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GLASPOTLIGHT

Monroe F. Swilley, Jr. Library Cecil B. Day Campus of Mercer University

The Cecil B. Day Campus of Mercer University in northeast Atlanta is home to a wide range of undergraduate, graduate, and professional degree programs.

The Swilley

Library's mission is to support the learning, teaching, research, and service functions of the Mercer University Atlanta Campus faculty, students, and other constituencies. The library focuses on communicating effectively with the professional

and graduate schools and colleges. The mission includes support for group and individual study, on-campus and off-site access to print, audiovisual, and electronic materials, and a multifaceted instruction and reference component.

The Monroe F. Swilley, Jr. Library is the primary information resource center for students in the College of Pharmacy, College of Health Sciences Professions, the McAfee School of Theology, the Atlanta Stetson School of Business and Economics programs, the Tift College of Education, the Penfield College professional programs, the English Language Institute, and the Georgia Baptist College of Nursing. Additionally, many of the students at the Regional Academic Centers in Henry County and Douglas County use the services of Swilley Library.

The special collections of the Swilley Library include rare and special books as well as the campus archives. The archives contain materials and information on Atlanta Baptist College, 1968–1972; Mercer University Atlanta, 1972–present; Cecil B. Day Campus, Mercer



Atlanta, 1990– present; College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, 1903– present; McAfee School of Theology, 1996– present; and Georgia Baptist College of Nursing, 1902–present.

Monroe F. Swilley, Jr., for whom the library is named,

provided some of his sermons to the archival collection. The McAfee School of Theology provided James T. and Carolyn McAfee's papers to the Swilley archives. The family of John Rowan Claypool, a recently deceased theology faculty member, is expected to donate his papers to the collection.

The Mercer University Atlanta campus is named for Cecil B. Day, founder of Days Inn, who made sizable donations to the college. Documents of his life are kept in the Swilley collection. At present, the College of Arts and Sciences and the other past and present colleges of the Atlanta campus house their alumni reunion materials, graduation programs, and the college's newspapers in the Swilley archives. The Swilley Library also houses the Brown Art Gallery. The Brown Art Gallery is dedicated to educating, enriching, and engaging students and the public through art exhibitions of the highest quality, and to promoting the visual arts within the community. The gallery fulfills this mission by exhibiting originally conceived art exhibits on a rotating basis throughout the academic year.

To learn more about the Swilley Library services and facilities, visit the Mercer University libraries website at <u>https://libraries.mercer.edu/</u>