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# DEAN'S CORNER



Dear Students and Colleagues:

As the year comes to a close, we are delighted to share stories on the NWHC campus from the fall 2016 semester.

This was an eventful year in the life of the University and the NWHC.

Among the highlights is enrollment growth - the main campus came close to reaching 9,000 students benchmark and the NWHC also strengthened its enrollment in various programs.

We continued to award nearly \$500,000 in scholarship funds to eligible and deserving students who meet the criteria.

The center has continued to serve the community – the most important event was the Harris County early voting in November. As many as 25,000 citizens residing in Harris County took advantage of the NWHC to cast their votes early. I believe this is the highest number of voters we have seen at the NWHC.

The center has expanded the number of non-credit continuing education programs for professionals – Lean Six Sigma, Becker CPA Review, APICS Supply Chain, and others.

The graduation “pinning” ceremony was launched in spring semester this year, and has been a great success. Mr. Fred Washington, VP Auxiliary Services and alumnus (BBA, MBA), was the featured speaker in fall semester.

We look forward to seeing you at the NWHC in spring 2017 as a new or continuing student.

Wishing you all Happy Holidays and a great New Year!

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Over 25,000 participated in early voting at the Northwest Houston Center

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# Non-credit Programs at NWHC

The Northwest Houston Center is currently hosting a number of non-credit programs to contribute to the professional development of PVAMU students, alumni, staff, and guests. These programs typically provide scholarships and discounted program fees for our students/staff. Most classes are offered on Saturdays.

**Becker CPA Review:** This program is provided by Becker Professional Education. With more than 400,000 successful alumni to date from their national programs, Becker has been a leader in CPA review for more than fifty years. Our students and alumni are eligible to receive full and partial scholarships, discounted tuition, student ambassadorships (with full scholarships) and payment plans. The Becker class schedule at NWHC can be found at: [www.Becker.com/schedules](http://www.Becker.com/schedules)



**Lean Six Sigma Greenbelt Certification:** This program is provided by the Bulsard Group. The program is designed to train the participants as experts in diagnostics and reduction in total cost of ownership. Participants learn the methodology and a holistic core of tools needed to identify, prioritize and solve business problems within the functional and departmental boundaries from an enterprise perspective. The program instructor is Ms. Latoya Bullard-Franklin, MPM, Master Blackbelt, CEO of the Bulsard Group ([www.bulsardgroup.com/](http://www.bulsardgroup.com/)).



**Project Management Professional (PMP®) Exam Prep Bootcamp:** This program is provided by the L'Renee & Associates. The PMP® is the most important industry-recognized certification for project managers. This certification is recognized globally and PMPs speak and understand the global language of project management and are connected to a community of professionals, organizations and experts worldwide. The program instructor is Ms. LaToshia Norwood, PMP, Managing Partner of the L'Renee & Associates ([www.lreneellc.com](http://www.lreneellc.com)).

**Global Business Training Workshops for High School Educators:** We will offer global business training workshops for high school educators in spring 2017. The attendees will receive teaching tips and materials suitable for course and curriculum design, unit and lesson planning, and TEA approved credit for Continuing Professional Education (CPE). Since 2005, we have offered a number of global business training workshops at the main campus that were attended by over 150 high school educators from many local ISDs. This will be our first time offering the workshops at the Northwest Houston Center. We hope these workshops will encourage greater number of local high schools to appreciate the value of global learning and scholarship, and prepare their students for constructive leadership in the global community.

If you would like to know more about these programs, please contact Dr. Rahim Quazi, Associate Director, NWHC ([rmquazi@pvamu.edu](mailto:rmquazi@pvamu.edu)).



# BLACK HISTORY MONTH GUEST SPEAKER

Ramona Curtis,  
Director for Community Engagement & Initiatives  
Baylor University

Ramona Curtis, a Prairie View A&M University alumni, and her colleagues in the Office of Community Engagement & Service work to develop strategies, foster curricular and co-curricular partnerships, and launch programs that cultivate civic engagement knowledge and passion in students. She maintains a central role in establishing a campus knowledge base related to contemporary thinking, community-based research, and action as relevant to leadership and service.

