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Woodruff Library of the Atlanta University Center Announces Morehouse King Collection Research Access Policy

On behalf of Morehouse College, the Robert W. Woodruff Library (RWWL) of the Atlanta University Center (AUC) is pleased to provide access to the Morehouse College Martin Luther King Jr. Collection for scholarly research and review.

The Woodruff Library of the AUC has served as archival custodian of the more than 10,000 items belonging to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. since September 2006. The Morehouse King Collection, which includes the personal library and many of original manuscripts, writings and sermons of Dr. King, was purchased on behalf of his alma mater, Morehouse College, for which Woodruff serves as the sole academic library.

Due to heightened public and academic interest in the Morehouse King Collection, the Woodruff Library's general policy and procedures for archival research access (see Policy and Procedures at: <http://www.auctr.edu/rwwl/AboutLibrary/Circulation/tabid/148/Default.aspx#ASC>) will be supplemented as follows:

1. The Morehouse College Martin Luther King Jr. Collection will be made available through secure dedicated computer stations located in the Archives & Special Collections Department of RWWL during the archives' research hours. Books located only in the Morehouse College Martin Luther King, Jr. Collection are accessible with Archives & Special Collections staff approval from 1:00-5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.
2. Researchers are strongly urged to make appointments for access, as preference will be given to advance scheduling.
3. Time limitations on research use may be imposed based on the number of requests for access. If necessary, researchers visiting by appointment will be granted a maximum of 90 minutes of access to be requested and given in 30-minute slots; walk-in visitors will be limited to 30 minutes of research time. If no other researchers are waiting, additional access may be granted.
4. **Downloads, photocopies and photographs are strictly prohibited.**
5. **Pens, scanners, cell phones, MP3 players, flash drives and photographic devices are strictly prohibited.** All other items, including purses, briefcases, carrying cases, computer cases, backpacks and cameras must be placed in the lockers provided.
6. Only pencils provided by archives staff will be permitted within the research room. Researchers may use their own unbound paper and note cards, with the understanding that note-taking items not provided by archives staff may be inspected before visitors' departure.

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7. All laptop computers will be inspected by archives staff before being allowed in the research room.
8. Laptop computers must remain flat on tables/desktops at all times during the research session.
9. As a security measure, archives may review researchers' notes and laptops before visitors exit the research room.

Permission to consult the Morehouse College Martin Luther King Jr. Collection does not automatically include permission to publish items from the collection. Permission to publish or quote from previously unpublished materials or from materials under copyright must first be obtained from the copyright holder.

Requests for permission to publish any of Dr. King's copyrighted speeches, sermons, books or other writings, in whole or in part, shall be addressed to:

Intellectual Properties Management, Inc.
449 Auburn Ave.
Atlanta, GA 30312

Should permission to publish be granted, information gathered from Morehouse King Collection materials should be cited as: ***The Morehouse College Martin Luther King Jr. Collection at the Robert W. Woodruff Library of the Atlanta University Center, Inc.*** Researchers are encouraged to furnish two (2) copies of any publication citing materials from the collection to the Woodruff Library Archives & Special Collections Department.

To make an appointment for research access or for more information on policies and procedures governing research access to the Morehouse College Martin Luther King Jr. Collection, contact the Woodruff Library Department of Archives & Special Collections at archives@auctr.edu or 404-978-2052.

About the Library

Constructed in 1982, the Robert W. Woodruff Library of the Atlanta University Center is an independent entity organized and operated for the exclusive benefit of its member institutions—Clark Atlanta University, the Interdenominational Theological Center, Morehouse College and Spelman College. With a combined enrollment of nearly 10,000 students, these colleges and university represent the world's largest consortium of historically black institutions of higher learning.

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