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# SUSTAINABILITY SHOWCASE

*Student Sustainability Fees at Work!*

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SUSTAINABILITY SHOWCASE

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CLOSING RECEPTION & GREEN EAGLE AWARDS

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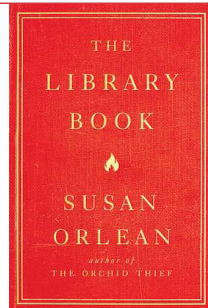
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*Save the date!*

**SEPT 27, 2019**

Author **Susan Orlean** returns to Georgia Southern!



## RETIREMENT: DEAN W. BEDE MITCHELL EARNS TITLE OF PROFESSOR AND DEAN OF LIBRARIES EMERITUS



*Dean of the Georgia Southern University Libraries, W. Bede Mitchell*

Dr. W. Bede Mitchell, Professor and Dean of the Georgia Southern University Libraries, retires July 1, 2019. Dr. Mitchell holds degrees from the University of Michigan (B.A., Philosophy, and M.L.S., Library Science), and Montana State University (Ed.D., Higher Education). Dr. Mitchell has served more than 19 years at Georgia Southern, concluding a career of 41 1/2 years as an academic librarian. Prior to coming to Georgia Southern, Dr. Mitchell worked as a library faculty member and administrator at Appalachian State University, the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and Montana State University.

As Dean of Libraries, Dr. Mitchell presided over the expansion and renovation of Henderson Library from 2004 through 2008, and the consolidation of Henderson Library in Statesboro and the Lane Library at Armstrong into the Georgia Southern University Libraries in January 2018. Under his leadership, the Libraries established the Digital Commons@Georgia Southern open access digital repository of faculty and student scholarship, and earned the 2004 U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science Blue Ribbon Consumer Health Information

Recognition Award for Georgia (in partnership with the Statesboro Regional Library and the Magnolia Coastlands Area Health Education Center). Dr. Mitchell chaired nine search committees for Georgia Southern vice presidents, deans, and directors, as well as the 2001 Information Technology Plan Task Force, the 2003 TEACH Act Task Force, the University Convocation Committee, and the 2013-15 Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Reaffirmation Compliance Subcommittee on Library and Learning Resources. He has also been very active professionally at the regional and national levels: chairing or serving on more than three dozen American Library Association committees, task forces, and boards; serving as President of the Library Leadership and Management Association; chairing Georgia Library Association's Academic Library Division; chairing the University System of Georgia Regents Academic Committee on Libraries twice; editing *The Journal of Access Services*; reviewing for the journal *College & Research Libraries*, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services; co-editing a monograph on access services and authoring dozens of journal articles, conference presentations, and book reviews regarding collection management, librarian faculty status, and library administration; serving on five visiting teams for American Council on Education's Military Installation Voluntary Education Review program and nine reaffirmation review teams for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; and co-founding and co-chairing the annual Georgia International Conference on Information Literacy.

For these and other contributions to the Libraries, the University, and the profession, Dr. W. Bede Mitchell has earned the title of Professor and Dean of Libraries Emeritus.

## EXHIBIT: JAMES BALDWIN'S THE AMEN CORNER

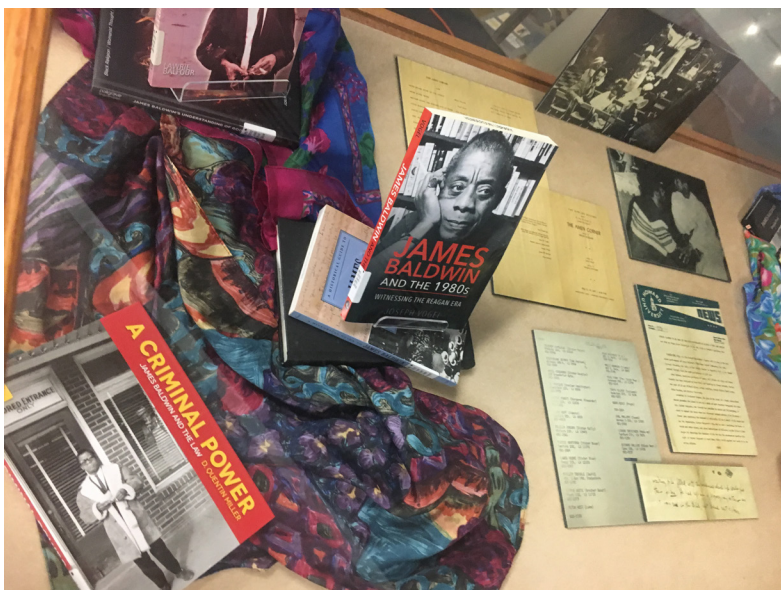
by Autumn Johnson, Special Collections Librarian



Zach S. Henderson Library's Special Collections recently collaborated with the Georgia Southern Department of Theatre & Performance to celebrate their newest production of James Baldwin's *The Amen Corner*. *The Amen Corner* was written in the 1950s, first performed on the professional stage in 1965, and published for wide-distribution in 1968. Georgia Southern College first performed the celebrated play in 1982. The 1982 production, directed by Mical Whitaker, was the first play performed at Georgia Southern to include an all-black cast. Whitaker, now Professor Emeritus of Theatre & Performance, returned to direct *The Amen Corner* this past November at Georgia Southern University's Center for Art & Theatre.