She helps to foster campus synergy around the broad implications and meaning of global citizenship through the provision of forums for discussion, creative energy and individual and collective action. She is an adjunct faculty member at Baylor University, Tarleton State University, and McLennan Community College and she serves as campus advisor of the Baylor University Collegiate Chapter of the NAACP.

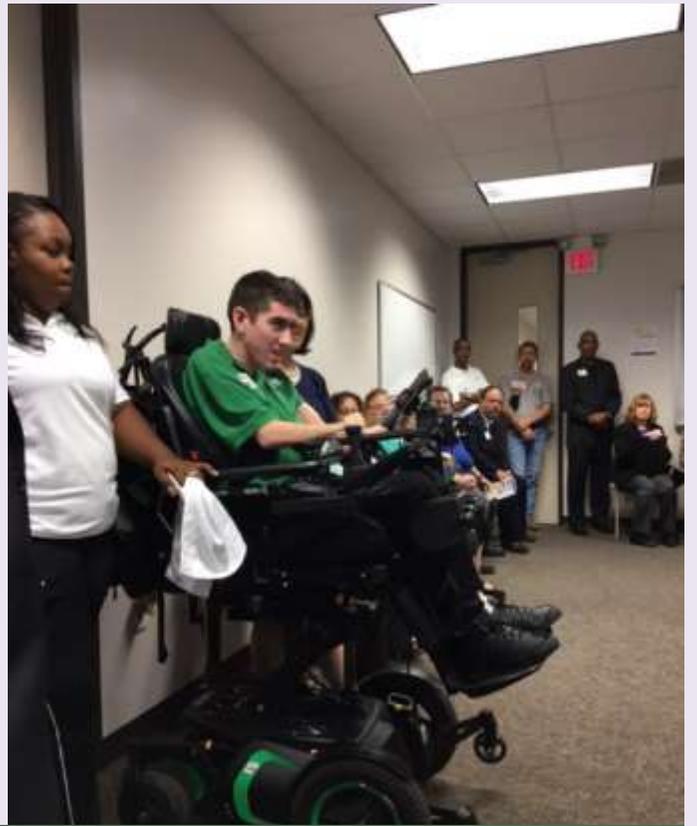
Ms. Curtis served as the project director for A Grassroots Attempt to Dismantle the Most Segregated Hour in America. This is a joint, church-swap project with the Community Race Relations Coalition in Waco, Texas, partially funded through a co-authored grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, which seeks to bring about racial reconciliation in communities. Ms. Curtis speaks throughout the nation on leadership, racial reconciliation, service, diversity and a variety of other professional development issues.

Thursday, February 16, 2017  
2:00 pm —John B. Coleman Library, Rm 108  
6:00 pm—Northwest Houston Center, Rm 107  
9449 Grant Road

Ms. Curtis develops and facilitates educational programs that stimulate cultural awareness among all students, faculty, staff, and the community. She was awarded 2004 Public Citizen of the Year by the Waco chapter of the National Association of Social Workers and has been named a Woman of Distinction by the Girl Scouts of Central Texas.

In 2013, she co-founded and chaired the local African American Leadership Organization which acts as a clearinghouse and “amplifier” by bringing leaders of other African-American organizations together to share ideas in order to make a greater impact on the community as a whole. In 2015 she created and launched the Community Health Fellow program, designed to assist Community Health undergraduate students by inspiring them through their academic discipline and civic engagement to address systematic problems facing our community.

Over the past 3 years, Ramona has engaged Baylor students, faculty, and staff in the Undoing Racism program which focuses on understanding racism and how we can all work together to undo its negative effects.



## NORTHWEST HOUSTON CENTER NETWORKING BREAKFAST



# COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



## Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts

Since opening to the public in March 2008, the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts has established itself as a community resource bringing world-class art exhibitions and art education opportunities to the Northwest Houston community.

