2024

Dear HBCU Library Alliance Members,

It is with great honor that I welcome you to Southern University for the HBCU Library Alliance Membership Conference. I am delighted that you have chosen our beautified and historic campus to host this important gathering of leaders and professionals who are dedicated to enhancing the impact of libraries at HBCUs across the nation.

At Southern University, we recognize that public service is not just a pillar of our institution—it is the heartbeat of everything we do. Our libraries, like the John B. Cade Library, are at the forefront of this mission, serving as gateways to the world, cultural preservation, and community engagement. Libraries are spaces where public service is brought to life daily, connecting students, faculty, and community members with the resources they need to succeed.

We are excited to host you here in Baton Rouge. I hope that this conference inspires meaningful dialogue, sparks new ideas, and strengthens the collective commitment to public service through the work of libraries. I wish you a productive and enriching experience throughout the sessions, and I look forward to seeing the incredible impact that will emerge from your shared efforts.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Desiree' Honore' Thomas".

Desiree' Honore' Thomas
Associate Vice President and Senior Operating Officer
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VICE-CHANCELLOR'S **Perspective**



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September 30, 2024

Dear Conference Participants,

It is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to Southern University and A&M College (SUBR), the main campus of the only Historically Black College and University (HBCU) System in the nation, for the HBCU Library Alliance Membership Meeting. As the Chief Academic Officer, I am honored to host this esteemed gathering of library professionals. Your critical role in advancing education, driving research, and preserving the rich legacy of HBCUs cannot be overstated. This year's theme, *The HBCU Library Alliance: Empowering Our Members to Face the Future of Democracy and Education*, resonates deeply with our institution's mission of fostering student success through transformative teaching and learning. Libraries are integral to this mission, serving as vital hubs of knowledge and innovation across HBCUs.

As you engage in dialogue and exchange strategies, it is essential to recognize the dynamic role that libraries and librarians play in today's ever-evolving digital landscape. Far beyond traditional knowledge curation, libraries now serve as vibrant spaces for community engagement, digital literacy, and social inclusion. This transformation is pivotal as we confront the challenges and seize the opportunities of the 21st century, making your discussions both timely and critical to the future of education and democracy.

We sincerely thank you for your unwavering commitment to librarianship and its enduring impact on our academic communities. Once again, welcome to Southern University and A&M College.

Sincerely,

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Luria Young, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs





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WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

July 31, 2024

Dear Mrs. Phoenix,

On behalf of Wilberforce University, I am pleased to express my wholehearted support for the HBCU Library Alliance and its upcoming 10th Membership Meeting. As President of the nation's first private historically Black college or university, I recognize the vital role that the HBCU Library Alliance plays in fostering academic excellence, professional development, and collaboration across our institutions.

The HBCU Library Alliance is more than a network; it is a lifeline that connects our libraries to the broader world of academic resources, innovation, and scholarship. The professional development opportunities provided by the Alliance are unparalleled, offering our library professionals the chance to engage with cutting-edge practices, share best practices, and collaboratively address the unique challenges that we face as HBCU institutions.

Participation in the HBCU Library Alliance has been instrumental in empowering our library staff, enhancing our resources, and ultimately supporting the academic success of our students. The 10th Membership Meeting represents a significant milestone, and I am confident that the discussions, workshops, and networking opportunities it will provide will further strengthen the capacities of our libraries and reinforce our collective commitment to excellence in higher education.

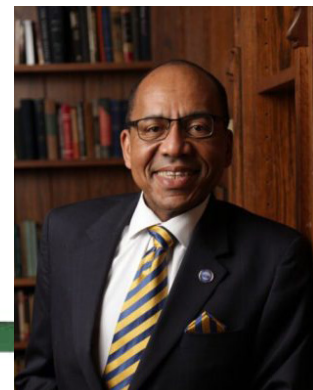
I commend the leadership of the HBCU Library Alliance for their tireless dedication to advancing our libraries and the communities they serve. Wilberforce University is proud to be a participating member, and we look forward to continuing our collaboration with the Alliance to ensure that our libraries remain at the forefront of educational innovation and cultural preservation.

