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SPREADING THE WORD

Expanding Access to Collections at the AUC Woodruff Library

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THANK YOU!
Atlanta University Center Robert W. Woodruff Library

The AUC Woodruff Library serves as the center of the academic village of the AUC, providing the highest level of information resources and services in support of teaching learning, scholarship, and cultural preservation of the Atlanta University Center.

- Clark Atlanta University
- Interdenominational Theological Center
- Morehouse College
- Spelman College
Archives Research Center

- “Premier Destination Archives”
- Nearly 8,000 linear feet of archival materials and rare books.
- Documenting Atlanta University Center institutions and the African American experience.
- Digital collections: Morehouse College Martin Luther King Jr. and photographs, audiovisual materials from other prominent collections.
Digital Services Department

- Digitization Services
- Repository Management
- Archival Systems Support
- Library ILS Support
- Digital Preservation Planning
Selection

Collection Strengths

• Civil Rights Movement
• Race Relations
• (Higher) Education among African Americans
• African American Religion
• African American Literature
• African American Organizations
Selection

Why Religious Collections?

• Significance to African American history
  o “Cornerstone of African American community”
• Document 19th through 21st Century
• Abundance of collections
• Under-utilized
• Significant population of graduate-level students interested in religion

Children outside of Monroe Street Church of God in Christ, Albany, Georgia, circa 1980, J. Howard Dell Collection
Collections!
Anna E. Hall Collection, 1869-1964

- First African American Deaconess to graduate from New England Deaconess Training School
- Missionary in Liberia for 30 years
- Personal papers, photographs, memorabilia
Bishop J. Howard Dell Collection, 1946-1992

- Bishop – Northern Georgia Jurisdiction
- 600 + audio and video recordings
- Documenting church life, church history, current topics, political issues in the church
Atlanta-Rome District, Georgia North Region, 6th Episcopal District of the CME Collection, 1910-2011

- Black former members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South
- 34 churches in Atlanta and surrounding areas
- Programs from worship services, funerals, church histories, meeting minutes, photographs
James P. Brawley Collection, 1926-1986

- President of Clark College from 1941 to 1965
- Writer of *Clark College Legacy* (history of the college)
- Correspondence, family papers, writings, memorabilia, photographs
Isaac R. Clark Memorial Collection, 1946-1990

- Professor of Homiletics, Director of Field Education – ITC, 1962-1990
- African Methodist Episcopal Church member
- Course materials, administrative records, 200 audio recordings

- President of ITC – 1983-1997
- First Dean of the Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary – 1969
- Personal and administrative papers, audiocassettes
Interdenominational Theological Center Audiovisual Collection, 1880-1971

- Over 1,200 photographs
- Previously digitized audio recordings
- Faculty, staff, buildings, campus life
C. Eric Lincoln Collection, 1909-2000

- Distinguished scholar, writer and lecturer on the sociology of Black religion, race and ethnic relations
- 166 linear feet of material
- Correspondence, writings, research on the Black church, audio recordings, photographs
C. Eric Lincoln Lectureship Series Collection, 1982-2016

- Started in 1982
- Prominent scholars on African American religion
- Programs, correspondence, lecture transcripts, photographs, audio, video

- Founded 1971
- Black Church practice at Colgate Rochester Divinity School
- Correspondence, curriculum materials, minutes, media, printed materials, photographs, audio recordings
Robert Penn Collection, 1940-1974

• WW2 chaplain
• ITC faculty - 1970s
• Correspondence, sermons, teaching materials, photographs
Society for the Study of Black Religion Collection, 1977-1985

• Founded 1972
• “Scholarly inquiry about the Black religious experience”
• Scholars such as Cornell West, James Cone, Henry Mitchell, Pauli Murray
• Meeting programs, audiotapes, videotapes
Levi and Jewell Terrill Collection, 1929-1971

• Levi - Morehouse graduate
  • Zion Hill Baptist Church - Atlanta, GA
  • General Missionary Baptist Convention of Georgia - 1959 to 1971
  • NBCUSA, Inc. – 1969 to 1971

• Jewell - Atlanta University Normal School graduate
  • Women’s Convention Auxiliary of the NBCUSA
  • President - Women’s Department of the Atlanta Baptist Association
Hercules Wilson Collection, 1928-1971

- Presbyterian minister
- 1911 graduate Biddle University
- Brooklyn Presbyterian – Charlotte, NC
- Hundreds of handwritten sermons
Outsourced Digitization
Digital Commons

- Digital repository of the AUC
- All audiovisual and photographic works will be available
- Collections include links to finding aids
Digital Commons dashboard
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## Enhanced Finding Aids in Aspace

### Clergy and Faculty

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Promotion
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The Interdenominational Theological Center Photograph Collection is now available!