The Pearl is a non-collecting fine arts museum, borrowing from public and private collections. The museum complements its exhibitions with an active schedule of programs and services. Founded on the community center concept, the Pearl reaches beyond traditional museums to enlighten, educate, and entertain.

The Pearl is housed in a former county library, leased to the museum and renovated through private funds, grants, and gifts. The Pearl is wholly supported through the community. Over 3,000 donors have given to the museum to date.



Dates: January 28th 2017-May 20th 2017

Get a glimpse into the intimate world of ex-votos with Keith Achepohl's fascinating exhibition "If it Please You Lord". Featuring dozens of works on paper, as well as a selection of the ex-votos that inspired them, this exhibition presents an entirely unique look into the most powerful human emotions. Often taking the form of a flat embossed metal sheet that represents either a plea for help to a saint or divinity, or one's gratitude for an answered prayer, ex-votos have been an inspiration to Achepohl for over 40 years.

Dates: January 27th 2017-May 20th 2017

Obscure and compelling, the art form that is glass paperweights has seen a resurgence in recent decades. This exhibition features an extensive collection of glass paperweights, supplemented by a collection of the stunning paperweight photography of Ben Clark, of L. H. Selman, Ltd. Let yourself be absorbed by the beautiful minutiae of this unique art form, and learn the difference between millefiori and torsade, marbrie and laticcinio.

There is a \$5 suggested donation fee for adults visiting the museum.

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# NWHC AND COLEMAN LIBRARY PART OF NATIONAL FILM PROJECT



The Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services (ODLOS) of the American Library Association (ALA), The United Nations Remember Slavery Programme, Fox Searchlight Pictures, and BazanED invited libraries to participate in a nationwide lecture series tied to the film by Nate Parker, *The Birth of a Nation: Slavery, Resistance & Abolition*. The series was 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 (since 2007) on August 23 (rememberslavery.un.org). The film portrayed the slave rebellion launched by the film's subject, Nat Turner on August 21, 1831 through his capture on October 30, 1831.

As part of the lecture series, Prairie View A&M University was featured on the national website (BazanEd.com) along with other libraries and educational institutions, listing the events and speakers for the programs.

Ron Godwin, Assistant Professor, Social Work, Behavior and Political Sciences lectured on “**The Effect of Slavery on Education.**” Goodwin received his undergraduate degree from Texas Lutheran University in Seguin, Texas, while serving on active duty in the US Air Force. After his honorable discharge, he completed graduate degrees from Texas Southern University (TSU) in Urban Transportation Planning (MS) and US History (MA) and is currently pursuing the PhD in Urban Planning and Environmental Policy.



His research focuses on urban history, the impacts of planning decisions on neighborhood development, and the historical development of Texas' black community as seen through the Texas Slave Narratives. Goodwin recently published an article titled “Control after Dark: Slave Owners and their Control of Slaves' Intimate Relationships OR Who's your Daddy?” in the Journal of Texas History and Culture. He is also a contributing writer to the on-line magazine, Suite 101.com, and co-authored a chapter in The Seventh Star of the Confederacy (edited by Kenneth W. Howell) entitled “On the Edge of First Freedoms: Black Texans and the Civil War.” Goodwin has presented at the National Association of African American Studies, Texas State Historical Association, the Southern Historical Association, Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, and the East Texas Historical Association.

# NWHC-HOMECOMING & MARCHING STORM FUNDRAISING



The Northwest Houston Center celebrated PVAMU's Homecoming Game with a barbeque to raise funds for the Marching Storm's trip to participate in the Macy's Day Parade. The John B. Coleman Library also raised funds through a book/bake sale held during Homecoming Week.

