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# DEAN'S CORNER



August 18, 2016

Dear NWHC Student:

I hope you had a good summer break. As we begin a new semester and academic year, I hope you are excited and ready to learn and further your career. On behalf of the PVAMU Northwest Houston Center (NWHC), I welcome you back to the campus.

Our vision for the NWHC is to create a space where residents of Northwest Houston can find a number of high quality accredited graduate and undergraduate programs offered in a student friendly environment. We offer a number of graduate and undergraduate degree programs on this campus.

I would like to share a few updates to help you plan for fall 2016 semester.

- The NWHC offers excellent competitive scholarships. Scholarships are competitive and are available to qualified students for the first year of study during the long semesters. The scholarship application deadline for the fall semester was June 1st. Our intent is to process these awards by August 1st. In summer, if additional scholarship funds are available, we will contact students accordingly.

- Pre-registration for the fall semester began in April. However, you can still register on August 18-19 and during the first week of classes (late registration). Please be sure to contact your respective departments on the main campus. At the NWHC we don't have academic advisors, but we can help you put in touch with your respective department advisors. For academic questions, please contact Dr. Rahim Quazi (rmquazi@pvamu.edu), or Ms. Tiffany Allen (tgallen@pvamu.edu).

- For a complete list of courses being offered by various programs at the NWHC (we update this list as changes are made), please visit the NWHC homepage (<http://www.pvamu.edu/northwest>).

- The NWHC is working with the Financial Aid Office and others on campus to organize weekly "one stop student transfer and help center" on the NWHC each Wednesday from 3:00-6:00 pm. Once this is finalized, we will share the information with you.

- We would love to stay in touch and share with you reminders on academic and educational events at NWHC. If you wish to receive the NWHC text/email messages on special events, please contact Mr. LeWebster Lacy (llacy@pvamu.edu) or Ms. Cynthia Williams (cywilliams@pvamu.edu) in the Dean's office. Mr. Lacy should be contacted if there are any technology related services you are seeking.

- After a long wait, the NWHC Fitness Center (Rooms 112-113) is now fully operational and available to all PVAMU registered students free of charge. Faculty and staff can also use the room if they have paid for the gym on the main campus. The fitness center is equipped with state of the art equipment. Please inquire at the front desk to request access during the operation hours with your student ID card.

- Good news! You can purchase not only your textbooks, but also sandwiches, coffee and more at the NWHC Bookstore located on the first floor (Room 106). As more students use food services, the bookstore can add more items to the menu. We will continue to work to attract additional vendors for coffee and hot meal options.

We will continue to work with various departments and colleges to bring tutorial support for students. The College of Business normally offers limited tutorial support for MBA and MSA students. For more information on tutorial support, please keep an eye on the NWHC homepage.

We will try to keep our homepage current. Additional information on courses, scholarships and other policies pertaining to the NWHC campus is available on the homepage. The webpage is currently in the process of a campus-wide redesign. Your feedback on our homepage is always welcome.

Our long-term vision and goal is to provide students at the NWHC with access to all academic services. For additional information, please contact me (muquddus@pvamu.edu) or Dr. Rahim Quazi (rmquazi@pvamu.edu), Associate Director, or Ms. Cynthia Williams, Admin Assistant in the Dean’s office. You can also contact Ms. Valerie Mendoza (vmmendoza@pvamu.edu) and Ms. Tiffany Allen (tgallen@pvamu.edu) if you are looking for support or information. The NWHC is open for business from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on Fridays and 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturdays.

Wishing you a great semester!

