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Empower and Equip: Unveiling Our HBCU Librarians' Professional Growth Series!

The Empower and Equip: HBCU Librarians' Professional Growth Series is specifically crafted to empower and equip HBCU librarians with the tools and strategies necessary for professional development in the ever-evolving landscape of higher education. Join us for this exceptional opportunity to connect, learn, and grow alongside fellow HBCU librarians.

Find more information about the workshop speakers and register [here](#).

Five Projects Selected for the HBCU Library Alliance-CLIR Sponsorship Sub-award Program



We're excited to announce the recipients of the HBCU Library Alliance-CLIR Sponsorship Sub-award Program. Following careful consideration and evaluation, we're proud to introduce the selection of the following five institutions for their outstanding proposals:

- **Lane College (TN)**- Awarded \$6,600 to digitize the University Archives.
- **Texas College (TX)** - Awarded \$10,000 for the "The Keepers of the Flame: Building a Safeguard for a Unique Archival Collection" project.
- **Oakwood University (AL)**- Awarded \$9,839.58 for the "Preservation and Digitization of Oakwood's Sounds & Visuals: Beginning with OUR Music" project.
- **Cheyney University (PA)**- Awarded \$5,000 for the acquisition of essential databases.
- **Lincoln University (PA)**- Awarded \$10,000 for the "Securing the Block: Turning the Langston Hughes Memorial Library into a Fortress of Knowledge" project.

We have every confidence that these institutions will utilize the granted funds efficiently to propel their respective projects and initiatives within their libraries and archives. These endeavors are poised to enhance accessibility, preservation, and dissemination of invaluable historical materials, ultimately enriching research opportunities, educational experiences, and community engagement.

This support not only bolsters the academic and cultural landscape of each institution but also enriches the broader HBCU community.

Meet Sara Bathum, Our Newest Board Advisor from Pivotal Ventures



The HBCU Library Alliance welcomes Sara Bathum as an Advisor to the Board of Directors. As a Senior Strategy Manager at Pivotal Ventures, Sara manages a portfolio of grants supporting the mental health and wellbeing of youth of color and LGBTQ+ youth.

Calling All Podcast Enthusiasts: Season 4 of the CLIR Material Memory Podcast On The Way!

Exciting news! [CLIR's Material Memory podcast](#) is returning for another season by popular demand, focusing on the remarkable collections and histories of 6 HBCUs. Stay tuned as new episodes will be released bi-weekly starting September 2024.

Bowie State University (MD)

Special Collections: Slavery Documents (1750-1863)

Nominee: Sophia Sotilleo, Dean of the Library

Institution: Bowie State University, the first Historically Black College & University in Maryland.

Atlanta University Center Robert W. Woodruff Library (GA)

Special Collections: The Aku Kadogo Papers

Nominees: Tiffany Atwater Lee (Head of Research Services) and Aku Kadogo (Chair, Theatre and Performance Department)

Institution: Renowned for its Archives Research Center, documenting African American and Diasporic experiences.

Prairie View A&M University (TX)

Collections: Rare and unique collections on African Americans in Texas

Nominee: Phyllis Earles, University Archivist and Head of Special Collections & Archives

Institution: One of the oldest public institutions in Texas, with a rich history in African American education.

West Virginia State University (WV)

Collections: National Center of Human Relations (NCHR)

Nominee: Carol Taylor-Johnson, Director of NCHR

Institution: Dedicated to removing barriers and building bridges in human diversity and race relations.

Southern University and A&M College (LA)

Collections: Slave Narrative and Georgetown 272

Nominees: Dawn Kight (Dean of Libraries) and Angela Proctor (University Archivist)

Institution: Largest in the Historically Black College and University System, contributing to the truth about U.S. history.

American Baptist College (TN)

Collections: Church and Society

Nominees: Angel Pridgen (Director of Library Services) and Dr. William Green (Dean of Chapel)

Institution: Known for educating Civil Rights champions, national leaders, and Christian ministers. Dedicated to Christian education and producing church leaders



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