RWWL Sponsors “Evening” With Pulitzer Prize-winning Poet

On September 25, Atlanta University Center student poets and Pulitzer-prize winning author Natasha Trethewey showcased the many faces of poetry during “An Evening of Spoken Word and Poetry” at the Robert W. Woodruff Library (RWWL) of the Atlanta University Center (AUC). Nearly 200 students, faculty and staff attended the standing-room-only event, one in a series of Library-sponsored programs commemorating RWWL’s 25th year of providing collaborative library services to the historically black colleges and universities of the AUC consortium.

Successfully blending traditional and contemporary forms, the program featured Trethewey, Chair of Poetry at Emory University and author of Native Guard, winner of the 2007 Pulitzer Prize for Poetry, and AUC student poets performing works of spoken word.

AUC students performing on the program included: Ayinde Cartman, Vinson Muhammad, Hollis Mason and Zamir Walton of Morehouse College; and Shanee Ka Lee and Keyona Mays of Clark Atlanta University (CAU).

The young poets opened the program by reciting a “call-and-response” hip-hop chant paying homage to each of the four AUC member institutions—CAU, the Interdenominational Theological Center, Morehouse and Spelman College. Then Trethewey took the stage, read-

Library’s Work on Morehouse King Collection Progresses; RWWL Receives Mellon Grants

Two generous grants from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation are assisting the Woodruff Library of the AUC in its efforts to make the Morehouse College Martin Luther King Jr. Collection available for scholarly research.

Two archivists, a cataloger, graduate assistant and project manager have been hired exclusively to process the Morehouse King Collection. Members of the new processing team include:

- Brenda Banks, Project Manager
- Bridget Lerette, Processing Archivist
- Courtney Chartier, Processing Archivist
- Gail Spears, Special Collections Cataloger
- Melvin Collier, Graduate Assistant
  Staff salaries, supplies,

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Sharing King Collection With the World:
RWWL Continues Processing and Outreach

Karen Jefferson, Head of Archives & Special Collections, talks with conservator about work completed on a suitcase belonging to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The conservation work is just one of the many processing activities undertaken and completed since RWWL assumed custodianship of the Morehouse College Martin Luther King Jr. Collection in September 2006.

Since becoming the custodial home of Morehouse College Martin Luther King Jr. Collection in September 2006, the Woodruff Library of the AUC has worked diligently to share King with the world. During the past year, while developing and implementing a plan for bringing order to the collection, staff also have become collection ambassadors. RWWL outreach activities have included:

♦ Expert commentary provided to CNN, NPR, the Associated Press, the Atlanta Journal

In addition, RWWL CEO & Director Loretta Parham has authored an article scheduled for publication in the November issue of the Rare Books & Manuscripts Journal and staff assisted the Atlanta History Center in the identification and transport of 600 items included in its record-breaking exhibit, I Have A Dream: The Morehouse College Martin Luther King Jr. Collection. Staged January 15-May 13, 2007, the exhibit attracted more than 72,000 visitors.

Library Hosts C. Eric Lincoln Roundtable

On October 11, the Clark Atlanta University (CAU) Department of Religion and Philosophy hosted the 25th C. Eric Lincoln Lectureship Series. The Woodruff Library of the AUC is the archival repository for the C. Eric Lincoln Papers that are available for research in Archives & Special Collections.

The afternoon roundtable discussion, held in the RWWL Exhibition Hall, focused on “Relating Religion and Race: Four Historical Models,” the C. Eric Lincoln Lecture presented earlier in the day by Dr. Albert J. Raboteau, The Henry W. Putman Professor of Religion at Princeton University. Panelists for the roundtable discussion included: CAU Religion and Philosophy Professor Dr. Illya Davis, Morehouse College Religion Professor Dr. Aaron Parker and Raboteau.

In recognition of the Lectureship’s 25th anniversary, archival staff assembled an exhibit on C. Eric Lincoln that will be on display in the Exhibition Hall until December 14. For more information about the exhibit or the C. Eric Lincoln Papers, contact archives@auctr.edu or 404-978-2052.

CORRECTION:
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In the LibQUAL Survey story (Page 2) which appeared in the August 2007 issue of the Top Shelf newsletter, the total number of Interdenominational Theological Center participants was incorrectly reported.

The correct number of participants was 189. We regret any inconvenience this error may have caused.
RWWL: Your Place, Your Space

Imagine a classroom with nearly 220,000 square feet of space filled with electronic and print resources, computers, furniture, programs and services designed specifically with you in mind. Well, that's exactly what you have at the Woodruff Library of the AUC. Library staff are finding more and more ways to meet user needs for instruction, leisure space and electronic resources. Take a look at all the ways you use the Library!