Sincerely,  
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# NWHC Executive MBA Field Trip to China



Prairie View A&M University's Executive MBA program organized its third overseas educational field trip this past May. The week-long trip was attended by students, faculty and staff. Participants had the opportunity to visit China to immerse themselves in the Chinese culture. They visited many different cultural sites, such as the Great Wall of China and the Forbidden City. In addition to the beautiful and impressive Chinese cultural sites, they also visited many businesses and educational Institutions. For instance, they toured a private institute (Peking University International Hospital), an international company (AON-COFCO), a state owned enterprise (Great Wall Drilling Company), a relatively new business venture (Maxscend Chip Design), a U.S.

governmental agency (U.S. Commerce Office - Shanghai), etc. Students came away with a broad understanding of China and its economic success, business etiquette, history, culture, geography and most importantly the Chinese people. Some photographs taken during the trip and excerpts from the participants evaluation reports are featured here.



"The EMBA program at Prairie View A&M University has taught me the principles and understandings of globalization, innovation, and sustainability and I have amassed a

great wealth of knowledge from the program. This international study abroad program to China allowed me to directly apply my understanding in a real-life cultural setting through visits and knowledge sharing from various industry decision makers and academic institutional leaders in China... The international trip was indeed a "once in a lifetime" experience for me. From the food to the people, China had a lot to offer and provided an outlet for free thinking." -- Chris Burrell

The U.S. Commerce office in Shanghai was my second favorite visit as the class gained knowledge of the programs the U.S. Commerce office and U.S. companies utilize in business with China. There are also programs that Chinese companies utilize in doing business with U.S. companies. The services offered by the U.S. Commerce office are very affordable to U.S. companies such as the matchmaking services cost of \$700 and consist of commercial services, market intelligence reports and due diligence." —Omer Clouter

“I feel very blessed to have been a part of our EMBA program’s international trip to China as the trip went far beyond my expectations in understanding China’s culture and experiences... I personally will never forget the wonderful memories and exciting company visits that we did. Both cities provided ample opportunity of the culture, traditions and most importantly the business aspect. Beijing is steeped in more traditions and culture, and is more conservative than Shanghai. I was very impressed with how clean everything was on the streets in Beijing, the food and the hotel was great. Shanghai was quite the opposite with a younger vibe (reminded me of China Town in New York) and it was good that our group was able to see these differences between these two cities to better assess the Chinese culture and business community... This was quite an exciting opportunity for our cohort and I see has even led to possible opportunities with the Great Wall Drilling Company’s request to have our information for future businesses alliances.” -- Rebecca Cruz



“Traveling to China was my first international experience that opened the door to learning a new culture, networking with other companies and fellowshiping with other cohort members... Every cohort member had the opportunity to learn something new about an industry, contribute their prior industry knowledge or inquire about each companies’ operations... Overall, my first trip abroad was simply amazing. I enjoyed the Chinese culture, food and company site visits. Every EMBA student should embark on an international trip to learn a new culture and to better understand how companies operate. I recommend that Prairie View A&M University EMBA program continue to offer the travel abroad experience to all of its students. The trip is beneficial to all types of industries and will help to continue to foster business acumen and relationships throughout the program.” -- Latasha Hawkins



“The program has given me the opportunity to learn, grow, and bond with an extraordinary group of professionals on a level that I might not have had the opportunity. We have become like family which contributed greatly to the life-changing experience I had in China... Shanghai was my favorite city of the two, while Beijing was full of culture, Shanghai was more modern in many ways, but still had traditional Chinese culture embedded... Overall, the trip was amazing. There was plenty of time for sight-seeing on your own in the evening, the food was excellent, and the business visits were relevant. I enjoyed the cultural site selections, the river cruise, the shopping and the amount of free time given to venture out on our own.” -- Lauren Vincent



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## Special Course

# Crisis Informatics

## MISY 5533: Special Topics in MIS Fall 2016

### Course Description:

This course examines the inter-connectedness of information, People, and technologies in a crisis. With the advancement of information and communication technology in the last few decades, lack of information is no longer a major issue for crisis management. The major challenge, rather, is managing the information, translating it into a comprehensive knowledge for decision making.

In this course we explore the use of information and communication technologies (ICT) in crisis management. In particular, we examine how information is managed, organized, coordinated, and used for crisis management.

