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Pet therapy study break expanded to two days this year



Students stressed out over studying for final exams can take a break and pet a dog at Emory's Robert W. Woodruff Library next week. The library's education and outreach team is partnering with Canine Assistants for the second year in a row to bring the pet therapy study break to the students, and this year it's been expanded to two days, Dec. 11 and 12. Petting a dog can calm frazzled nerves, and the event has been hugely popular with students.

[Read more about this year's event](#)

[Photos of last year's pet therapy study break](#)

MARBL materials in Bearden exhibition opening at Carlos Museum

Materials from Emory University's [Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library](#) (MARBL) are highlighted in an exhibition that opens this month at the [Michael C. Carlos Museum](#) on the Emory campus.

"Southern Connections: Bearden in Atlanta," a complementary exhibition to "[Romare Bearden: A Black Odyssey](#)," showcases Bearden's significant ties to Atlanta.

MARBL materials include vintage photographs of Bearden and his contemporaries from the [Cedric Dover papers](#), taken by various photographers including Harlem Renaissance photographer Carl Van Vechten, as well as more recent photos of Bearden taken by Atlanta photographers during his frequent visits to the city.

In addition, manuscript materials from the [Billocks-Hatch archive](#) and from the papers of Dover and [Benny Andrews](#), and letters from Bearden to artists such as Andrews and Dover and art historian [James A. Porter](#), will be on display.

Private art collectors have generously loaned their Bearden pieces for "Southern Connections," including Billocks-Hatch board members and their spouses Wesley and Missy Cochran and Brenda and Larry Thompson, says MARBL curator Randall K. Burkett.

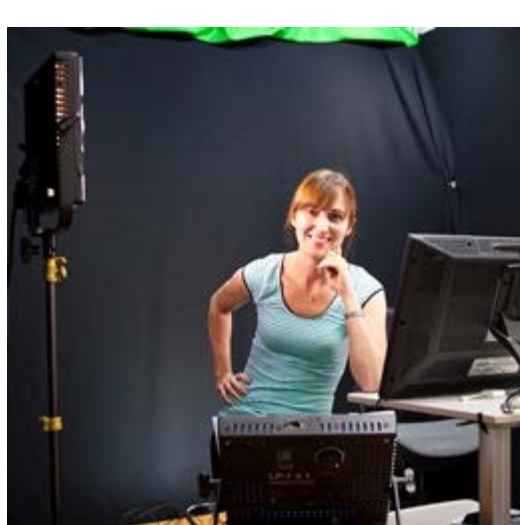
[Read more about MARBL's contributions to this exhibition](#)

[MARBL collections from African American artists and art historians](#)

Photo of Romare Bearden by Carl Van Vechten, from the Cedric Dover papers, MARBL at Emory University.



Shannon O'Daniel: A secret star



Shannon O'Daniel, an education analyst for faculty services in University Technology Services, has worked a variety of jobs at Emory, including managing the university's iTunes U channel and its multiple playlists. Now she's a producer and editor on the Coursera team, implementing new educational technology to generate massive open online courses (MOOCs) at Emory and using Echo360 to record video of professors' classroom lectures for student access. And she's even been in a commercial.

[Read the profile on Shannon O'Daniel](#)

[All about MOOCs](#)

[Emory joins Coursera to offer online courses worldwide](#)

Exhibit on boxer Joe Louis on display; opening event on YouTube

Last month, we held an opening and panel discussion for our exhibit "Joe Louis Barrow: A Life and Career in Context." The legendary boxer's son, Joe Louis Barrow Jr., spoke at the event and shared memories of his father's effect on people and the surprising friendships the boxer developed with his opponents. Exhibit co-curator Pellom McDaniels III discussed how Louis, who rose from humble beginnings to become the world heavyweight champion, inspired a generation of African Americans. The discussion sparked a lively Q and A session. The boxer's nephews, Jon and Dain Barrow, were also in attendance; they are filmmakers working on a documentary about Joe Louis.



The event is posted on Emory's YouTube channel. The exhibit, composed of pictorial panels, is [displayed on level 2 at Emory's Woodruff Library](#) and is open to the public (hours can be found at the link).

[YouTube: Joe Louis exhibit opening and panel with Joe Louis Barrow Jr.](#)

[Read a blogger's experience from the event](#)

[More information about the Joe Louis exhibit](#)

[Photos from the exhibit opening and panel](#)

Photo: Joe Louis Barrow Jr. speaking at the exhibit opening on Nov. 13. Photo courtesy Emory Libraries, Emory University.

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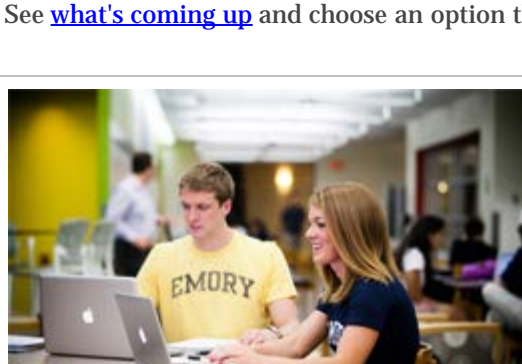
Donation of LGBT elected officials and activists to MARBL [featured in the Georgia Voice](#)

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Photo: Rev. C.T. Vivian, wearing his Presidential Medal of Freedom, is pictured prior to his speaking engagement at Emory's Robert W. Woodruff Library. Photo courtesy Emory Libraries, Emory University.

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