Thank you for your unwavering support and for the invaluable contributions the HBCU Library Alliance makes to our community of scholars.

Sincerely,

Dr. Vann R. Newkirk
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Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the HBCU Library Alliance 10th Membership Meeting, bringing together library deans, directors, scholars, researchers, archivists, staff, and students from Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Your gathering in Baton Rouge, from October 27 to October 29, 2024 provides a vital platform for collaboration and advancing opportunities.

Information sharing plays a pivotal role in the success of our HBCUs and our contributions to the global community. At Jackson State University, the H.T. Sampson Library is central to fulfilling the university's mission. We are particularly proud to have received the inaugural HBCU Getty Images Digitization Grant, which supports digitizing and preserving our archival photo collection. This initiative enhances the

accessibility and global sharing of our historical records, aligning with our commitment to preserving the legacy of our institution.

As a historian by training, I deeply appreciate efforts that ensure the preservation and dissemination of significant historical information.

I am confident that the upcoming membership meeting, featuring Dr. Marybeth Gasman, will be a productive and enriching experience. Her insights, as the Executive Director of the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Institute for Leadership, Equity & Justice and the Executive Director of the Rutgers University (NJ) Center for Minority Serving Institutions, will undoubtedly stimulate engaging discussions among the institutions represented.

Wishing you a successful membership meeting.

Sincerely,

Marcus L. Thompson, PhD
13th President



September 5, 2024

Dear HBCU Library Alliance Members:

It is an honor and a pleasure to congratulate you on the occasion of the 10th Membership Meeting. The Conservation Center for Art & Historic Artifacts (CCAHA) has been so pleased to partner with the Alliance for more than a decade now.

CCAHA shares your passion for the role of the humanities collections in illuminating important stories. From their inception, HBCU faculty, students, alumni, and leadership have played important roles in virtually every defining moment in American history. These contributions are reflected in the irreplaceable collections found in HBCU libraries, archives, and museums.

Preserving these collections and making them accessible to researchers is integral to the ongoing scholarship and storytelling that allows us a broader understanding of African American history and the complete American story.

Initially, CCAHA's photograph conservators joined a multi-institutional team who worked on a series of Andrew W. Mellon Foundation grants to upgrade collection stewardship of historic photograph collections at a selected group of HBCUs.

Then, in 2018, CCAHA's involvement with the HBCU Library Alliance took full flight with the collaborative development of a new initiative, Building Capacity: HBCU, with significant funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Building Capacity: HBCU supports a long-term incremental process for enhancing and sustaining collection stewardship. Through educational workshops, consultations and planning work, HBCU Library staff have been further empowered to address the needs of their special collections and incorporate practices that will make these treasures safely accessible for generations to come.

The 10th Membership Meeting is an important opportunity for the various professionals, students and other leaders in the HBCU library community to come together to advance their roles in the future of democracy and education. Wishing you a meaningful and fruitful gathering!

Sincerely,

Michelle Eisenberg

Michelle Eisenberg
Executive Director





September 5, 2024

Dear Sandra:

On behalf of CLIR, I offer our sincere congratulations on the upcoming and historic 10th Annual Meeting of the HBCU Library Alliance. The titular theme is inspiring, *Empowering Our Members to Face the Future of Democracy and Education*, and could not be more timely and urgent. I believe the conference also welcomes the Alliance members to meet in person for the first time since 2018: a special homecoming for all of us working in this community.

These occasions evoke reflection on our work together and mutual interests. I am pleased to acknowledge our partnership remains strong and vital. Together we will continue to design collaborative solutions that encourage communities of practice and purpose; develop new concepts of leadership for these challenging times; and to preserve, secure, make accessible, and promote and advocate for the rich, irreplaceable

cultural heritage held within HBCU libraries.