The course will also include a component on visual analytics. This will mainly be hands-on class activities involving the use of NODEXL to explore crisis related information generated through social media.

### Instructor:

Louis Ngamassi, Ph.D. Assistant Professor of MIS

Dr. Ngamassi studies the use of IT in crisis management. He has worked with the United Nations and the United States Agency for International Development. (USAID).

**Contact Information: Agriculture/Business Building Room 446**

**Phone: 936-261-9246**

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### Learning objectives:

- Understand the importance of information in crisis management
- Understand the current level of the impact of social media on crisis management
- Analyze complex information needs and information seeking behavior during a crisis
- Explore the use of social network analysis in crisis management
- Explore the use of visual analytic tools in crisis management.

### Opportunities in the area of crisis informatics:

Students who take this class can seek to work directly in the field of crisis response.

Other job opportunities in this area include working with the United Nations, the military, policing or health responders, or aid organizations. Students might also be interested in the issue from the technology design and development point of view, or seeking to design software applications to use during times of crises.



## Management Development Programs



September 10, 2016—3:15-4:15 PM  
Prairie View A&M University  
Northwest Houston Center Room 107



**Speaker: Pavel Golenchenko, Senior Adizes Associate and Managing Director, US**

**Pavel Golenchenko is a Certified Senior Associate and the Managing Director of Adizes USA. As a Certified Associate, he delivers consulting services for Adizes clients worldwide, facilitating their organizational change. Pavel also regularly presents advanced concepts on the Adizes Methodology to executives and CEOs around the world. As the Managing Director, he oversees the operations of the Adizes USA.**



# Black Women in Computing present FREE GAMING WORKSHOP

NWHC

October 22, 2016

8:30 am to 5:00 pm

sponsored by BWiC and Prairie View A&M University and Microsoft

To apply: <https://sites.google.com/site/bwicgamingworkshop/houston-2016>

Black Women in Computing (BWIC) is a community created to provide support and resources aimed at increasing the number of black women and other underrepresented groups in computing-related fields. In pursuit of our Recruitment & Retention mission, BWiC has implemented a series of programming and gaming workshops to expose young minorities to computing: Pathways to STEM. BWiC has worked with industry, academia, and community partners to offer this free workshop to students.

The BWiC Gaming Workshop is a one-day game development workshop. The purpose of this event is to increase students' interest in computer science and programming, to promote education and careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), and to support historically under-served and underrepresented students with limited opportunities or access to resources in these areas. This workshop is geared toward students with no prior experience in computer science or programming. Food will be provided.



**We need:**  
Teaching Assistants  
Chaperones  
Tech support  
Registration  
Setup and Cleanup

**Parents**  
Attend our PATHWAY TO STEM panel for parents on the morning of the workshop.  
Learn about how you can help your kids pursue STEM fields.



# Public Notice

## To All Prairie View A&M University Students

The Office of the Registrar frequently receives request for student demographic information. This information, generally referred to as “directory information,” is subject to disclosure as public information and includes the following: name, address, telephone listings, electronic mail address, major field of study, date/place of birth, photographs, participation in officially recognized activities/sports, weight/height of members of athletic teams, enrollment status, dates of attendance, student classification, degree/awards/honors received, and the most recent educational agency or institution attended by the student.

Prairie View A&M University adheres to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), thus, the Registrar’s Office hereby gives Public Notification that the above student information will be released to those who request information unless currently enrolled students notify the office that this information should not be released. Currently enrolled students who do not want the above information released must complete a Request to Prevent Disclosure of Directory Information Form located in Room 301, Memorial Student Center.

Only currently enrolled students are eligible to restrict directory information. Once a student has left the university, they can no longer set restrictions on directory information at the university. If a student restricts his/her directory information and leaves the university, the restriction continues until the student removes it. Prairie View A&M University and the Office of the Registrar will exercise discretion in the release of all directory information.



