



# Levi Watkins Learning Center

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# Vision for the Levi Watkins Learning Center

- ▶ To provide appropriate *state of the art library and learning resources, services, facilities* to support *excellence in teaching, research, scholarship, and cultural activities* at Alabama State University and its local and global communities.
  - ▶ Access to quality learning resources/technologies that support accreditation and reaffirmation
  - ▶ Learning opportunities and information literacy instruction to advance critical thinking and scholarship
  - ▶ Student/faculty access to virtual and physical cultural learning spaces
  - ▶ Sufficient qualified library faculty and staff to support mission

*The LWLC's vision is directly tied to the vision of the University.*

# Grants & Scholarly Activities :

- Received Legislative appropriation for National Center 2020, 2021
- Recipient of Special Appropriation from the Alabama Dept. of Archives and History (ADAH) to support a *Civil Rights Voting Project* for research, acquisitions and education, 2021
- Established a digital Scholarly Communication Initiative (SCI)
  - *Title III grant:* Building an Institutional Repository (IR) of scholarly research at ASU to be digitally published beyond the walls of the university

# Notable Accomplishments of the College

- ▶ Opened National Park Service site: Montgomery Interpretive Center at ASU (MIC)
- ▶ Established “Bama State Experience” Digital Library
- ▶ Accomplished Scholarly Activities: Publications/Honors:
  - ▶ LWLC faculty received promotion and tenure (Dr. H. Robinson and Ms. J. Platt)
  - ▶ **Article:** H. Robinson and B. English, “We Must Get with This”: Youth Activism, Adult Mentoring, and the Alabama State College Student Sit-Ins of 1960,” International Journal of Africana Studies, January 2021
  - ▶ **Article:** M. Hodge and E. Foxhall, “Promoting Full Utilization of Resources for Students & Patrons with Disabilities,” Southeastern Librarian, Spring, 2020.
- ▶ **Dean’s Accomplishments:**
  - ▶ Received the 2020 Ann Barnett Service Award from Texas Woman’s University
  - ▶ Appointed to the University of Alabama’s School of Library and Information Studies Advisory Board
  - ▶ Selected 2020 Chair of the Advisory Board of the Network of Alabama Academic Libraries
  - ▶ Selected to ASU’s Women of Excellence honor, 2021



# Student Achievements

## LWLC Teaching and Learning Activities:

- ▶ *Information Literacy Classes* teaching online information skills
- ▶ *Libguides* and *course guides* that link learners to online learning resources
- ▶ *Subject Librarians* embedded in online courses
- ▶ QEP for the “First Year Journey to Success”
  - ▶ LWLC’s Library and National civil right’s center virtual tutorials
  - ▶ The LWLC provided co-curricular activities :
    - ▶ Teaching of the library’s historic exhibits
    - ▶ Information Literacy activity
    - ▶ Online visitations from students touring the National Center

# Updates on New Programs

- ▶ Partnerships with Colleges for accreditation, reaffirmation and academic program review
- ▶ Social Justice Focus in civil rights center:
  - ▶ Partnership with the Reebok Initiative
  - ▶ Hosted virtual social justice program: “21<sup>st</sup> Century Activism-When the Past Meets the Present”
- ▶ Virtual Programs hosted to expand global reach:
  - ▶ City wide 65<sup>th</sup> celebration of Montgomery Bus Boycott
  - ▶ Hosted various virtual civil rights programs and art exhibitions
- ▶ Archives Oral History initiatives: preserving cultural legacy



# What's Next

- ▶ New Partnerships with the Department of Archives and History (ADAH) and the National Park Service (NPS)
- ▶ Social Justice Voting Rights Initiative: VRRRP
- ▶ Virtual/Augmented Reality (VR and AR) Learning Opportunities
- ▶ Affordable Learning and Open Educational Resources (OER) Initiatives
- ▶ Nat King Cole Home Museum: First Phase Implementation
- ▶ Acquisition of Major Art donation
- ▶ Analysis of Internal Assessments

# Questions



Thank You.



# Augmented Reality (AR) Technology