A recent example of the strength of our partnership is the new fundraising initiative, created in 2023, reaching out to our sponsors to ask them to help support HBCU libraries and archives by donating additional funding as part of their 2023-2024 renewal pledge to CLIR. In 2024, the HBCU Library Alliance issued a call to its members to apply for project support using a subset of the funds raised through this initiative. Five institutions were selected to receive funding—all excellent projects that will enrich our national dialogue and enhance our collective narrative. CLIR commits to continuing this fundraising effort into 2025 and beyond.

I also would like to congratulate you on the choice of your keynote speaker, Dr. Marybeth Gasman, the Samuel DeWitt Proctor endowed chair in education and distinguished professor at Rutgers University. Dr. Gasman is among the most distinguished scholars and advocates in the world on HBCU history, as well as a tireless thought leader on issues pertaining to education and leadership, equity, and justice. A prolific author and speaker, her expertise, intellectual rigor, and gracious heart continue to guide us through a time so beset with ill-will, prejudice, and fear of truth. Her pivotal role at the 10th Annual Meeting itself shall help empower the members to face the future of education and democracy.

Thank you again for all your wise advice and contributions to the HBCU Library Alliance. It is a privilege to work with you in service to the honorable and just aspirations of your mission.

Respectfully, and with admiration,

Chuck

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles Henry". The script is fluid and cursive.

Charles Henry
President



September 30, 2024



Dear Ms. Phoenix,

Cheers to you and the HBCU Library Alliance on the 10th Membership Meeting!

I am writing this letter in support of the Membership Meeting and the HBCU Library Alliance Summer Conservation Preservation program. Participating in this program was a turning point for me in my young adult life. As a first-year student at Morgan State University, I worked in the library. I knew absolutely nothing about museums or conservation before I applied to the program. The summer after my first year I was assigned to the American Philosophical Society to collaborate with their conservators for the summer. That summer was wonderful for me. I learned so much about myself and the world of museums and archives. I bonded with my supervisors, and they took the time to mentor me and get to know me. By the end of that summer, I was in love with conservation and with museums.

The next year I applied again and was placed at Winterthur in the book and paper lab. That summer was also incredibly impactful and wonderful. I bonded with my supervisor and greatly enjoyed my time exploring Winterthur's gardens and their special collections. During that summer I participated in the Poison Book project, which has grown exponentially since then. I was also assigned the project of creating an enclosure for a lock of Elizabeth Siddal's hair, which then went on display at the National Portrait Gallery in London. I was interviewed for an article discussing Elizabeth's hair, which was a fun experience and a great platform to share the project. This experience greatly increased my sense of confidence and my passion for learning new skills.

Both summer programs were fun, engaging, and challenging for me. I grew as a person and gained confidence. Each mentor, supervisor, and intern I worked with went out of their way to support me and challenge me when I needed it, helping me see what I was capable of. This program is wonderful opportunity for HBCU students to learn about the world of museums and archives and gain skills that can help their home institution. As an HBCU student, I brought a new perspective to nearly every meeting and conversation I participated in. I was proud to represent Morgan State University (MD) and HBCUs to people in these spaces who did not know much about them.

My internship project at Morgan State is also a source of pride for me. Three years of my undergraduate degree I worked in the special collections and maintained a processing and rehousing project for the Kate Sheppard collection. The university archivist was extremely supportive and got me the tools and supplies I needed to do simple rehousing and enclosures. I was glad that I had skills I could use to make sure this material can stay around long term. I was able to synthesize my work in the special collections with my history degree and authored my senior thesis on Katherine Sheppard, a teacher and important figure in Baltimore history. In my final paper I discussed the rehousing work I had done in the collection in addition to the information I had retrieved from the collection's contents. It was extremely gratifying to combine my passion for history and my passion for conservation into one large project.

Without the HBCU Library Alliance, my college experience and my life after college would likely be entirely different. Because of this program I spoke at an HBCU Library Alliance Member Meeting, participated in programs and workshops, met amazing people, and explored collections of spectacular material. Access to institutions of cultural heritage and mentorship from experts is a significantly valuable experience. I sincerely hope that future generations of young adults will get to have a similar experience.

