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What most of our readers will have moved into the Marx Library by June. If you have not seen the third floor of the Library since the bound periodicals were removed in 2014 to make room for the Doy Leale McCall Rare Book and Manuscript Library, you will be rewarded by seeing an impressive, exquisitely renovated space featuring African mahogany paneling in the hallway and reading room.

Rare book rooms in university libraries are traditionally showcases, and the McCall Library will not disappoint. USA carpenters, electricians, and other workers toiled fervently during the spring semester to complete the renovation. During May, Carol Ellis (McCall Library Director) and her staff worked with a moving company and USA facilities employees to move the collections, one truck at a time, from the Springhill Avenue location to the Marx Library.

The archives is named after Doy Leale McCall, who had collected over a million civil war diaries, presidential land grants, letters, books and other historical records during his lifetime. The McCall family donated the collection to the University of South Alabama in 2012.

Michael Parrish, a Baylor University history professor who has appraised the collection, called it the archives of Southern history. It was comparable to the Natchez Trace Collection of the University of Texas. The assessed value of the collection is over \$3,100,000, and it deserves to be housed in a well-appointed, climate controlled space suitable for such a valuable collection of Southern history.

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Richard Wood

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ment of Interdisciplinary Studies. In this course, students will learn the research concepts and skills which every University of South Alabama graduate should know, regardless of major. Starting with the principles of academic integrity, as defined by the university and broad culture, students will learn how to participate effectively in scholarly conversations. They will learn how to

IST 290, Foundation of Information Literacy, sponsored by the Department of Information Literacy, needed information on the open web and with

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On November 17, 2015, the Cataloging department conducted a workshop for its librarians and staff. Although the workshop was inspired by the need for a better understanding of RDA(Resource Description and Access), the new cataloging rules and standards, it included a complete overview of how the department uses OCLC Connexion Client, the cataloging module of Voyager, and a section on cataloging reference tools.

The workshop was held from 8:30am to 3:30pm, and, besides the cataloging staff, it was attended by the Head of Government Documents, the Head of Collection Development, and staff from Acquisitions.

Jia He, Cataloging/Electronic Resources Librarian, presented the review of OCLC Connexion Client as well as useful cataloging reference tools to aid copy and original cataloging. Muriel Nero, Head of Cataloging, presented the RDA session

and demonstrated some of the cataloging functions in Voyager as well as reviewed current practices for the cataloging and physical processing of certain materials.

Muriel Nero
Head of Cataloging

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CAS 190 is designed to introduce students to the unique aspects of research associated with specific disciplines and majors. Therefore, different sections may focus on different disciplines. Students will explore questions like the following: Where does one turn for an overview of the basics of the subject? What kinds of information are necessary to conduct research in the discipline? Where does an expert typically find this information? How is the information

collected or analyzed? In what form is new knowledge usually communicated to others in the field? How are sources of information typically cited?

In Fall 2016, CAS 190 will focus on historical research. The course is recommended for new history majors or minors, secondary education majors intending to teach history, students taking their first general education history course, or students curious about a history major. In

this, as in any CAS 190 information literacy class, a subject specialist librarian will guide students through the process of doing research assignments L Q F H U W D L Q G H S D U W P H ses.

If you have questions about either course, please contact either Jason Ezell (jezell@southalabama.edu) or Beth Shepard (erugan@southalabama.edu).

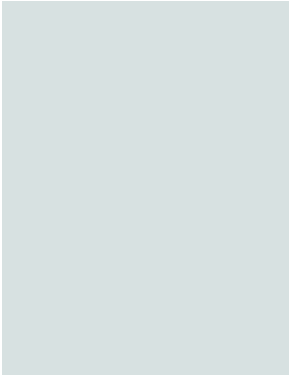
Jason Ezell
Instruction Librarian

For many decades, researchers have relied on academic libraries to provide access to rare books, special collections, photographic collections, manuscript materials, and institutional repositories. As a result, the McCall Library will provide access to rich, historic collections including over 1,200,000 negatives, slides and prints whose dates range from about 1880 to today. One of the notable collections is the Julius E. Marx collection containing approximately 10,000 black and white negatives and prints of Mobile homes and businesses made between 1927 and 1985 by the business. The Eric Overbey photo collection chronicles life and people in Mobile and photographs have been

reproduced for display throughout the library and beyond. There are, of course, many other collections ranging from the Cochrane and Crampton papers to the minutes, bylaws, ledgers, yearbooks, correspondence, and booklets of the Congregation Ahavas Chesed.

All of these collections were obtained through donations rather than purchase. The hope is that more donations of primary research materials will be forthcoming now that the McCall Library is available to researchers on campus. In an age when huge publishers like Elsevier, Wiley, EBSCO, ProQuest, and Sage dominate the industry, a university that shifts its focus, budget, and staffing to making unique, non-commercial, primary source materials available

to everyone will be recognized for its leadership. Because the McCall and other collections housed here are expected to attract scholars from outside



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