### Scruffy the Magnificent **Northwest Houston Center’s** Hearthtrob

October is  
Adopt a Dog  
Month

A number of studies have examined the effects of human-dog relationships on physical health. Several studies have found benefits to include enhanced survival rates in individuals with cardiovascular disease, reduced need for physician visits, and reduced systolic blood pressure and plasma triglycerides. Also, reduced physiological activity during the performance of stressful tasks when individuals were in the presence of their pet dogs.

Japanese researcher Hiroshio Hittono suggests that just looking at pictures of puppies at work not only improves your mood, but can also increase productivity. <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/10/01>

Pictures submitted by  
Cynthia Williams, Administrative Assistant IV  
Northwest Houston Center



# NWHC Alumni Initiation Ceremony



The Alumni Initiation is designed to serve as a bridge from student to alumnus and recognizes graduating seniors for the current semester. Vital information such as the importance of giving back to the university is also disseminated.

Highlights of the evening include remarks from an alumnus, a National Alumni Association Representative, and candidates receive their official alumni lapel pin. The ceremony also concludes with a reception.

The Pin is a 1” diameter die struck custom antique brass lapel pin. It is an exclusive item and cannot be ordered outside the program.

It is not distributed outside the ceremony, meaning, in order to receive the pin, you must attend

the pinning services and take the oath. The Alumni pin should be worn on the left at commencement and at alumni events.

What it represents – The pin and the ceremony represents a deep connection to the university and the graduates’ life-time commitment to using the tools and resources to serve their communities and ever changing world as a PROUD PRODUCTIVE PANTHER.

It also symbolizes a sense of pride and security knowing that no matter where life may send you, you will always have a connection to the place where it all began, Prairie View A&M University.

<http://www.pvamu.edu/sa/special-programs/the-alumni-initiation/>

Photos submitted by Lacy LeWebster, NWHC Information Technology Specialist





Alumni status!

Walk away with not only your degree from commencement, but a connection to your institution.



# **Dr. Rosie L. Albritton**

## **Director of Library Services**

### **Professor Educational Media & Technology**

### **Retires after 11 years**

I was appointed Director of Library Services/Professor Educational Media & Technology, at PVAMU on September 1, 2005, after accepting the invitation to interview for the position in June 2005, accepting the offer and now obvious special "calling to this position." in July 2005, to begin the challenge of leading and creating the "vision for quality library services" as of the Fall Semester 2005, 11 years ago. Since I began in 2005, my dedicated staff and I have created one of the most successful and innovative library and information overall services, and instructional programs for the faculty, students, and staff here at PVAMU. Therefore, it is with much thought and great memories as I now close out my 31-year career as a Professional Librarian, and the opportunity to have served as a Library Director of two HBCU Institutions, after graduating myself from a Historically Black University, 52 Years ago, as of August 9, 2016.

Considering my personal goals over the years, and my continuing journey as an individual, I am at peace with my efforts, as I now close out a successful fourth professional career. I have given PVAMU and the John B. Coleman Library my best over the past years as the Library Director.

I am proud of what my staff and I have accomplished. It is time for me to retire, and maybe someone else will lead this great library and staff to even greater heights, as I move on, give more time to family, writing, consulting, important health concerns, and possibly even greater heights, as I continue to follow my "Celestine Prophecies". My important work is done here, and based on my experience over the past years in Library Administration, Teaching, and Leadership activities in my field, I feel that I still have much to contribute. Thanks again for providing "quality leadership" to the Faculty, Staff, and Students of PVAMU, during my leadership and tenure as the "longest serving" Library Director of the "new" Grand Library that was dedicated in 1988, as the John B. Coleman Library.

Rosie L. Albritton, Ph.D., M.L.S., C.A.S., M.S., M.A.



What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become achieving your goals.



