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RETIREMENT: FRED SMITH

Frederick Smith, Jr., Professor and Interlibrary Loan Librarian at the Zach S. Henderson Library, is retiring on May 31, 2018. Mr. Smith holds degrees from the University of Georgia (ABJ Journalism,) and Florida State University (M.L.S.in Library Science). At the time of his retirement, Mr. Smith has provided 32 years of distinguished service to Georgia Southern following ten years at (then) Columbus College. For most of his career, he served as Department Head of Access Services. During his tenure at Georgia Southern, Mr. Smith served as the Library's liaison with the Music Department. Mr. Smith has been active in professional associations at the state and regional levels. He is currently President of the Georgia Library Association. He traveled extensively during his career, with over forty presentations and training sessions on promotion and tenure and access services related issues. He is the author of numerous journal articles and served on the editorial board of the *Journal of Access Services* since its beginning, and wrote a regular feature for that journal for over a decade. In addition to his departmental duties, Mr. Smith was elected or appointed to serve on numerous library, university, and ad hoc committees, notably chairing the University's last Statutes Revision Committee. Other University service includes Faculty Senate, Senate Executive Committee, twice chairing the Faculty Development Committee, and twice chairing the Faculty Welfare Committee. In that role, he worked closely with the Provost to develop a five year performance review for deans. Mr. Smith is one of only three Library faculty members at Georgia Southern to ever attain the rank of full professor. For these and other contributions to the Library, the University, and the profession, Professor Smith has earned the title of Professor Emeritus.

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS ON THE MOVE

by Lori Gwinett, *Government Documents Librarian*

The Government Documents Department has called several places home since the Zach S. Henderson Library became a Federal Depository Library (FDL) in 1939. For many years after construction of the current library, Government Documents (Gov Docs) was located on the third floor.

The department and the extensive collection of federal and state documents moved to Building 805 in preparation for the library renovation of 2006-2008. Before the renovation was complete, Building 805 was scheduled to be demolished, so that construction could begin on Centennial Place. Three government documents personnel and three students reported for duty to Building 803, along with library Collection & Resource Services staff, from January to September 2008, while the collection was moved off-site.

When library renovation was completed in 2008, Gov Docs moved into the former Information Services Department (ISD) suite (now Research Services Department or RSD) on the second floor. At that time the government documents collection was moved from the off-site storage facility, (formerly the Winn Dixie at the intersection of Brannen Street and Gentilly Road), to its new home on the first floor of the library. Although the space in the Information Services suite was designed as a receptionist area, Gov Docs personnel worked in and from this space on second floor until June of 2017, when Gov Docs' proposal to move in closer proximity to the collection was accepted and a plan put into action to close off the area on the northwest side of the floor for government documents offices and workspace. This work and storage area almost doubles the space occupied by the two gov docs full-time personnel and three to six students from 2008 - 2017. A graduate assistant was also able to join the rest of the documents staff, freeing up a much needed group study room back to its original purpose.

The benefits of the workspace and offices are numerous and extend to the whole library, as well as to patrons. It provides much-needed and oft-requested assistance on the first floor that previously might not occur due to traversing between the collection and the workroom. It allows consistent availability of the government information to staff when answering reference questions. It also helps with safety and security to have the collection and personnel close together. Government Documents now has close to double the processing and storage space, all conveniently located near the collection.

This move also gives the Research Services Department room to expand; now everyone in the department has a private office, with one extra for consultations. Students and faculty visiting the suite are no longer confused by close quarters in a processing room as they enter to find their librarian. This space now houses the departmental secretary, and the Research Services department is now able to meet in the vacated area, rather than using the library conference room.

The quality and quantity of the maintenance on the government documents collection has improved as well. Student assistants can now work on a project over more than one day, without packing it up at the end of each shift to make room for the next student assistant.

The move is a boon for patrons, as well, as now library employees and student assistants work only on the first floor during business hours. The staff and students in government documents answer questions or refer patrons to the appropriate person or department for their needs. Since the move, Gov Docs personnel has answered 38 questions, and the Government Information Librarian has conducted 14 consultations.