PVAMU's award winning, Marching Storm, will be representing the university, HBCUs and the State of Texas at the 2017 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City. Each year, the Macy's Parade Band Committee looks for bands that have the stage presence, musical and marching abilities to captivate more than 3.5 million live spectators and more than 50 million viewers. The Marching Storm was selected from 175 applicants as one of 10

bands to march in the 2017 edition of the annual holiday spectacle.

The very soul and spirit of every historically black university is conveyed through its marching band. From the deep, rich sounds of the tubas, the elegance of the majorettes down to the exuberant dance routines of the drum majors, college life would not be the same without its bands. With that in mind, no marching band comes close to uplifting its fans like the Prairie View A&M University "Marching Storm". The band's high octane, in-your-face routines are unmatched. The Marching Storm stands out from the rest of the pack with its theme-oriented halftime pageants, innovative drum routines and professional musical sound.

For more information or to donate, visit <http://www.pvamu.edu/stormtracker-2016/>





**Dr. Demonica Junious, Assistant Professor, College of Nursing and Dr. Kim Hunter Reed, Deputy Under Secretary, U.S. Department of Education**



Dr. Kim Hunter Reed, Actors Darryl Bell and Jasmine Guy from *A Different World*



# PVAMU Attends 2016 National HBCU Week Conference

The Annual National Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) Week Conference is planned under the leadership of the White House Initiative on HBCUs and with input from the President’s Board of Advisors on HBCUs and its conference sponsors.

The conference provides a forum to exchange information and share innovations among and between institutions. Stakeholders, including federal agencies, private sector companies and philanthropic organizations provide an overview of successful engagements that if replicated could improve instruction, degree completion and the understanding of federal policies that shape and support higher education.



Loretta Lynch  
Attorney General of United States





Actor, Darryl Bell was one of the presenters at the HBCU Week Conference.

Famous for his role on *A Different World*, he now uses his time promoting education and civic responsibility.

*A Different World* depicted life at Hillman College, a fictitious school modeled after a Historically Black College and University or HBCU. Always a ratings powerhouse, *A Different World* was unique for a situation comedy by dealing with many topical and often controversial subjects like: domestic violence, Apartheid, war, racism, discrimination and AIDS.

*A Different World's* most enduring legacy will be that during its initial run, enrollment tripled in HBCUs. Hundreds of young people attributed their decision to pursue a college education directly to watching *A Different World*.





Photographs taken by Chris Galvez and PVAMU faculty, staff and students.

Executive Director, Kim Hunter Reed, PhD, Interim Director, White House Initiative on HBCUs, commented that the National HBCU Week Conference is tied to the pursuit of President Barack Obama's goal to have the best educated, most-competitive and diverse workforce in the world by 2020. To reach that goal, our nation needs about 8 million more graduates. We also need a significant increase in African American completers.

HBCUs are needed to answer the call to increase postsecondary opportunities. HBCUs have become an integral part of our cherished American culture. It is incumbent upon us as stakeholders of these institutions to ensure that their impact is more influential today. We must continue enhancing their legacy in order to ensure that our campuses and the students they educate sustain a guaranteed measure of success.

<http://sites.ed.gov/whhbcu/>

# John B. Coleman Library Staff Publications



**Fares, A., A. Bensley, H. Bayabil, R. Awal, S. Fares, H. Valenzuela, and F. Abbas. 2016. Carbon Dioxide Emission in Relation With Irrigation and Organic Amendments From a Sweet Corn Field. *J. of Environ. Sci. and Health, Part B: Pesticides, Food Contaminants, and Agricultural Wastes*. (In Press).**

Summary: Samira participated in this recently published study, during her tenure at the University of Hawaii-Manoa, on evaluating the effect of irrigation levels (deficit, adequate, and excess), and organic amendments (OA) type (chicken manure [CM] and bone meal [BM]) and OM application rates (0, low, adequate, and high) on i) soil physical properties and ii) soil carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions under a tropical Hawaiian soil. Results of the study revealed that OA type, rate, and their interaction had significant effect on soil CO<sub>2</sub> flux emitted from this soil. All chicken manure amendments resulted in a significantly high-

er soil CO<sub>2</sub> fluxes compared to Bone Meal treatments and control treatment. It was found that organic amendments affected soil moisture dynamics during the crop growing season and organic matter content measured after the crop harvest. While additional studies are needed to further investigate the effect of irrigation levels on soil CO<sub>2</sub> flux, it is recommended that in order to minimize soil CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, BM soil amendments could be a potential option to reduce soil CO<sub>2</sub> fluxes from agricultural fields similar to the one used in this study.

