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Georgia Library Association Dr. Gordon N. Baker Retirement

Dr. Gordon N. Baker, dean of libraries at Clayton State University retired on May 31, 2019 with 40 years of service to the university. Dr. Baker started as a part-time/weekend reference librarian, became head of public services, director, and the first dean of the library. In addition to his career at Clayton State, Dr. Baker served as a classroom and library/media specialist in the Griffin-Spalding County and Clayton County, Georgia school systems. He worked as library/media specialist and coordinator of instructional technology and media specialist in the Henry County (Georgia) School System, retiring in 2004. Dr. Baker served as a member of the Henry County Library System Board of Trustees for 18 years. He served as treasurer for four years and chair of the board for 14 years.

Dr. Baker has served as the elected president of the Georgia Library Media Association (GLMA), the Georgia Association for Instructional Technology (GAIT), and the Georgia Library Association (GLA). He served as president of the Southeastern Library Association (SELA) during



2014–2015. Dr. Baker has been recognized by his peers, receiving the following awards: 1988 Georgia Elementary School Library/Media Specialist of the Year (GLMA), William E. Patterson Service Award (GLMA), Distinguished Service Award (GAIT), Walter S. Bell Service Award (GAIT), Juanita Skelton Service Award (GAIT), Nix-Jones Award (GLA), The Bob Richardson Memorial Award (GLA), GLA Team Award, Mary Utopia Rothrock Award (SELA), and the Hal Mendelsohn Award (SELA).

As a member of the American Library Association he has been a division member of American Association of School Librarians (AASL), Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL), and United for Libraries. He currently serves as a member of the board of United for Libraries. In addition, he serves on the board of Beta Phi Mu, the international library honor society.

Dr. Baker now resides in Savannah. He is an adjunct instructor for the Department of Library and Information Studies at Valdosta State University. Dr. Baker also has retired from the position of administrative services coordinator for the Georgia Library Association, a position he held for 17 years. He continues to serve as SELA administrative services coordinator.