*Over the years, I enjoyed serving in Library Administration, Library Education, and other leadership activities, such as the ALA Council, HBCU Library Alliance, TCAL, TLA, ACRL, and other professional library and information roles.*

*I appreciate the support, encouragement, and cooperation, over the past 11-years that I served as the Library Director.*

*Dr. Rosie L. Albritton*

# Prairie View A&M

## Digital Humanities Grant

Dr. Tonneshia Taylor, Assistant Professor, Languages and Communication, History Professor Ronald Goldwin and John B. Coleman Librarians, Phyllis Earles and Elizabeth Brumfield attend a Digital Humanities workshop as part of the Resilient Network grant funded by Mellon Foundation.

Librarians and faculty from four institutions — George Washington University, Rice University, Davidson College, and Prairie View A&M University — propose the creation of a resilient network that provides diverse perspectives, shared pedagogical approaches, and partnerships between librarians and scholars to advance digital humanities (DH) scholarship. The proposed approach to supporting and nurturing DH

is influenced by previous research. An examination of DH organizational models by Nancy Maron suggests that a network model for DH support is highly desirable. Additionally, research studies on social network structures have found that building relationships within and between communities establishes needed trust, diversity, and innovation that support adaptability and expanded vision.



Librarians and scholars today work in a rapidly evolving information environment that requires proficiency in research methods and technologies not traditionally part of undergraduate or graduate education in the humanities. The Resilient Networks model will encourage innovation through collaboration across academic disciplines and institutions, bringing together students, scholars, and librarians to share methodologies and technological tools with the goal of advancing knowledge.

With \$499,836 from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the project's Phase I over the next two years (April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2018) will advance a new approach to resource- and expertise-sharing to support humanities research projects that are currently difficult to undertake at any single institution due to gaps and limitations in skills and infrastructure.

(Portions of the proposal submitted by John B. Coleman Library Archivist, Phyllis Earles)



## Dr. James Wilson appointed as Interim Library Director of the John B. Coleman Library

Dr. James A. Wilson, Jr. is Associate Provost for Academic Affairs at Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU). He joined the ranks of the Academic Affairs Division at PVAMU in September of 2009. Prior to accepting this position, Dr. Wilson was a professor in the history department at the University of Texas at Austin, specializing in the political history of Kenya, British colonialism, and post-colonial African affairs as it relates to globalization.

Dr. Wilson also researches and teaches courses that examine the social and political history of African women and gender discrimination during the colonial era in East and Southern African countries, as well as the History of HIV/AIDS in Africa. Dr. Wilson received his Ph.D. in History from Princeton University in 2002 and immediately began his academic career at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. In addition to his Ph.D., Dr. Wilson holds a Master's of Arts degree in History from Princeton University, a Master's in African and African-American History from Cornell University, and a Certificate in African Languages from the University of Florida.

<http://www.pvamu.edu/academicaffairs/provost-academic-affairs/associate-provost/dr-james-wilson/>

