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Bob Barr Collection Opened for Research

The University of West Georgia's Annie Belle Weaver Special Collections formally opened the Bob Barr Collection for research on May 15, 2013. Barr and his family attended the opening event in Ingram Library's Thomas B. Murphy Reading Room. In addition to Barr, university president Dr. Beheruz Sethna, Dean of Libraries Lorene Flanders and Associate Professor of History Dr. Daniel Williams were featured on the program. Dr. Williams spoke about the conservative Congress in the 1990s as context for the collection. Special Collections Librarian Emeritus Myron House, who secured the collection, and Head of Special Collections Suzanne Durham, who oversaw the processing of the collection, were recognized at the event, along with Dr. Mel Steely, who won Georgia Library Association's 2010 Charles Beard Library Advocacy Award, the Southeastern Library Association's 2012 Charles E. Beard Award, and a 2012 Governor's Award for the Arts and Humanities for his efforts to build Georgia's Political Heritage Program collections.

Barr represented Georgia's 7th District in Congress from 1995 to 2003, and was the 2008 Libertarian Party candidate for president. During his four terms in Congress, Barr served as a senior member of the Judiciary Committee where he developed a case against President Bill Clinton for impeachable offenses. He also served as Vice Chair of the Government Reform Committee, and as a member of the committees on Financial Services and Veterans Affairs.

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Franklin Delano Roosevelt exhibit

Ingram Library's Penelope Melson Society hosted the exhibit "FDR: His Vision, Our Freedoms, Still Alive" from the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library and Museum in Hyde Park, New York during the spring and summer of 2013. Dr. Allan M. Winkler, professor of history at Miami University served as exhibit speaker in February. Nationally prominent artist and presidential portrait painter Steve Penley provided the portrait of President Roosevelt used in exhibit publicity. In addition to the panel exhibit, the library secured an exhibit of objects from the Little White House in Warm Springs, Georgia. FDR's canes, cigarette holders, and other objects were graciously loaned from the Little White House collections. Annie Belle Weaver Special Collections displayed items from University Archives, including a letter from then-Governor Roosevelt to West Georgia president Irvine Sullivan Ingram, for whom the library was named in 1980. FDR spoke on the West Georgia campus at Dr. Ingram's invitation during one of his many visits to Warm Springs.

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New Faculty @ Ingram Library

Sarah Brandt and Naomi Stuesser have been appointed Assistant Professors and Instructional Services Librarians at the University of West Georgia. Brandt received the Master of Science in Information Science from the University of Texas at Austin, teaching certification from the University of St. Thomas, and the Bachelor of Arts from Rice University. Stuesser received the Master of Library and Information Science from the University of Wisconsin, Madison and the Bachelor of Fine Arts from the Savannah College of Art And Design.