Picture : the study site.

**Fares, A., M. Safeeq, S. Fares, and A. Dogan. 2016. Temperature and Probe-to-Probe Variability Effects on the Performance of Capacitance Soil Moisture Sensors in Oxisol. *Vadose Zone J.* 15:1-13.**

<http://vzj.geoscienceworld.org/content/15/3/vzj2015.07.0098.full.pdf+html>

Summary: Samira was part of a research team at the University of Hawaii-Manoa that examined the effects of temperature on the performance of three (5TE, EC-5, and EC-TM) single capacitance sensors (SCS) in a Hawaiian Oxisol. This team also developed an empirical model to correct for temperature and improve measurement accuracy of the sensors. Their empirically derived temperature-dependent model substantially reduced the variability in measured water content due to changing soil temperature and improved the accuracy of the tested sensors.



**Sato-Hutchinson, C., and Brumfield, E.J. (n.d.). Minority among Minorities: A Japanese Librarian at a HBCU in *Asian Pacific American Librarians and Library Services Today* (in contract with Rowman & Littlefield., tentative publishing date, July 2017).**

Abstract: Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) were created in the United States to educate a minority population that could not otherwise receive an education. Today, these institutions recruit a growing number of Asian and Latino students and faculty. This essay discusses the achievements and challenges of a Japanese Librarian and her collaborations with an African American librarian at a historically black college or university.

Chieko is a first generation, Asian immigrant from Japan to the United States. She teaches library research instruction for classes in Art and Architecture, Sociology and English Composition, for undergraduate and graduate students. She studied at the Saint Mary in Kansas (University of Saint Mary since 2003) for her bachelor's degree in art and history, and received a MA in art history at the University of Kansas in Lawrence. She obtained her MLS from Emporia State University.

For more information, Chieko Sato Hutchinson can be reached at 936-261-1507 or [chsato@pvamu.edu](mailto:chsato@pvamu.edu).



If I could spend a day with Mary  
By Samira Fares

If I could spend a day with Mary  
I would give her a big hug  
And greet her with peace  
If I could spend a day with Mary  
We would wear matching white hijabs and beautiful  
long dresses  
We would go out to spread love and happiness  
And give away roses and orange blossoms  
If I could spend a day with Mary  
We would help the needy  
We would give hugs of comfort  
And lend a hand of help  
If I could spend a day with Mary  
We would cook for the hungry  
We would visit the sick

**Wipe people's tears**

And sing to the children  
If I could spend a day with Mary  
We would cook healthy food  
And tell stories to nourish the souls  
If I could spend a day with Mary  
The world would see a better day  
Our eyes would see brighter light  
And our hearts would be filled with love  
If I just could spend a day with Mary  
May the peace and blessings of God be upon you, my  
beloved Mary!



Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland was founded by Queen Elizabeth in 1592 and has the oldest library, famous for “The Book of Kells.”

The elaborately illustrated version of the Bible’s gospels were created in the 800 A.D. by Celtic monks. The intricate artistry depicts life of Jesus, Mary and Christ Apostles. Visiting the library is an experience.

Trinity College Library pictures are from **Brumfield, E.J. Art in Information**, to be published in 2017. The photo essays look at the aesthetics of libraries and other information sources through the eyes of an observer, not as an art critic.