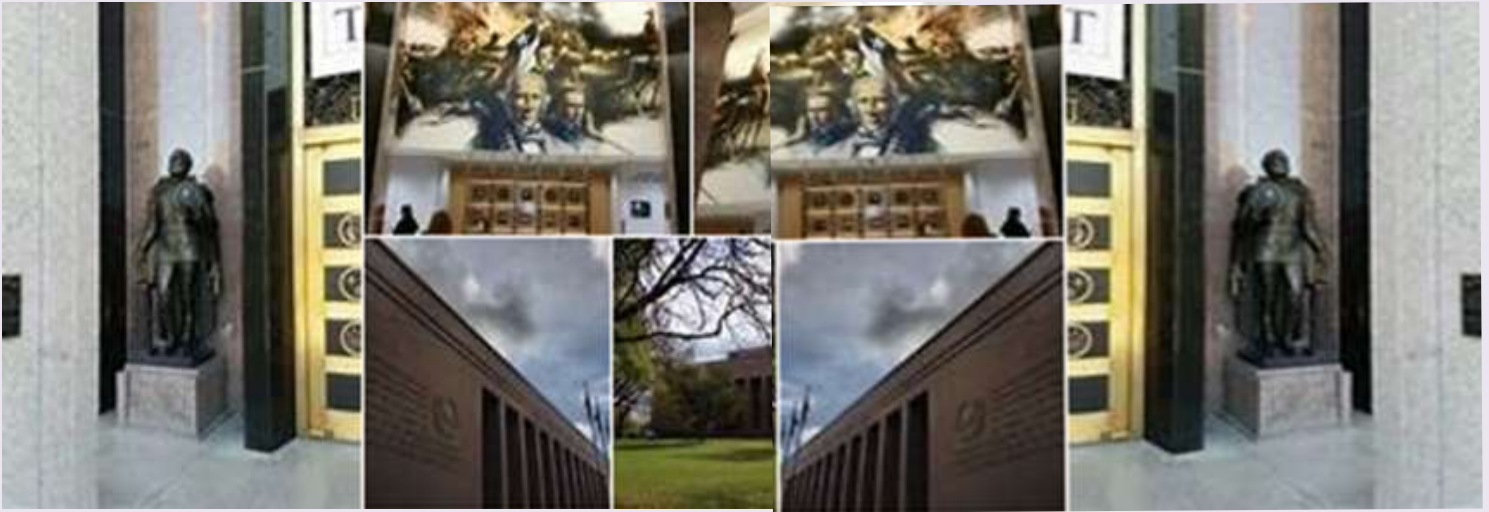
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## Distance Services Librarian Receives Award

Elizabeth Brumfield, distance services librarian at Prairie View A&M University, is the 2016 recipient of the Routledge Distance Learning Librarianship Conference Sponsorship Award. This annual award, sponsored by Routledge/Taylor & Francis Group, and administrated by the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Distance Learning Section (DLS), honors a librarian working in the field of, or contributing to, the success of distance learning librarianship or related library service in higher education. PVAMU is the first HBCU to receive this award.

The Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) is the higher education association for librarians, representing more than 11,000 academic and research librarians. Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group is one of the world's leading publishers of academic journals, publishing over 1,900 scholarly journals from a network of 20 global offices, including Philadelphia, Oxford, Melbourne, Stockholm, Beijing, New Delhi, Johannesburg and Singapore.





# October Is American Archives Month!

Enjoy a special presentation by the  
Texas State Library and Archives Commission  
Austin, Texas  
Senior Reference Archivist  
Tonia Wood

October 18, 2016  
1:00 pm  
John B. Coleman Library Room 108  
Reception follows presentation

Presentation Topic: African American Genealogy

*“Genealogy is a curiosity for most, a hobby for many and an obsession for some.”*

Whatever your reason for finding the right sources it can make the difference in the results you obtain and the satisfaction you have when you complete your research. Tonia Wood will provide tips on genealogy research and discuss several Prairie View family histories.

Tonia Wood has been an archivist with the Texas State Library and Archives Commission for over 20 years, taking on the position of Senior Reference Archivist in July 2014. Her knowledge of state and local government records and desire to help people find answers to their questions makes the job a perfect fit. A sixth-generation Texan, Tonia received her bachelor's degree in history and master's in library and information science from the University of Texas at Austin.



# New Books

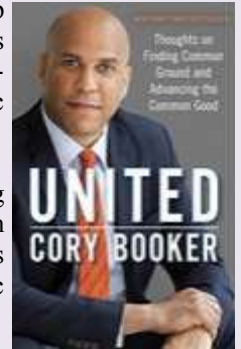


Senator Cory Booker joined American Library Association President Sari Feldman, at the ALA Conference, as speaker on the President's Program, in partnership with the ALA Task Force on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion.

Senator Booker talked about his commitment to assisting people, especially those who feel undervalued because of race, age, religion, etc.