Best wishes,

Layla Huff

2018/2019 HBCU Library Alliance Summer Intern

September 30, 2024



Dear Ms. Phoenix,

I hope this letter finds you well. Congratulations to the Alliance community on the 10th Membership Meeting!

As an alumnus of the HBCU Library Alliance Summer Conservation-Preservation Internship program, I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for the transformative experience this program has provided me. Being a part of this program introduced me to a career I have genuinely fallen in love with, one that has shaped not only my professional path but also my personal journey.

My time in the program opened doors I never thought possible. It led me to become the first Black Art Bridges Conservation Fellow at the Philadelphia Museum of Art—a milestone I am incredibly proud of. This opportunity has allowed me to work in one of the most prestigious institutions in the field, contributing to the preservation of cultural heritage and learning from some of the best in the profession.

The connections I made through the program have been invaluable. I have had the privilege of meeting and learning from extraordinary conservators like Debra Hess Norris and Priscilla Anderson, who have both inspired and guided me in my career. Moreover, the friendships formed with my fellow cohort members, such as Tempe Stewart, have blossomed into lifelong bonds that I cherish deeply. These relationships have provided a support network that extends far beyond our shared time in the program.

I am extremely grateful for this life-changing program and the opportunities it has afforded me. It has not only equipped me with the skills and knowledge necessary for a successful career in art conservation but also instilled a sense of purpose and commitment to preserving our shared cultural history. The impact of this program is profound, and I am honored to be a part of its legacy.

As I continue to grow in my career, I look forward to meeting many more HBCU students whose lives this program has positively impacted. I am eager to share my experiences, support future cohorts, and contribute to the program's ongoing success. I believe deeply in the mission of the HBCU Library Alliance, and I am excited to see how it continues to inspire and empower students like me.

Thank you once again for this incredible opportunity. The HBCU Library Alliance program has been a pivotal chapter in my life, and I am forever grateful for the guidance, support, and inspiration it has provided. I am excited to see the continued positive impact it will have on future generations.

With sincere gratitude,

Payton Murray

Payton Murray
Art Bridges Conservation Fellow
Philadelphia Museum of Art



Oakwood Junior College Glee Club, circa 1925, Image courtesy of Oakwood University (AL)

KEYNOTE SPEAKER Biography



MARYBETH GASMAN

Marybeth Gasman is Samuel DeWitt Proctor Endowed Chair and a Distinguished Professor in the Graduate School of Education at Rutgers University. She also serves as the Executive Director of the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Institute for Leadership, Equity and Justice and the Executive Director of the Rutgers Center for Minority Serving Institutions. Her areas of expertise include the history of American higher education, Minority Serving Institutions (with an emphasis on Historically Black Colleges and Universities), racism and diversity, fundraising and philanthropy, and higher education leadership. She is the author or editor of 30 books. She has penned over 450 opinion articles for the nation's newspapers and magazines and in 2024 was listed as #28 on Education Week's list of the Top 200 Most Influential Public Scholars. Marybeth has raised over \$23 million in grant funding to support her research and that of her students, mentees, and MSI partners. She has served on the board of trustees of The College Board as well as historically Black colleges – Paul Quinn College (TX), Morris Brown College (GA), and St. Augustine University (NC). She considers her proudest accomplishment to be receiving the University of Pennsylvania's Provost Award for Distinguished Ph.D. Teaching and Mentoring, serving as the dissertation chair for over 80 doctoral students since 2000.