# DID YOU KNOW—LIBRARY FUN FACTS



**David Sean Ferriero, Archivist of the U.S.**

**Did you know librarians played a role in the 45th Presidential election?**



**Dr. Carla Hayden, Librarian of Congress**

**David Sean Ferriero** is the 10th Archivist of the United States, appointed by President Barack Obama. He earned his master's in library and information science from Simmons University. Prior to his appointment as U.S. Archivist, he served as Director of the New York Public Library, and before that, the University Librarian and Vice Provost for Library Affairs at Duke University.

In each presidential election year, a group of candidates for elector is nominated by political parties or by the party state committee. It is these elector-candidates, rather than the presidential and vice presidential nominees, for whom the people vote in the November election. The electors' votes are recorded as federal documents and become the responsibility of the Archivist of the United States, currently, David Sean Ferriero. Around the beginning of January or earlier, David Sean Ferriero will meet with Vice President Joe Biden (President of the Senate) to confirm the Electoral College votes. Following this meeting, the Vice President announces the elected new President and the Inauguration takes place January 20th.

<https://www.archives.gov/federal-register/electoral-college/key-dates.html>

**Dr. Carla Hayden** was sworn in as the 14th Librarian of Congress on September 14, 2016. Hayden, the first woman and the first African American to lead the national library, was nominated to the position by President Barack Obama on February 24, 2016, and her nomination was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on July 13. Prior to her post, she served as CEO of the Enoch Pratt Free Library, deputy commissioner and chief librarian of the Chicago Public Library, and assistant professor for Library and Information Science at the University of Pittsburgh. Hayden was president of the American Library Association from 2003 to 2004. In 1995, she was the first African American to receive Library Journal's Librarian of the Year Award in recognition of her outreach services at the Pratt Library, which included an after-school center for Baltimore teens offering homework assistance and college and career counseling. Hayden received a B.A. from Roosevelt University and an M.A. and Ph.D. from the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago.

In April 2010, Twitter signed an agreement providing the Library of Congress the public tweets from the company's inception through 2010 and then on an ongoing basis under the same terms. Not many would think of tweets as historical communication. However, the past election revealed a fascination for the media that presidential candidates previously ignored. As such the Library of Congress, Twitter Research Project has served as an archiving resource and fact checker for confirming and disputing published tweets. With over 170 Billion records, the Twitter Project, which previously was deemed a failure because of lack of interest is now a treasure to many researchers, journalists and politicians.

<http://www.politico.com/story/2015/07/library-of-congress-twitter-archive-119698.html>

# Calling All Undergraduate Researchers Scholars!

**Submissions are now being accepted for PURSUE, a new journal created by PVAMU faculty, to share original research articles produced by undergraduates.**

## PURSUE

### An Undergraduate Research Journal

The mission of "PURSUE" is to share original research articles produced by undergraduates in (but not limited to) psychology, sociology, biology, chemistry, physics, engineering, computer science, mathematics, humanities, agriculture, architecture, business and education. These articles are the result of undergraduate scholars exploring theory and drawing conclusions with the guidance of a faculty advisor. The journal is open to undergraduates from all Colleges and Universities.

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# Prairie View A&M University Welcomes Dr. Denice Adkins International Federation of Library Associates Mentoring Program



**During National Library Week, April 9-15, 2017, Dr. Denice Adkins, Associate Professor, University of Missouri School of Information Science & Learning Technologies, will be a guest of PVAMU Coleman Library, as part of the International Federation of Library Associates Fellowship and Mentoring Program.**

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. Dr. Adkins was selected by IFLA as a mentor and library leader in academia, public libraries and international librarianship.