Cory Booker's new book, *United*, details his thoughts on improving America.

Senator Booker chose to live in the projects of blighted Newark, NJ and on food stamps in order to better understand the experience of poor families, and took Hurricane Sandy victims into his own home. As mayor of Newark from 2006 to 2013, he was the public face of a city that had gone years without positive national attention, and then became the first black Senator from New Jersey in 2013. As Senator, he has been persistent and put partisanship aside, bringing people together to get things done for his state, including a focus on creating new jobs and addressing the economic squeeze facing the middle-class.



Senator Booker, whose regular following includes 1.5 million on Twitter and 50,000 on Instagram, writes with passion on issues including equity, inclusion, and economic justice.



The third volume in the graphic novel series by Congressman John Lewis, Andrew Aydin and Nate Powell, continues where the second left off. After the march on Washington four teenage girls are killed in a bombing at the 16th Street Baptist Church's Youth Day celebration in Birmingham, Ala. Members of Dr. King's

Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and the SNCC are outraged and threaten to march on the Alabama capital to demand the resignation of Governor George Wallace. Around this time the US experiences an extreme tragedy with the assassination of President Kennedy.

Congressman Lewis has been a frequent library speaker, and noted that his wife was a librarian. His co-writers also share a love for libraries and a commitment to addressing issues of diversity. Andrew Aydin remarked at the American Library Association Conference that his family was Muslim and as a result he received many threats and ridicule. Therefore he was aware of many problems associated with discrimination.



Congressman John Lewis



Andrew Aydin



Nate Powell

# Carla Hayden—Librarian of Congress

Dr. Carla Hayden will become the first African American and first woman Librarian of Congress. Her inauguration will be held on September 14th at the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. Please join the NWHC for a virtual viewing celebration with refreshments. Watch live on the LOC YouTube page.

Dr. Hayden is a past president of the American Library Association, former CEO of the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore, Maryland. She previously served as deputy commissioner and chief librarian of the Chicago Public Library, Assistant Professor in the school of library and information science at the University of Pittsburgh, and library services coordinator for the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago. Dr. Hayden began her career with the Chicago Public Library in 1973 as a library associate and children's librarian and then as a young adult services coordinator with the Chicago system. <http://www.ims.gov/carla-hayden>

She is the recipient of numerous awards, including: Women of the Year by Ms. Magazine, Librarian of the Year by Library Journal, Maryland's Top 100 Women from Warfield's Business Record and The Daily Record. She is the recipient of the Torch Bearer Award from the Coalition of 100 Black Women, the Andrew White Medal from Loyola College, the President's Medal from The Johns Hopkins University, the Pro Urbe Award from the College of Notre Dame of Maryland, the Whitney M. Young, Jr. Award from the Greater Baltimore Urban League, the YWCA Leader Award, Baltimore and the Barnard College Medal of Distinction. Dr. Hayden has received the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from University of Baltimore, Morgan State University and McDaniel College. A graduate of Roosevelt University, she earned her Master of Arts degree and Ph.D. from the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago.

<http://womenoflibraryhistory.tumblr.com/post/80417992000/carla-d-hayden>



Virtual  
Inauguration Celebration  
@NWHC Lobby  
September 14, 2016  
5:00 pm

## LIBRARY OF CONGRESS —FAST FACTS

- The Library receives some 15,000 items each working day and adds approximately 12,000 items to the collections daily. The majority of the collections are received through the Copyright registration process, as the Library is home to the U.S. Copyright Office.
- Approximately half of the Library's book and serial collections are in languages other than English. The collections contain materials in some 470 languages.
- The Law Library of Congress is the world's largest law library, with 2.9 million volumes, including one of the world's best rare law book collections and the most complete collection of foreign legal gazettes in the United States. The Law Library contains United States congressional publications dating back to the nation's founding.
- The Library's Serial and Government Publications Division contains the world's largest collection of comic books (5,000 titles; 135,000 issues).
- Since 1931, the Library has provided books to the blind in braille and on sound recordings.
- The Library holds the most comprehensive collection of American music in the world, more than 22 million items including 7.1 million pieces of sheet music.