KATHY ANDERSON



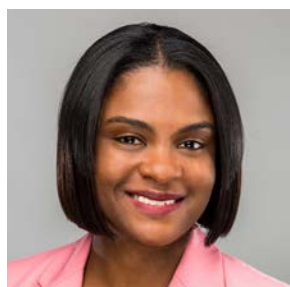
Kathy Anderson is the Library Director at Philander Smith University in Little Rock, Arkansas. She enjoys genealogy research and is a member of the Afro-American Historical & Genealogical Society and the Preservation of African American Cemeteries. She holds a B.S. in Computer Information Systems from the University of Arkansas at Monticello, a M.S. in Information Science from the University of North Texas-Denton, and a M.Ed. in Learning Systems Technology from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

WANDA KAY BROWN



Wanda Kay Brown is the Director of Library Services at the C. G. O'Kelly Library at Winston-Salem State University (NC). Previously, she was the Associate Dean at Wake Forest University's Z. Smith Reynolds Library. With 40 years in the profession, she has been active in state and national library organizations. In June 2019, she became President of the American Library Association. Wanda Brown has held various positions with the Black Caucus of ALA and the North Carolina Library Association. She has received numerous awards, including the DEMCO/ALA Black Caucus Award for Excellence. She holds a BA in English from Winston-Salem State University (NC) and an MLS from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

KIMBERLEY BUGG, PH.D.



Kimberley Bugg, Ph.D., is currently the Library Director at AUC Robert W. Woodruff Library (GA). She serves as Vice Chair of the HBCU Library Alliance Board of Directors, chair of the American Library Association (ALA) Committee on Research and Statistics, and past chair of the Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) College Libraries Section. Dr. Bugg holds a Ph.D. in Library and Information Science from Simmons College, an MLIS from North Carolina Central University, and a B.A. in Communication from Georgia State University.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

SHARON M. BURNEY



Sharon M. Burney is a Program Officer at the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR), managing the Recordings at Risk, Digitizing Hidden Collections, and Amplifying Unheard Voices grant programs. She specializes in academic, cultural heritage, and community support systems, promoting community building through policy adherence and interpersonal connections. Sharon hosted and co-produced Season 3 of the award-winning HBCU Library Alliance Tour on CLIR's Material Memory podcast. Previously, she supported the University of Florida African American Studies Program, advancing it from a certificate to a degree program. Sharon's poetry blends the historical contributions of the African diaspora with contemporary civil rights and activism. She enjoys public service, education, and spending time with her family and pets.

JOHN CHRASTKA



John Chrustka is co-founder and executive director of EveryLibrary, the national political action committee for libraries, and the EveryLibrary Institute, a public policy, tax policy, and education policy think tank for libraries. Since 2012, EveryLibrary has supported public libraries in numerous funding negotiations, politicized challenges, and over 130 election days winning over 2.8 billion dollars in stable tax money for libraries. Its SaveSchoolLibrarians.org campaigns help ensure the future of school library work. Their FightForTheFirst.org is a platform for anti-censorship organizing across nearly 100 communities. The EveryLibrary Institute supports funding-focused research and training for library leaders and outreach to the public about librarians.

MADDIE COOPER



Maddie Cooper (she/her) is an Associate Preventive Conservator at the Conservation Center for Art & Historic Artifacts (CCAHA) located in Philadelphia, PA where she works with a wide range of institutions on preservation projects ranging from risk assessment and emergency planning to collections storage redesign and environmental monitoring. She held roles in conservation and collections at Vizcaya Museum and Gardens and the Wolfsonian-FIU before specializing in preventive conservation in graduate school, where she worked at the Disaster Research Center, the Midwest Art Conservation Center, and the Robert Rauschenberg Foundation. Maddie holds an MS in Art Conservation from the Winterthur/University of Delaware Program in Art Conservation, a B.A. in Chemistry from the University of Delaware, and a B.A. in Art Conservation with a minor in Art History from the University of Delaware.