AS A RESOURCE...During Fall 2007 Orientation, new Morehouse College students learn about the many ways the Woodruff Library can assist in meeting their academic goals.

AS A LABORATORY...Spelman College ADW students get hands-on instruction in accessing the ARTstor database for research papers.

AS A CLASSROOM...Clark Atlanta University Education Professor Dr. Ruby Thompson (on the right wearing glasses) teaches reading education techniques in RWWL's Curriculum Materials Center.

AS A LINK TO THE WORLD...During RWWL's 2007 New Faculty Orientation Luncheon, AUC faculty access some of the many electronic resources the Library offers. With RWWL remote access, faculty and students can use these virtual resources at any time or any place.

AS A CLASSROOM...Clark Atlanta University Education Professor Dr. Ruby Thompson (on the right wearing glasses) teaches reading education techniques in RWWL's Curriculum Materials Center.

AS A RESEARCH CENTER...ITC student Kevin Young completes an assignment for his Foundations in Ministry using materials from the Woodruff Library's Archives & Special Collections.

AS A QUIET SPACE...Responding to students requests for "quiet space" free of cell phones and other distractions, the Woodruff Library this fall debuted a new "Quiet Study Room" on the Lower Level in the former "Closed Reading Room. The area has quickly become students' "new favorite place" to read, study and just relax.

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AS AN INFORMATION CENTER...AUC students interested in pursuing graduate study attended the AUC Consortium's annual Graduate/Professional School Information and Recruitment Fair in the RWWL Exhibition Hall. More than 200 colleges, universities and professional schools were represented.
REGISTER EARLY!

JSTOR/ARTstor Training Initiative for Faculty —

In an effort to maximize the integration of database content into course planning, faculty are invited to participate in advanced training workshops for the JSTOR and ARTstor databases. Faculty successfully completing the training will receive an honorarium.

From Tuesday, November 13 through Friday, February 29, selected faculty will receive hands-on database training and work collaboratively with librarians to design, implement and assess a student assignment incorporating key features of the respective databases. Registration Deadline: Tuesday, October 30.

To apply for or learn more about the program, contact Yolanda Gilmore Bivins at 404-978-2132 or ygbivins@auctr.edu. Additional information also is available on the RWWL web site at: www.auctr.edu.

Virginia Lacy Jones Collection Now Available for Research

The personal papers of Virginia Lacy Jones (b. 1912-d. 1985), esteemed Atlanta University Library School Dean and director of the Woodruff Library of the AUC, are now open for research in the Library's Archives & Special Collections Department.

In 1945, Dr. Virginia Lacy Jones became the second African American to receive a Ph.D. in Library Service. She was the first director of the Woodruff Library of the AUC and the second dean of the Atlanta University (now Clark Atlanta University) School of Library Science. The Library's Virginia Lacy Jones Exhibition Hall was dedicated in her honor in 1985.

In the Virginia Lacy Jones Papers, researchers will find correspondence, writings (by and about her), programs, reports and photographs that provide a glimpse into her personal life and professional career as a librarian. Also included are awards and honors she received for her hard work, leadership and untiring fight for equality for African Americans in the library profession and for equality of library services for African American communities.

To view the Virginia Lacy Jones Papers, researchers are encouraged to contact the Archives & Special Collections to make an appointment at archives@auctr.edu or 404-978-2052.

APA, MLA and Turabian Citation Style Workshops —

To promote academic integrity among students when writing assignments, the Library is presenting a series of October and November workshops focusing on the proper use of APA, MLA and Turabian citation styles.

Learn to format in-text citations, create reference pages and more. Sessions focusing on each of the three styles have been planned. For a full schedule of workshops, visit the RWWL Web site at: www.auctr.edu.

All workshops will be held in Training Labs 1 & 2 on the Library's Lower Level. Space is limited, so interested students are encouraged to pre-register for the work shops. Email: AskRef@auctr.edu to sign up. Call 404-978-2067 for additional information.

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conservation fees and training associated with the preliminary work for this project is being funded by a $115,000 grant to the Woodruff Library from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. With staff dedicated solely to processing the Morehouse King Collection, other RWWL archivists, curators and technicians can now focus their efforts on the variety of other rich collections within the department.

Most recently, the Mellon Foundation awarded RWWL $400,000 for the collaborative development of digital finding aids for the King Collections at Woodruff and the Howard Gotlieb Archival Center at Boston University.

Archival staff will use special software to create common subject terms and names for the Morehouse and Boston University King Collections, and wherever possible, consistent with those used for King materials cataloged as part of Stanford University's King Papers Project. A Web page will be created to mount the resulting Morehouse and HGARC finding aids. When completed, the MLK Archival Collaborative project will result in finding aids that will enable researchers to electronically search the Morehouse and Boston University King Collections simultaneously.