Dr. Adkins international experience includes: Fulbright Scholar to Honduras, presenter at Asociación de Bibliotecarios y Documentalistas de Honduras Jornadas, taught at new master's degree program at the Universidad Pedagogica Nacional Francisco

Morazan, presented on information literacy and reading promotion at LIS programs in Costa Rica, and by video-conference to Nicaragua; presented on school libraries at the Reunión Nacional de la Asociación de Bibliotecarios Graduados de la República Argentina. As president of REFORMA, Dr. Adkins presented at the conference of the Asociación Mexicana de Bibliotecarios. She has led study abroad trips to the United Kingdom, Ireland and St. Lucia. Other international experience includes visits to LIS programs in Spain, Turkey, Scotland, Japan and visits to Australia, Japan, Israel, Jordan, and Egypt. In addition to her international experience, Dr. Adkins presents research on information literacy, public libraries and library service to Latino and underrepresented populations.

As a guest of the Coleman Library's National Library Week activities, Dr. Adkins will tour Prairie View and the Northwest Houston Center, meet students, staff and faculty. She will share information on library instruction and provide advice to students interested in a career in the library and information science and learning technologies fields.

## **What can You Do with a Library and Information Science and Learning Technologies degree?**

- ◆ Work for Amazon, Google, Mozilla, Facebook, social media and search engine companies.
- ◆ Work in security and information analysis for FBI, CIA, Homeland Security, and other governmental agencies.
- ◆ Provide support for research for the U.S. Navy, Army, Marines, Air Force, NASA.
- ◆ Provide the backup film for play-by-play evaluations in sport broadcasts.
- ◆ Maintain the metadata for major energy providers or other businesses.
- ◆ Assist medical doctors in their patient evaluations research.
- ◆ Archive records for major dance companies, musicians, and entertainers.
- ◆ Work as a curator in a museum, art gallery, or theme park.
- ◆ Maintain catalogs of designs in large fashion houses and fashion design studios.
- ◆ Archive recipes and maintain food and nutrition databases for the Cooking Channel.
- ◆ Work in any of over 1 million libraries all over the world.



As a grantee of the 2016 International Federation of Library Associates (IFLA) Fellowship and mentoring program, Distance Services Librarian, Elizabeth Jean Brumfield, was teamed with Dr. Denice Adkins from the University of Missouri, Columbia.

Brumfield visited the university in November and shadowed Dr. Adkins while she performed various professional activities. The goal of the mentoring project was to look at diversity in the library profession and find ways to improve the disparities.

Dr. Adkins, faculty from the University of Missouri, Columbia, School of Information Science & Learning Technologies, staff and students were gracious with their time and shared valuable information on programming, curriculum development, and cultural activities.

Activities included in the visit: Guest Lecturer for class—*Leadership for Diversity in Public Libraries*; participated in the Curriculum Advisory Meeting; University Faculty Course Evaluation Meeting; attendee at the Student Government Speaker Series on Latino in Higher Education.

As noted in the pictures above, the campus is beautiful. The university offers several scholarships for those interested in pursuing a graduate education in library and information science and learning technologies.





# Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges Annual Conference

## Theme: "Higher Education at the Crossroads: Pathways to Equity and Excellence"

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges is the regional body for the accreditation of degree-granting higher education institutions in the Southern states. It serves as the common denominator of shared values and practices among the diverse institutions in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and Latin America and other international sites approved by the Commission that award associate, baccalaureate, master's, or doctoral degrees.

The annual conference, held during December 3-6, 2016, shared ideas and strategies that led to improved results and lessons learned in efforts to enhance the academic experience of students attending southern colleges and universities. Topics covered were designed to help participants develop and implement activities to enhance teaching and learning, as well as supporting administrative operations. Several sessions were directly related to libraries and librarians including the following:

- **Moving from a QEP on Information Literacy to a Culture of Inquiry**

**Presenter: Dr. Larry Kelley, Chief Planning and Research Officer and SACSCOC Liaison, North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, NC; and Ms. Amy Brake, Instruction and Assessment Librarian & QEP Director, North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, NC**

This presentation illustrated how a QEP on information literacy led to an increase in inquiry based assignments in QEP adapted courses.

This increase led to awareness by faculty of the need for more deliberate scaffolding of assignments designed to teach inquiry based research skills over the entire curriculum. New assessments were introduced that were critical in assisting faculty to assess the success or failures of inquiry based research in all courses.