The return of the play included a number of programs around campus including a moderated panel discussion and a display in the library. The display featured materials from Special Collections documenting the 1982 production, interviews with Mical Whitaker, and contemporary resources that examine the complex racial and social issues explored in Baldwin's work.

More information about James Baldwin, his play, and its history on the Georgia Southern campus can be found at [georgiasouthern.libguides.com/jamesbaldwin](http://georgiasouthern.libguides.com/jamesbaldwin).



## EXHIBIT: NATIONAL DATA WEEK

By Dawn “Nikki” Rech, Research Services Librarian

Library exhibits and programs are not simply passive activities set up to fill space and time. Each exhibit is an active learning opportunity that prompts exploration and questioning in manners fully supportive of the Georgia Southern mission and its recent R2 Carnegie Classification. This spring semester, Zach S. Henderson Library explored the amazing diversity and functions of Data - types, how it is managed, whom it benefits, and why each set is important. From February 11 through March 11, the library hosted three simultaneous exhibits meant to teach and inform on Data and its variety of formats. The large cases near Zach’s Brews hosted a variety of specimens on loan from the Institute for Coastal Plains Science. The cases highlighted several of the natural history collections curated by Georgia Southern University, and included samples from the Tick Library, the Herbarium, and the Herpetology Collections.

This display was made available to support a Panel Discussion from the Institute for Coastal Plains Science, where representatives discussed why these types of resources are important to current research, and the types of data each provides. This program was Open to the Public.

The second floor also hosted a “Garbology” exhibit providing a hands on opportunity for participants to test their skills in harvesting data from household trash items and using that information to answer a series of questions. The learning objective was to guide a deeper understanding about Data in our everyday lives and how certain fields of research are using it to inform decisions ranging from sustainability to social problems.

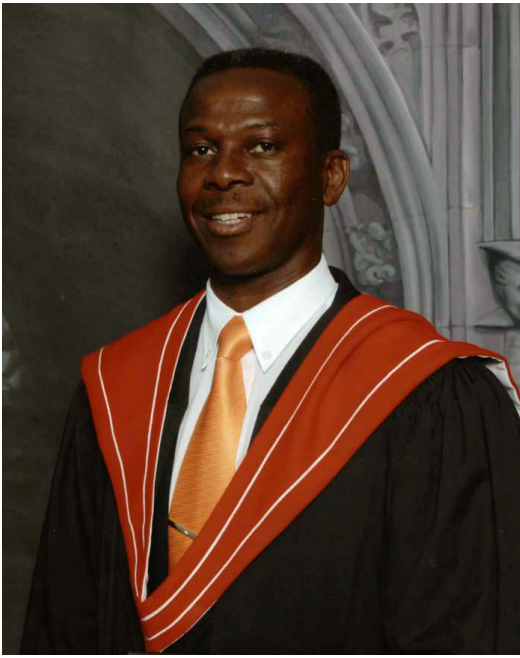
Finally, the Government Documents department set up an exhibit exploring the types of data collected by our national and state governments. Visitors learned what, how, and why certain information is collected, and saw samples that ultimately come together to create the collection of our Federal Depository Library.

For more information on any of these exhibits, or the panel, please visit <https://georgiasouthern.libguides.com/databearable> or contact Nikki Rech: [dcannonrech@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:dcannonrech@georgiasouthern.edu)



## EXHIBIT: BLACK HISTORY MONTH

by Kay Coates, Research Services Librarian



*Dr. Basil Coates - A native of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, Dr. Coates designed and created the first locally produced autogyro ever in existence in his native land. On March 18, 2009, he became a naturalized citizen of the United States of America. In the Fall of 2012, Dr. Coates began his career at Georgia Southern University as a visiting instructor with the Department of Mechanical Engineering. Dr. Coates successfully became a full-fledged tenure-track faculty member in 2014, a position he held until his death in November 2016. Dr. Coates is survived by his wife: Librarian, Kay Coates and three children: Keon, Ke'Lan, and Brienne'. The Coates Family Collection is available for research at the Zach S. Henderson Library.*



*At the age of 15, Georgiana Riggs served as the first teacher at the Willow Hill School.*

In honor of Black History Month 2019, Zach S. Henderson Library recognized the heritage, accomplishments, and culture of African-Americans with The Black History Month Exhibit. The exhibit, which featured a wall display, spotlighted some of Georgia Southern's first African-American students, African-American authors, and Willow Hill School.