With the workroom adjacent to the collection, there is always someone available to assist during business hours. The next time you visit the library, stop by the government documents suite to find out what government information meets your needs.

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS ON THE MOVE (continued)



Gov Docs Librarian Lori Gwinett (left), and Gov Docs Technical Assistant Monica Van Wagenen.



Gov Docs Student Assistant Carlos Flores.

BEHOLD HERE COMETH THE DREAMER: AN EVENING OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN POETRY

by Clement Lau, Associate Dean of Henderson Library, and JoEllen Broome, Research Services Librarian

Once again, the Zach S. Henderson Library sponsored Georgia Theatre Hall of Fame inductee, Mical Whitaker's "Behold: Here Cometh the Dreamer. An evening of African American Poetry." This year's event was part of the Averitt Center's African Heritage Series which was held at the Averitt's Whitaker Black Box Theater on January 20, 2018. About one hundred audience members came to the theater and filled the seats early leaving a few members standing along the walls during the show. Several staff and members of the Friends of the Henderson Library attended this wonderful annual event.



This was the third year theater director Mical Whitaker composed a show to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He assembled local artists and the area's most distinctive voices to bring the words of ten well-known African American

poets to life, including Lucille Clifton, Maya Angelou, Margaret Walker, Langston Hughes, Tupac Shakur, and others. The poems were recited by artists from different generations. This year's artists included two from the Eagle Nation. Dr. Meca Williams-Johnson, a professor of the Department of Curriculum, Foundations, & Reading and Mrs. Adrienne McCollar, a superintendent of the Facilities Services and Statesboro's first lady. The audience was intrigued and delighted by their presentations.

This year's event featured special guest Dr. Linda Michelle Baron, an author, poet, and a professor, who teaches at the City University of New York in New York City. Her performance was delightful, moving, and impressive. Much clapping and cheering followed her engaging vignettes. This special event has proven to be an inspirational fusion of music and spoken word performances, making it "one of the best cultural events ever here in Statesboro" as one of the audience members remarked.



EXHIBIT: WILLIAM H. SCHUBERT COLLECTION

by Kay Coates, Research Services Librarian

In celebration of a noble and notable legacy advancing the capaciousness within the institution of Education. Delightedly, an exhibit was on display at the Zach S. Henderson Library to showcase and recognize the published works, contributions, collected materials and numerous files within The William H. Schubert Curriculum Studies Collection. This Collection enhances the holdings of the Library's Special Collections. The dean, faculty and staff expressed gratitude and felt deeply privileged to be benefited by this luminary.



Dr. William H. Schubert, Professor Emeritus of Curriculum and Instruction, is a University Scholar former Coordinator of the Ph.D. Program in Curriculum Studies and the M.Ed. Program in Educational Studies, and Director of Graduate Studies in the Dept. of Curriculum and Instruction at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) (1975-2012). Serving as Chair of Curriculum and Instruction (1990-1994; 2003-2006). The U.S. Academic Analytics ranked the Ph.D. Program in Curriculum Studies (1982-present) he founded and still coordinates: fifth, first, and third based on faculty productivity.

EXHIBIT: BLACK HISTORY MONTH

by Kay Coates, Research Services Librarian



To commemorate Black History Month, the Zach S. Henderson Library had on display the 2018 Black History Month Exhibit. Located on the 2nd Floor, the display featured notable African Americans' contributions to the military, sciences, civil rights, arts, sports, and more!

The contents of the display were selected objets d'art from the Coates Family Collection, which highlights the life, career and interests of Dr. Basil L. Coates, former faculty member of the Mechanical Engineering

Department at Georgia Southern University. Dr. Basil Coates is the late husband of Librarian, Kay Coates. The dean, faculty and staff are full of gratitude and felt highly favored to have been bestowed with such a valuable, coveted, meaningful and generous gift.

For more information about the Coates Family Collection, please contact the Zach S. Henderson Library Special Collections @ (912)478-1897 or email specolle@georgiasouthern.edu.

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