This presentation discussed how one university took their QEP which had as its focus Information Literacy and created a IL Rubric with assessment data. Over 1,000 students and 45 faculty in about 100 classes participated. The result was a documented IL report which could be used for SACS.

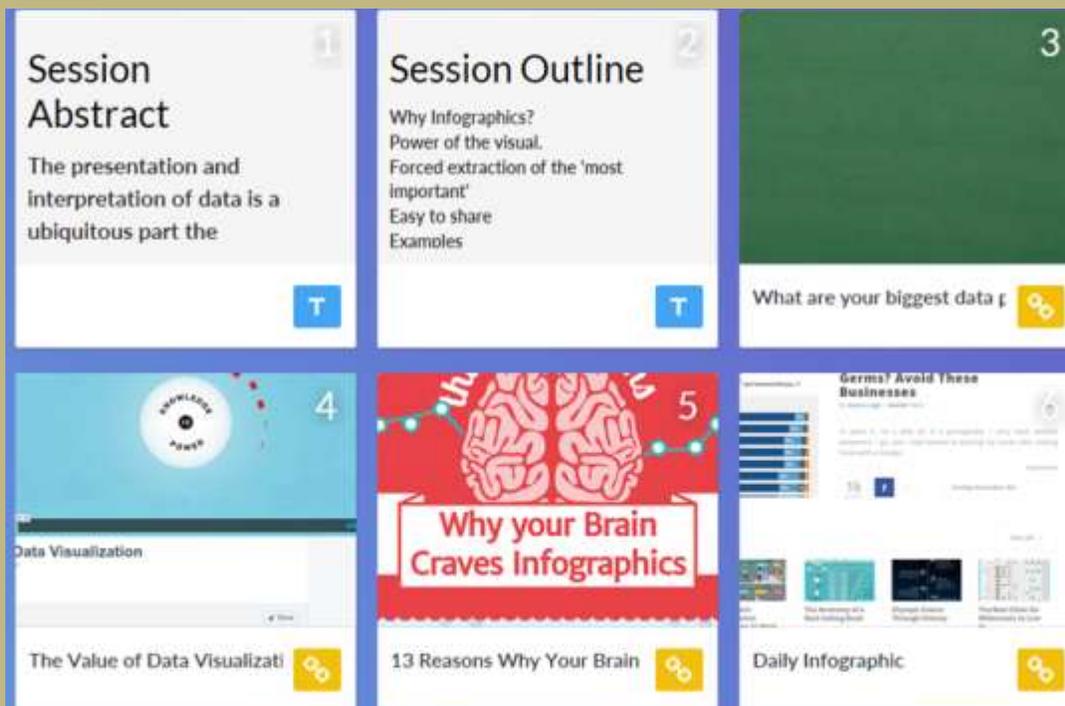
- **Bringing Beautiful Data: Designing Summary Infographics**

**Presenter: Ms. Cindy Jennings, Director of Learning Technologies & Director of QEP, University of South Carolina Upstate, Spartanburg, SC**

This hands on presentation discussed the use of infographics to display data for accreditation. The presenter stated that “standard statistical charts and graphs are the stuff self-studies and Impact Reports are made of. But what if we rethink our methods and make meaning of at least some of that data by creating beautiful visual representations that complement the data story?”

Participants engaged in hands on practice with effective design by creating an infographic using a common tool, PowerPoint.

- **Library and Learning Resources**



**Presenter: Dr. Crystal Baird, Vice President, SACSCOC, Decatur, GA**

This session provided guidance in evaluating an institution’s library and learning resources in the Principles of Accreditation (Core Requirement 2.9 and Comprehensive Standard 3.8).

The presenter discussed the core requirements and the comprehensive standards and the differences in how they are evaluated. Dr. Baird stressed the importance of libraries conducting assessments and providing documentation.

**For more information, visit the SASCOC website: <http://www.sascoc.org/aamain.asp>**



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