Researchers: get ready to travel to the Interdenominational Theological Center’s (ITC) past through pictures! Student and faculty events, programs, and campus life are all captured in the ITC’s Photograph Collection, now digitized and available on Digital Commons. A part of our Spreading the Word project, this collection contains over 1,200 images from the 1880s through the 1970s. These images recount the history of the ITC and associated denominational schools and its seminars:

- Gammon (United Methodist Church)
- Morehouse School of Religion (Baptist)
- Mason (Church of God in Christ)
- Phillips (Christian Methodist Episcopal)
- Turner (African Methodist Episcopal)

Researchers can tour the old Gammon Theological Seminary campus through the images of Bowen Hall, Gammon Hall, Gilbert Haven Memorial Library, Thirkield Hall and the Gammon presidential residence where Dr. Harry V. Richardson lived.

Richardson was a primary figure in establishing the ITC and became the Center’s first president. The collection contains multiple images taken during Richardson’s tenure at Gammon and ITC. Through these images, researchers can follow Richardson and his wife Selma to dinners, board meetings, classrooms, and more!

### RECENT POSTS
- The Interdenominational Theological Center Photograph Collection is now available!
- NEH interviews the Spreading the Word project team
- Highlighting the work of Isaac Clark
- The 2016 C. Eric Lincoln Lecture Series video is now available
- C. Eric Lincoln Lecture Series Materials Available (and Online!)

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Spreading the Word: Expanding Access to African American Religious Collections at the Atlanta University Center Robert W. Woodruff Library

The Atlanta University Center Robert W. Woodruff Library is honored to receive a generous grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to broaden access to under-represented humanities collections relating to African American religion. Staff of the Library’s Archives Research Center and Digital Services Unit will organize, describe, digitize and prepare for access fourteen collections of rare materials that document African American religion spanning from the 1800s to the 2000s.

These unique collections include varied formats, including manuscripts, sermons and speeches, research files, photographs, and audio and video recordings, which document theologians and scholars, as well as Christian and Islamic ideologies.

Follow the project blog for more details and updates: https://uucwoodruffarchives.wordpress.com/archives@uuctr.com

Collections being made accessible through the Spreading the Word project:

- Atlanta Roman District, Georgia Work Region, 8th Episcopal Diocese of the CEC Church Collections
  Photographs of bishops, pastors, programs and events will be digitized and made accessible from this collection of manuscripts and printed materials.

- James H. Hicks-Collecion: Contains handwritten and photographic materials of Bishop Gibson Hicks, guardian of African American religion and pastor, and a collection of his sermons and letters.

- Melvin E. Holland Collection: Includes sermons and sermons delivered in the African American religion.


- Herbert M. Oliver Collection: Contains sermons and sermons delivered in the African American religion.

- Blakesley H. Howard Collected: Contains sermons and sermons delivered in the African American religion.

- Anna E. Hall Collection: Contains sermons and sermons delivered in the African American religion.

- C. Erskine Caldwell Collection: Contains sermons and sermons delivered in the African American religion.

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Collected: Contains sermons and sermons delivered in the African American religion.

- Robert D. Cuff Collected: Contains sermons and sermons delivered in the African American religion.

- Society for the Study of Black Religion: Contains sermons and sermons delivered in the African American religion.

- Leonard and Isabel Taylor Collection: Contains sermons and sermons delivered in the African American religion.

- Includes Wilson Collection: Contains sermons and sermons delivered in the African American religion.

- For more information, visit: http://digitalcommons.auctr.edu/spread/
Libguides

• Grouped into four core concepts
  • Homiletics
  • Education
  • Theology
  • Church Life

• Allows easy reference to collections

• [http://research.auctr.edu/theword](http://research.auctr.edu/theword)
Social Media
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