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Reflections from our University Librarian



University Librarian Yolanda Cooper wrote a recent column reflecting on the many projects, activities and accomplishments happening at the [Emory Libraries](#). From implementing a new library cataloging system, to drafting a program regarding access and preservation of digital formats, to building a joint Library Service Center with Georgia Tech, the Emory Libraries continue to provide students, faculty, researchers and alumni with the best resources possible.

[Read Cooper's Reflections column](#)

Image: Yolanda Cooper. Credit: Emory LITS.

Library service center update

Progress on the Library Service Center, a joint project between [Emory University](#) and Georgia Institute of Technology, is moving forward.

Construction on the building, located on four acres of Emory's Briarcliff property, is expected to be completed this fall, with the transfer of materials from both institutions to begin immediately afterward.

The Library Service Center will be a climate-controlled facility with high-density shelving and state-of-the-art equipment and technology to house and provide access to shared library collections – the equivalent of roughly 4 million volumes – and ensure long-term preservation.



[Jay Forrest named head of operations for Library Service Center](#)

[Library Service Center progress page](#)

[Emory, Georgia Tech to open joint Library Service Center](#)

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Undergraduate Research Award winners announced



Four students and their research projects have been selected by a panel of judges for the 2015 Woodruff Library Undergraduate Research Award (URA).

Each winning entry receives a prize of \$500, supported by the Elizabeth Long Atwood Fund.

The winners are sophomore Dominique Hayward and juniors Abigail Holst and Alyssa Weinstein. Sophomore Jacob Teich received an honorable

mention.

[Read more about the winning projects](#)

From left: Dominique Hayward, Abigail Holst, Jacob Teich and Alyssa Weinstein. Credit: Emory Libraries.

Kathy Gillespie Tomajko receives 2015 Emory Alumni Service award

Kathy Gillespie Tomajko, a 1979 graduate of Emory University's [Laney Graduate School](#) (School of Librarianship) who recently retired as Associate Dean of Libraries and aerospace engineering librarian at Georgia Institute of Technology, received the 2015 Emory University J. Pollard Turman Alumni Service Award.

Tomajko, the award's 25th recipient, chose to donate the Tull Charitable Foundation's \$25,000 gift accompanying the award to Emory Libraries and the Emory Alumni Board Leadership Scholarship.



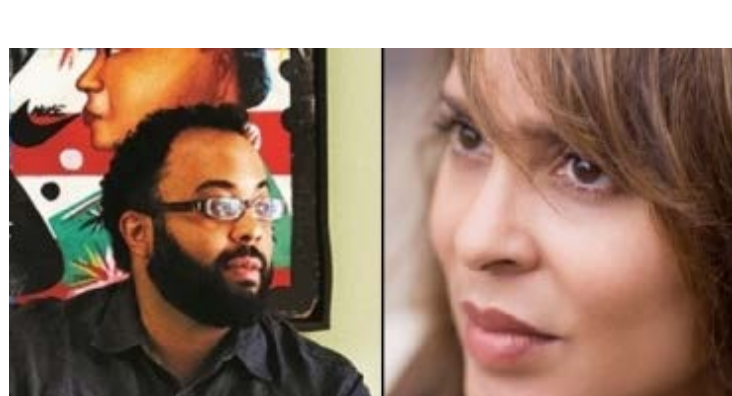
At Emory, she has served on numerous boards and committees, including holding leadership roles on the Board of Governors (later the Emory Alumni Board) and the Office of Annual Giving Board. She has been active in the Emory Alumni Board Presidents' Club and was the alumni representative to the Emory University Senate from 2011-2013.

[Read more about Tomajko and her award](#)

Image: Kathy Tomajko is pictured receiving her award from Emory University President James W. Wagner. Photo courtesy Emory Alumni Association.

Emory poets commissioned by MoMA for exhibit on Great Migration

Emory professors Natasha Trethewey and Kevin Young are among 10 poets commissioned by New York's Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) to write poems inspired by the centennial of the Great Migration, the mass movement of African Americans from the rural South to the urban North that started around 1915.



The poetry suite, available online, is part of MoMA's current exhibit "One-Way Ticket: Jacob Lawrence's Migration Series and Other Visions of the Great Movement North," which runs through Sept. 7 and also includes materials on loan from Emory's Manuscript, Archive and Rare Book Library ([MARBL](#)). Young is also MARBL curator of literary collections and the Raymond Danowski Poetry Library.

[Learn more about the Emory connections to the MoMA exhibit](#)

[Visit the exhibit's poetry suite](#)

Image of Kevin Young by Melanie Dunea/CPI. Image of Natasha Trethewey by Matt Valentine.

Emory Libraries in the news



We're making headlines in Atlanta and around the world:

The Best Places Online to Browse Historical Documents from the Lincoln Assassination, on [Slate.com](#), includes the Emory Center for Digital Scholarship's Lincoln Logarithms project.

An [AJC article](#) on using technology to capture the city's history includes an Emory Center for Digital Scholarship project, Mapping 1928 Atlanta, with historical building information (subscription usually required).

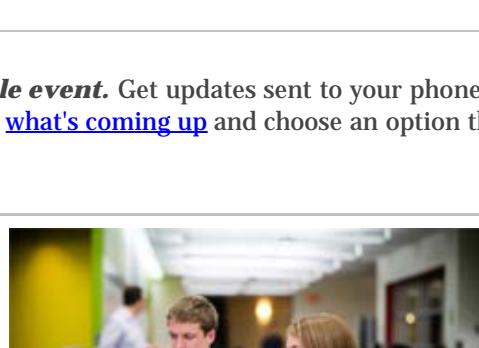
An [Emory News Center article](#) encourages interactive art from viewers of the "It's in the Cards" exhibit.

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