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In Memoriam: Wilma Gibbs Moore

By Sally Childs-Helton, PhD, Irwin Library, Butler University



Wilma Gibbs Moore (March 1951–April 2018) had an outstanding career as an archivist and librarian in Indiana, though the impact of her work was felt regionally and even nationally. She graduated from Indiana University with her MLS and a BA in sociology. Moore worked at Indiana University Libraries, the Indianapolis Public Library, and the Indiana Historical Society Library; she retired from the society last year as the senior archivist in the African American History Program after 30 years of service. While at the society, Moore edited *Black History News and Notes*, was a contributing editor to *Traces of Indiana and Midwestern History*, and served as a collaborator on the development of the Indiana Freedom Trails project to preserve Underground Railroad heritage.

Over the years, Moore garnered a number of awards and recognitions, along with considerable praise from colleagues and patrons alike. In 2017,

she received the Eli Lilly Lifetime Achievement Award “for her extraordinary contributions over an extended period of time to the field of history.” In 2016, she received the American Association for State and Local History Leadership in History Award “for a lifetime of dedication to preserving and interpreting Indiana’s African American heritage.” A patron and archivist left this praise on Moore’s LinkedIn page: “Wilma Moore has inspired and challenged an entire generation of historical researchers who have only begun to explore Indiana’s rich African-American historical experiences. I feel fortunate to be one of those researchers.”

Moore left an enormous legacy having developed the African American History Program and collections at the Indiana Historical Society Library. Because of her efforts, the African American history of Indiana and the Midwest is much better documented, providing a vital resource for generations of scholars to come. Those of us who were fortunate enough to know Moore will remember her fondly as an excellent colleague, a true archivist-scholar, a trailblazer, and a mentor for patrons and younger archivists. She was deeply engaged with the community as witnessed by her passion for history, working quietly but persistently to build the African American History Program and collections. Few archivists have been able to make the impact Moore did for local, state, and regional history. Her work made an enormous difference, and she will be missed.

Geoffrey D. Reynolds, the Mary Riepma Ross Director of the Joint Archives of Holland at Hope Col-

lege, was promoted to full professor. Reynolds has been the director since July 2001. Prior to that, he served as the collections archivist, 1997–2001.

Matt Gorzalski was promoted to the rank of associate professor at Southern Illinois University–Carbondale, where he has been university archivist since 2012.

Becky Schulte was promoted from associate librarian to librarian at the University of Kansas, where she serves as the university archivist.

Samantha Bradbeer, archivist and company historian at Hallmark Cards, Inc., recently shared Hallmark’s history with several media outlets including CNN, Hallmark Channel’s Home and Family, and KCUR 89.3—National Public Radio, Inc. She also shared a rare glimpse inside the Hallmark Archives with ArchivesAWARE!, Hallmark’s Keepsake Ornament Club, SAA’s Business Archives Section, and, in case you missed it, ABC News.

Lori Schwartz has been appointed to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress. The Advisory Committee comprises the officials in Congress responsible for its records (the clerk of the House and the secretary of the Senate); the Senate historian and the House historian; and the archivist of the United States (who is responsible for the administration of the archived records of Congress). House and Senate leadership appoint public members of the committee who represent historians, political scientists, congressional archivists, and other users and caretakers of legislative records. The committee meets twice a year in Washington,

D.C., as required by law and continues to work actively to promote more complete documentation of the legislative process.

Kathryn Kuntz recently began a new job as Davenport Public Library's Richardson-Sloane Special Collections supervisor in Davenport, Iowa.

Kären M. Mason, curator of the Iowa Women's Archives, University of Iowa Libraries, since its establishment in 1992, received the Susan C. Buckley Distinguished Achievement Award for Staff at the annual University of Iowa Celebration of Excellence and Achievement among Women event on April 4, 2018. The Buckley Award honors a staff member for a lifetime record of professional contributions that demonstrate significant impact through attributes such as leadership, innovation, subject matter expertise, and serving as a role model for women or girls.

University of Northern Iowa archivist **Jaycie Vos** and her colleagues **Jess Cruz** (UNI Museum) and **Chris Neuhaus** (instruction and liaison librarian) won the Commitment to Service Award for the project "Research Days at Rod Library: UNI Outreach to Iowa Public and Private Schools" at UNI's first Community Engagement Celebration Day in April 2018.

Katie Nash, CA, MLIS, joined UW–Madison on April 2 as the new university archivist and head of UW Archives. Prior to arriving at UW–Madison, Nash was the college archivist and Special Collections librarian at Williams College from 2014 to 2018 and the university archivist and Special Collections librarian at Elon University from 2005 to 2014. She received a BA in anthropology

from Appalachian State University and an MLIS from the University of North Carolina–Greensboro. She has held various positions with the Society of American Archivists over the years and currently serves as a steering committee member of the Women Archivists Section. Nash is delighted to be a part of the UW–Madison Archives team, and part of the larger UW–Madison system.

Ed Busch was promoted to archivist II with continuing appointment at Michigan State University Archives and Historical Collections. He will continue his work as an electronic records archivist focusing near term on migrating from Archivists' Toolkit to ArchivesSpace and implementing digital preservation workflows and solutions.

Jennie Russell was promoted to a fixed-term faculty position as project archivist for the papers of Dr. Clifton Wharton Jr. and Mrs. Dolores Wharton. Dr. Wharton served as the fourteenth president of Michigan State University, the first African American to lead a major research university. This large collection, totaling over 600 cubic feet, documents the many accomplishments of Dr. and Mrs. Wharton in higher education, Fortune 500 companies, and the Clinton administration.

In April, Michigan State University Archives and Historical Collections colleagues **Ed Busch**, **Hillary Gattlin**, **Megan Malone**, **Susan O'Brien**, and **Jennie Russell** were honored at the MSU Libraries Faculty Author Reception for *Tales from the Archives*, volume 1: *Campus Traditions*. Now in its twentieth year, the reception honored faculty and staff whose books, multimedia works, musical

scores, and recordings were published in 2017.

Lindsay Hiltunen, university archivist at the Michigan Tech Archives in Houghton, Michigan, has been appointed to the Oral History Subcommittee of the Society of International Hockey Research. Hiltunen has also been appointed as a board member for the Michigan Oral History Association. She will serve a three-year term in this capacity.

Scott Kirycki, a graduate of the University of Michigan School of Information, has recently started work as the digital archivist for the University of Notre Dame Archives. As the digital archivist, Kirycki develops and implements policies, procedures, and workflows for records retention and the appraisal, ingest, and preservation of born-digital university records.

Gavin Strassel, previous SEIU archivist at Wayne State University, became WSU's first archivist dedicated to the United Automobile Workers (UAW) records. He is responsible for 6,500 linear feet of processed records, 8,500 linear feet of unprocessed records, a growing collection of digital records, and robust research and reference interest.

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