# *The Birth of a Nation:* Slavery, Resistance & Abolition

**Lecture & Discussion**  
**Northwest Houston Center**  
**October 19, 2016**  
**5:30 PM**  
**NWHC Room 107**

**A NATIONAL  
LECTURE SERIES**



**Presenter: Dr. Ron Goodwin**  
**Assistant Professor**  
**Social Work, Behavior & Political Sciences**

**NATIONAL LECTURE SERIES**  
**'THE BIRTH OF A NATION: SLAVERY, RESISTANCE & ABOLITION'**  
**RUNS AUGUST 21-OCTOBER 30, 2016**

Community-Building Free Public Series, Tied to Award-Winning Film, is Presented in Conjunction with the American Library Association and the United Nations Remember Slavery Programme, Fox Searchlight Pictures and BazanED

"The Birth of a Nation: Slavery, Resistance & Abolition." The lecture series, inspired by actor and director Nate Parker's acclaimed film *The Birth of a Nation*, will run August 21 through October 30, 2016, commemorating the duration of the history-changing slave rebellion launched by the film's subject, Nat Turner, on August 21, 1831, through his capture on October 30, 1831. The lecture series is in observance of the 185th anniversary of Turner's rebellion, as well as The United Nations' International Day for the Remembrance of The Slave Trade and its Abolition, observed annually on August 23.

"The Birth of a Nation: Slavery, Resistance & Abolition" lecture series will take place in libraries, museums, institutions of higher education, and community centers around the nation. Each free public event will feature a local educator or historian addressing the topic of slavery, resistance and abolition, and will provide an opportunity for individual communities to engage in a timely and coordinated national discussion.



Over 200 Library Vendors



145 Countries from around the world were represented



PVAMU Alumni and Lifetime donor, Doris Kieh (pictured in red vest) originally from Africa, was pleasantly surprised to see PVAMU was represented at the conference.

Left: Distance Services Librarian, Elizabeth Jean Brumfield gets a picture with Charlie, one of several therapy comfort dogs donated to the conference to help ease stress of the participants.

## Distance Services Librarian Selected as 2016 IFLA Fellowship Recipient

The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) is the leading international body representing the interests of library and information services and their users. It is the global voice of the library and information profession. IFLA embraces the following core values of the principles of freedom of access to information & ideas embodied in Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; the conviction that delivery of high quality library and information services helps guarantee that access and enable all to engage in, and benefit from, its activities without regard to citizenship, disability, ethnic origin, gender, geographical location, language, political philosophy, race or religion.

Through a Laura Bush, Institute of Museums and Libraries Services grant, 50 US librarians were selected out of 3,300 to receive a fellowship to attend the congress. The grant project was to help to ensure the next generation of participants and leaders on the global stage from the United States fully represents the diversity in the community and country.





# IFLA Congress Columbus, Ohio August 13-19, 2016

Welcome from President Obama  
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## Message from US President Barack Obama

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President Barack Obama

As you come together from across the globe and the United States around the importance of librarianship and information services, it is my pleasure to extend my warmest regards.

Our collective knowledge—borne out of centuries of inquiry and labor, and more interconnected and within reach today than ever before—represents the foundation of economic, cultural, and social progress made by generations of our peoples. This event reminds us of our duty, as an international community, to shape a future in which all people

can fully and freely access and contribute to the great, living bank of accumulated information we share as citizens of the world. As long as we endeavor to protect and expand this access—from addressing the barriers of censorship and suppression to fighting the forces of exclusion—we can bring about a future in which every person is freer and in which all our societies are more vibrant and defined by greater possibility.

You have my very best for a wonderful time in Columbus and an outstanding event.

**President Barack Obama**





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