The Willow Hill School served as one of the first schools for African-Americans in Bulloch County. It was established in 1874 by a group of former slaves and remained in existence for 125 years. The legacy of Willow Hill School lives on in The Willow Hill Heritage and Renaissance Center located in Portal, Georgia.

Georgia Southern Firsts featured some of the courageous Georgia Southern University alumni who made history by being the first African-American students to attend Georgia Teacher's College as it was known then. These courageous individuals paved the way for other African-Americans to walk through doors that had previously been closed. In addition, the exhibit recognized the Honorable Jonathan McCollar. McCollar is the first African-American elected to serve as Mayor of Statesboro, Georgia. He is a Georgia Southern Double Eagle. Also recognized was the late Honorable Floyd Adams, Jr., the first African-American elected to serve as Mayor of Savannah, Georgia. Floyd graduated from Armstrong Atlantic State University now Georgia Southern University-Armstrong Campus. The highest ranking military official in University history, Lieutenant General Leslie C. Smith was also featured. It was our privilege to showcase these trailblazers.

Award winning and acclaimed African-American authors featured in the exhibit included Langston Hughes, James Baldwin, Maya Angelou, Amiri Baraka, Octavia Butler, Alex Haley, and August Wilson. Books by other well-known African-American authors were also on display. These works are from the library's collection and are available for checkout.

Some displays were made available by the Coates Family Collection, which highlights the life, career and interests of Dr. Basil Coates, former faculty member of Mechanical Engineering at Georgia Southern University and the Willow Hill Heritage & Renaissance Center, which preserves the legacy of the Willow Hill School. For more information about the Coates Family Collection, please contact the Zach S. Henderson Library Special Collections <https://library.georgiasouthern.edu/research-services/special-collections/>

For more information about the Willow Hill Heritage and Renaissance Center, please visit their website at <https://www.willowhillheritage.org/>

## A SPECIAL LIBRARY EXHIBITION FEATURING CHINESE ANTIQUES

by *Chu Sing Lau, Associate Dean of Libraries*

After almost a year of research and preparation, the Henderson Library presented a special exhibition featuring the University Libraries' collection of Chinese antiques. The collection was donated to the Libraries by Professor Karl Peace, (Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health Department of Biostatistics) in memory of his wife Dr. Jiann-Ping Hsu and her contributions to Georgia Southern University. This collection of 20 items includes ten wooden Buddhist deities' statues, approximately 200 years old. Other items include a brass water smoking pipe, red lacquer basket with the eight Immortals, and a hand carved wooden tea serving tray, all estimated to be approximately 100 years old.



A highlight of the collection is the Buddhist deities' statues - cultural and social icons of Buddhism. Due to their condition, identification of them was a challenge because there is no distinguishing information on them. The wooden sculptures were hand-crafted individually by carpenter(s) many years ago, making it extremely difficult to identify them. Months of research using the Internet, over 50 books in multiple languages including English, Chinese, and French, gallery catalogs, buyer's guides, and auction catalogs on Buddhist art housed in libraries throughout the U.S., Hong Kong, and China, still yielded little information on this collection.

Fortunately, the researcher was able to contact a Buddha statue expert/collector Mr. Zhan, located in China, to assist in the identification of the statues during his travel to China for a library conference. Mr. Zhan Huang Tai and his sister Ms. Zhan Wen Jing co-founded the Museum of Buddha Sculptures in Guangzhou, China. Once Mr. Zhan provided identification of the ten statues, the researcher was able to set up the exhibition.

The exhibition began mid-November and faculty, students, and guests provided more than 70 comments on this special exhibition. Faculty who teaches religion in China wrote "Very impressive. Will definitely ask my students to visit as well." Another faculty member said "Would like to thank Dr. Peace." A student stated "Very cool! I'm glad the library can show us such interesting artifacts," another student wrote "super interesting history." Two students specifically complimented the stone door stopper saying "I love the door stopper so much."

The Libraries are grateful for Dr. Peace's generous donation that offers us an opportunity to share these precious artifacts with the Georgia Southern University community. The exhibition ran from mid-November until February 20th. Of note, Chinese New Year was February 5, which began the **Year of the Pig**. These artifacts were part of the celebration.



Associate Dean of Henderson Library Clement Lau with students from the Chinese Club.



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