PHYLLIS EARLES



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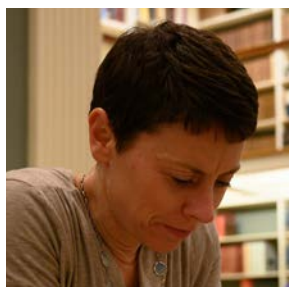
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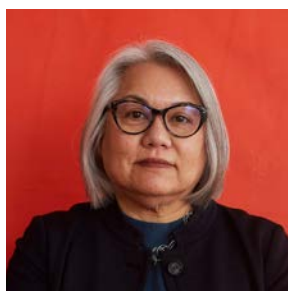
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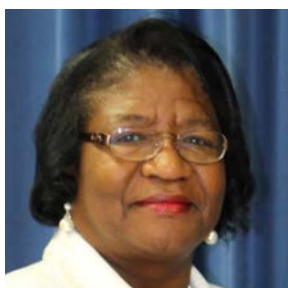
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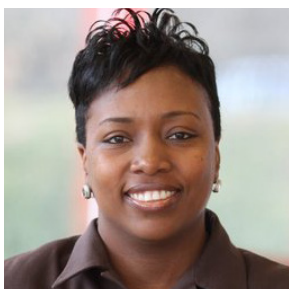
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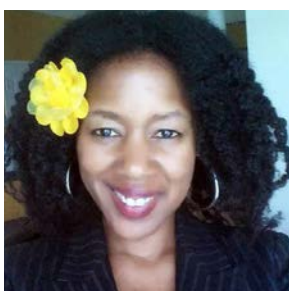
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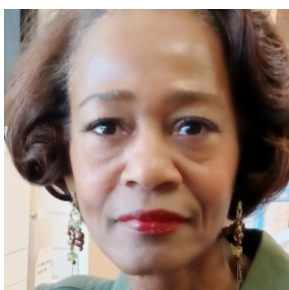
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2024 10TH MEMBERSHIP MEETING PROGRAM

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Sunday, October 27 – Tuesday, October 29, 2024
Southern University and A&M College, Baton Rouge (LA)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

PRECONFERENCE

(Open to Student Library Ambassadors and Non-Director Library Staff selected as part of the NEH Chairs Grant)

11:30 a.m.

Transportation from Baton Rouge Marriott to Southern University and A&M Library

12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Pre-Conference Session: Professional Development for HBCUs
Southern University and A&M College Library Training Center
167 Roosevelt Steptoe Drive, Baton Rouge (LA)
Co-sponsored by the HBCU Digital Library Trust and the Gladys Krieble Delmas Foundation

Phyllis Earles, Prairie View A&M University (TX)
Dr. Flavia Eldemire, Allen University (SC)
Laurie Gaillard, Southern University New Orleans (LA)
Dr. Shatiqua Mosby-Wilson, Southern University New Orleans (LA)
Payton Murray, 2021 Summer Conservation Preservation Intern
Elaina Norlin, ASERL (GA)
Marvelyn Thomas, Root Cause Solutions LLC (GA)
Patrice Williams, Atlanta University Center Woodruff Library (GA)

5:45 p.m.

Transportation to Baton Rouge Marriott

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

LEON R. TARVER II CULTURAL AND HERITAGE CENTER

8320 G. Leon Netterville Drive, Baton Rouge (LA)

7:30 a.m.

Transportation from Baton Rouge Marriott to Leon R. Tarver II Cultural and Heritage Center

8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

Registration and Continental Breakfast Co-sponsored by Truist, OCLC, and Springer Nature

9:15 a.m. to 9:20 a.m.

Transition to Opening Session - Sponsored by EBSCO Services

9:20 a.m. to 9:25 a.m.

Call to Order, Welcome and Introduction of the Board of Directors and Staff
Dr. Dawn Kight, Southern University and A&M College, Baton Rouge (LA)
Chair, Membership Meeting Working Group

