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Carol F. Goodson Retires from the University of West Georgia’s Ingram Library

Carol F. Goodson, Ingram Library’s Head of Access Services, has retired from the University of West Georgia (UWG) and been named Professor Emerita in honor of her twenty-four years of service to the university. Prior to her appointment at UWG in 1991, she served with the Georgia Division of Public Library Services, as Assistant Director of the Clayton County (Georgia) Library System, with Mercer University, Aquinas College, the State University of New York at Buffalo, and with both the Board of Education and the Public Library in St. Louis, Missouri. She earned degrees at SUNY Buffalo and the University of West Georgia. In 2005, she was awarded the David Bottoms Distinguished Alumna Award by the UWG Department of English. She held numerous offices in AAUP, Phi Kappa Phi, and Omicron Delta Kappa, and she served on University System committees charged with implementing GALILEO and Voyager. She was active in the American Library Association and served in a variety of leadership capacities in the Library & Information Technology Association, the Association of College & Research Libraries, and the Library & Administrative Management Association. She was also a member of the Southeastern Library Association and served on the Board of the Georgia Library Association (GLA).

In 1997, Neal-Schuman published Professor’s Goodson’s book The Complete Guide to Performance Standards for Library Personnel, and in 2001 her book Providing Library Services for Distance Education Students, (also published by Neal-Schuman), was adopted as a textbook in graduate library science programs in the United States, Canada, and Japan. In 2007, GLA’s Academic Library Division awarded Professor Goodson the Blackwell Award for Best Academic Paper for “Developing a Regional Literature Collection.” In addition, she served as Book Review Editor for the Journal of Access Services from 2005 onward, and she has been on the International Editorial Board of Open Education: The Journal for Open and Distance Education since 2003.

Ingram Library’s Penelope Melson Society Hosts Terry Kay, Class of 1957

Georgia author Terry Kay, a 1957 graduate of West Georgia College, where he was voted
“Most Likely to Succeed,” spoke at the annual meeting of Ingram Library’s Penelope Melson Society on February 8, 2015. His talk, “The Day Dumbowski Came to Town,” focused on his life as a student at West Georgia, including his interactions with president Irvine Sullivan Ingram, and his observations on race relations in Georgia. The program for the event reprinted the foreword from Kay’s 1997 novel The Runaway, which focuses on post-World War II Georgia. Kay notes, “Desegregation began after World War II when soldiers and war workers—men and women—returned home.... Part of that change was an intuitive understanding that freedom was not a select experience for a select few, and it was that door crack of tolerance (a serious discomfort for many, I suspect) that first prepared white Southerners for the shock of the civil rights movement. From that time, desegregation was inevitable, as inescapable, as any prophecy God might have whispered to wise men about upheavals on the horizon.” The program was a finale to the 2014 exhibit “Over Here and Over There. Georgia and Georgians in World War II” developed by the Bandy Heritage Center for Northwest Georgia, Dalton State College, and the Northeast Georgia History Center at Brenau University, which Ingram Library and the Melson Society hosted in 2014. The exhibit was supported by the Carroll EMC Foundation, the Georgia Humanities Council, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and through appropriations from the Georgia General Assembly. Dean of Libraries, Lorene Flanders, hosted a brunch honoring Terry Kay and his wife Tommie Duncan Kay, also a member of the West Georgia College Class of 1957.

**Bill Roll: Contributions to Psychology Exhibit**

Ingram Library’s Annie Bell Weaver Special Collections, in partnership with the University of West Georgia Psychology Department, presented a fall 2015 exhibit highlighting the career of former UWG faculty member, Dr. William G. “Bill” Roll. Titled “Bill Roll: Contributions to Psychology,” the exhibit in the Thomas B. Murphy Reading Room focused on Dr. Roll’s experiments with extra sensory perception and investigations into poltergeists. Dr. Edwin May delivered the annual Bill Roll Lecture in association with the UWG Psychology Department on November 5.

**When Criminal Justice Meets Social Justice Panel**

Ingram Library’s friends’ organization, the Penelope Melson Society, sponsored a panel discussion on October 21, 2015 entitled “When Criminal Justice Meets Social Justice.” In the wake of Ferguson and numerous other incidents that have received widespread media coverage, the panelists discussed problems inherent in the criminal justice system in the ongoing struggle to balance crime control and community relations. Dr. David Jenks, Chair of the University of West Georgia’s Department of Criminology, served as moderator. Panelists included Laura Bennett (UWG Police officer); Jason Swindle (Criminal Defense Attorney/Public Defender); UWG alum Ray Moore (Federal Agent with the Secret Service); Nathaniel Smith (formerly a Municipal Court Judge, Court Appointed Guardian Ad Litem, and Special Prosecutor for the Juvenile Court of Coweta County); and Deborah Crawford (UWG student who was one of the organizers of UWG’s 2014 “kNow Justice, kNow Peace” event). The event was co-sponsored by UWG’s Department of Criminology and UWG’s Center for Diversity and Inclusion, (Deirdre Rouse, Director). Dr. John Fuller, Professor Emeritus of Criminology at UWG, served as a consultant in planning the event.