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

9:25 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.	Welcome from Southern University and A&M College (LA) John K. Pierre, J.D., Chancellor Dr. Luria Young, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
9:30 a.m. to 9:35 a.m.	Virtual Welcome from the Library of Congress (DC) Dr. Carla Hayden, Librarian of Congress
9:35 a.m. to 9:40 a.m.	Welcome from Black Caucus of American Library Association Wanda Brown, Winston-Salem State University (NC) President, Black Caucus of the American Library Association
9:40 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.	Transition to Business Meeting
9:45 a.m. to 9:55 a.m.	Board Chair's Report Adrienne Webber, Grambling State University (LA)
9:55 a.m. to 10:05 a.m.	Executive Director's Report Sandra Phoenix, HBCU Library Alliance (GA)
10:05 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.	Presentation of Student Library Ambassadors Shaneé Yvette Willis, Program Manager, HBCU Library Alliance (GA) LaTasha Denard, Executive Assistant, HBCU Library Alliance (GA)
10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Break and Morning Refreshments Meet and Greet New Directors
10:30 a.m. to 10:35 a.m.	Transition to Keynote
10:35 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.	Keynote Address Dr. Marybeth Gasman, Rutgers University (NJ) (includes Q&A)
11:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Transition to Lunch – Co-sponsored by the Network of the National Libraries of Medicine, Region II
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Luncheon Panel Presentation – Sponsored by the HBCU Digital Library Trust Title: For Us, By Us: The Expansion of HBCU Digital Collections through the HBCU Digital Library Trust Moderator, Andrea Jackson Gavin, HBCU Digital Library Trust (GA) Panelists Dr. Kimberley Bugg, Atlanta University Center Robert W. Woodruff Library (GA) Dr. Jelani Favors, North Carolina A&T State University Dr. Tasha Lucas-Youmans, Bethune-Cookman University (FL) Dr. Clarissa West-White, Bethune-Cookman University (FL)
12:30 p.m. to 12:35 p.m.	Transition to Afternoon Sessions
12:35 p.m. to 1:35 p.m.	Comments from Sponsors and Vendor Hall AM Digital, American Psychological Association, HBCU Digital Library Trust, Lyris, Network of the National Libraries of Medicine, Region II, OCLC, Readex, Sage, Springer Nature, The New York Times, Your Part-Time Controller

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

1:35 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.	Group Photo
1:45 p.m. to 1:55 p.m.	Empowering Yourself and Your Library through Education and Professional Development Opportunities Kathy Anderson, Philander Smith University (AR)
1:55 p.m. to 2:05 p.m.	Embedding Social Justice in the Freshman Experience Wanda Brown, Winston-Salem State University (NC)
2:05 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.	The Journey of an HBCU Archivist: Harnessing the Power of Significance Phyllis Earles, Prairie View A&M State University (TX)
2:15 p.m. to 2:25 p.m.	Envisioning the Future of the Xavier University of Louisiana Library Nancy Hampton, Xavier University (LA)
2:25 p.m. to 2:35 p.m.	Preserving Cultural Heritage and Fostering Community Engagement: The Franklin Library's Role in African American History Through Partnerships, Digital Archives, and Programming DeLisa Minor Harris, Fisk University (TN)
2:35 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Afternoon Break and Refreshments/Vendor Hall
3:00 p.m. to 3:10 p.m.	The Value of Librarians in Promoting Lifelong Learning Dr. Laura Johnson, Livingstone College (NC)
3:10 p.m. to 3:20 p.m.	Those Who Know Share with Those Who Don't Dr. Ida Jones, Morgan State University (MD)
3:20 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Democracy and Education at Texas College Linda Simmons-Henry, Texas College
3:30 p.m. to 3:35 p.m.	Transition to Advocacy Session
3:35 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.	Empowering HBCU Librarians for the Future of Democracy and Education John Chrastka, EveryLibrary (IL)
4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.	Vendor Hall
4:45 p.m.	Transportation to Baton Rouge Marriott
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	VIP Welcome Mixer/Reception and Poster Sessions at Baton Rouge Marriott 5500 Hilton Avenue, Room: Salon IV, 1st floor Poster Sessions Facing the Future of NSO: A 15-Year Retrospective of Library New Student Orientation in the Atlanta University Center Monya Tomlinson, Atlanta University Center Woodruff Library (GA) Diversity and Inclusion: Empowering Students for the Future Dr. Jacqueline McGehee, Arkansas Baptist College

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2024

7:30 a.m.	Transportation from Baton Rouge Marriott to Leon R. Tarver II Cultural and Heritage Center, 8320 G. Leon Netterville Drive, Baton Rouge (LA)
8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.	Full Breakfast at Leon R. Tarver II Cultural and Heritage Center Co-sponsored by Truist, OCLC, and Springer Nature
9:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.	Southern University Museum of Art Tour Kuala Chambers, Program Manager, Southern University Museum of Art
9:45 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.	Transition to Morning Sessions
9:50 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.	Preservation and Access in HBCU Archives Panel Session Moderator: Maddie Cooper, Conservation Ctr for Art & Historic Artifacts (PA) Panelists Laura Mehaffey, Fayetteville State University (NC) Angela Proctor, Southern University and A&M College, Baton Rouge (LA) Stefanie Taylor, Alcorn State University (MS)
10:20 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	We Listened and Responded: Addressing Feedback, Taking Action Shaneé Yvette Willis, HBCU Library Alliance Program Manager
10:30 a.m. to 10:40 a.m.	Development for HBCU Libraries Marion Key, HBCU Library Alliance Development Officer
10:40 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Morning Break and Transition to Funders Panel
11:00 a.m. to 12:05 a.m.	Funders Panel Moderator: Marion Key, Development Officer, HBCU Library Alliance (GA) Andrew W. Mellon Foundation (NY) Dr. Patricia Hswe, Program Director Council on Library and Information Resources (VA) Sharon Burney, Program Officer Institute of Museum and Library Services (DC) James Neal, Senior Program Officer National Endowment for the Humanities (DC) Anthony Mitchell, Senior Deputy Chair

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

National Historical Publications and Records Commission (DC)

Dr. Julie Fisher, Director for Publishing Programs

12:05 p.m. to 12:10 p.m.

Transition to Lunch

12:10 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

Co-sponsored by the Network of the National Libraries of Medicine, Region II

1:00 p.m. – 1:35 p.m.

Members Only Let's Talk

Dr. Dawn Kight, Southern University and A&M College, Baton Rouge (LA)

Adrienne Webber, Grambling State University (LA)

1:35 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Acknowledgements and Final Comments

Adrienne Webber, Grambling State University (LA)

1:45 p.m.

Depart to Hotel or Airport

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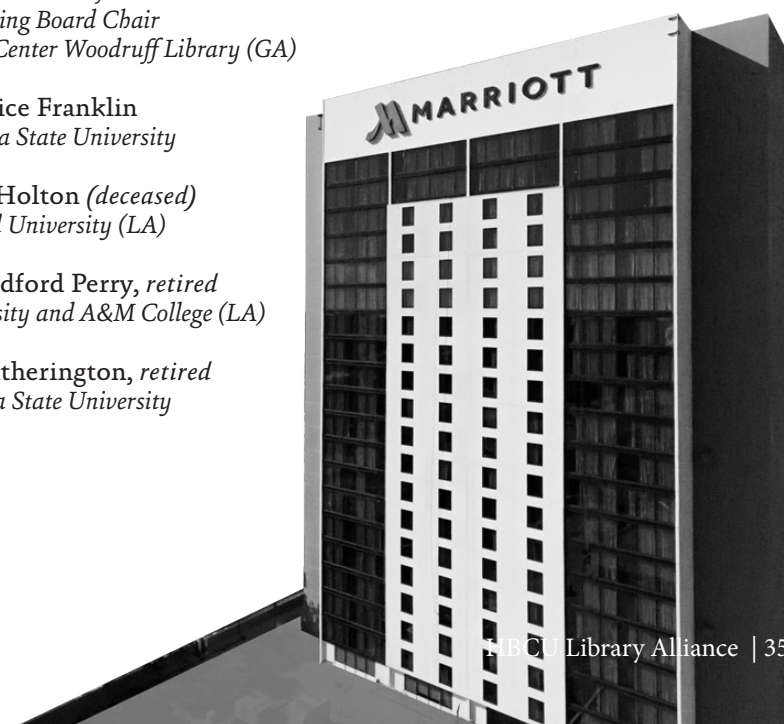
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