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The Dacus Digest

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New Dean of Dacus Library and Pettus Archives

Winthrop University alumna Kaetrena Davis Kendrick '95 became the new dean of Dacus Library and Pettus Archives in July.

Dean Kendrick was named the 2019 Association of College and Research Libraries' Academic/Research Librarian of the Year. In addition to a bachelor's degree in English from Winthrop, she holds a Master of Science in Library Services (M.S.L.S.) from Clark Atlanta University.

Her research interests include professionalism, ethics, racial and ethnic diversity in the LIS field, and the role of communities of practice in practical academic librarianship.

Dean Kendrick is co-editor of *The Small and Rural Academic Library: Leveraging Resources and Overcoming Limitations* (Chicago: ACRL 2016). Her most recently published work is "[Low morale in ethnic and racial minority academic librarians: An experiential study.](#)" (with Ione T. Damasco). *Library Trends*, 68(2): 174-212.

She has been interviewed by [CN2 News](#) (starts at 10:55) and [Straight Talk](#) about her professional background and vision for Dacus Library and Pettus Archives.



“Dacus Library and Pettus Archives aim to be welcoming and open campus- and community- centered spaces focused on student success, catalyzed by collaboration, and driven by inclusive excellence. I’m very honored to rejoin my alma mater to reimagine and build upon this exciting vision.”

- Dean Kendrick



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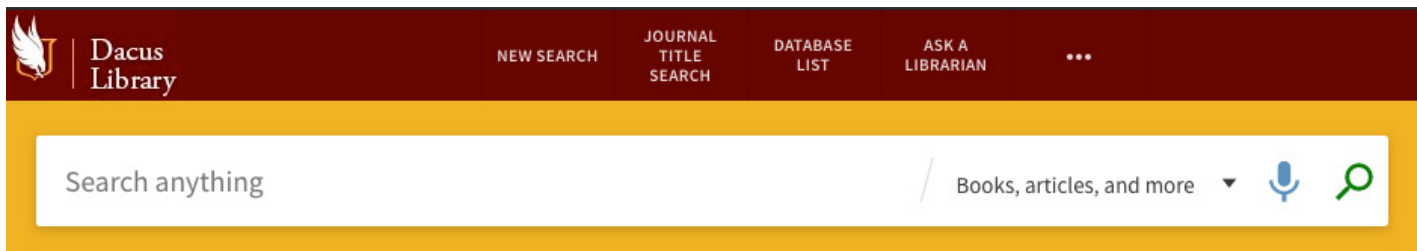
OneSearch Discovery Tool

Winthrop University researchers have a new tool for discovering articles, books, print and online journals, and more with a single search. The discovery tool, OneSearch, replaces the previous Dacus Library Catalog Online and provides a single, intuitive search interface for print and electronic resources.

Winthrop University joins the other 54 academic institutions in South Carolina in implementing the next-generation shared library system. The migration is a joint project with the Partnership Among South Carolina Academic Libraries (PASCAL). The new system will increase efficiencies in managing electronic and print resources and will provide greater opportunities for collaborative collection building.

Users have basic and advanced searching for all combined content. Search results default to print and online materials available in or through Dacus Library. It's easy to include results from other academic libraries in South Carolina and request books through PASCAL Delivers, the statewide rapid print delivery service. Searchers can opt to expand article results beyond Dacus Library's subscriptions.

Resource sharing among our institutions is critical, as is a next-generation public interface that allows library users to discover and access the complex universe of available resources. Having one system will improve the research experience for our users and allow staff to create value added services.



Key Changes and Benefits of OneSearch

The new OneSearch discovery tool has some important differences from the previous Dacus Library Catalog.

Winthrop students, faculty, and staff will be able to log in to OneSearch using their University email address and password. This will allow full access to search results, library account information, and more. Students will need to leave off the word “mailbox” from their email addresses when logging in.

Users can now more easily choose where and how much to search from within the search bar. They can choose to search only within Dacus Library's holdings, only search the Textbooks and Reserves

collection, or search within all PASCAL libraries holdings. They can either use the drop down menu on the right side of the search bar, or use the auto-fill function.

It is also now possible to request PASCAL Delivers or InterLibrary Loan items (resources from other libraries) from within the library record. When looking at a library record, click the “How to Get It” link, and choose either PASCAL Delivers or Clio to request items from other libraries.

The OneSearch search box is located on the homepage of the library website. [This short tutorial](#) will demonstrate how to use OneSearch to find library resources, both print and online.

Open Education Network Membership

Winthrop University has joined the [Open Education Network](#) in an effort to reduce the cost of textbooks for Winthrop students. The Open Education Network (OEN) helps support colleges and universities' use of open textbooks and open educational practices. Its [Open Textbook Library](#) is the premiere resource for peer-reviewed academic textbooks.

The OEN defines open textbooks as “complete textbooks licensed so teachers and students can freely use, adapt, and distribute the material... [and that] can be downloaded for no cost or printed inexpensively.” Open educational resources such as open textbooks are free, openly licensed, academic course content. Their use not only addresses growing concerns about educational affordability but also promotes innovation in teaching and learning.

As a member of the Open Education Network, Dacus Library will promote the adoption of



resources such as the Open Textbook Library and will offer workshops to teach faculty members how to incorporate open educational resources into courses.

The Open Textbook Library collection can easily be found by searching the library's online catalog, OneSearch. There are more than 800 titles available in this collection. We've created [this short video tutorial](#) that shows how to find them.

The OEN is centered at the University of Minnesota's Center for Open Education in the College of Education and Human Development. The network's open textbooks are published under a Creative Commons license and are freely available to download, adapt and distribute.

Benefits of Open Educational Resources

- Reduce student costs
- Support student success
- Increase student retention
- Expand accessibility
- Innovate teaching practices
- Customize curriculum



Learn more on
the Library's
[OER Guide](#)

Dot Barber Recognized by Board of Trustees



From left: Board chair Glenn McCall, Interim President George Hynd, Dot Barber, and Board member Tim Hopkins

The Winthrop University Board of Trustees commended long-time Dacus Library employee Dorothy “Dot” Barber for her 50 years of employment with the university. She was presented with a framed resolution at the November 6 meeting.

Ms. Barber was hired as one of the university’s first African-American professional staff members. She became a library employee in 1970, and since then has worked in accounting, technical services and currently as an executive support specialist. Ms. Barber gets to know every student who works in the library, as she is involved in interviewing and hiring student workers.

Library Services Transformed During COVID

Since the shift to remote instruction happened during spring semester, many of Dacus Library’s reference and circulation services have also moved online. Whether students are on campus or studying remotely, they need research assistance and access to academic resources in order to be successful. Library faculty and staff have been developing new ways to meet the research needs of the Winthrop community in this new environment.

We have implemented additional ways to provide some of our typically in-person services in a virtual environment. Our [Book-A-Librarian](#) service successfully moved online with screen-sharing technology. Students can meet virtually with a librarian for more in-depth research assistance, and screen sharing allows for a more interactive experience.

The reference desk has also moved online, in the form of our chat service and e-mail. Chat has been available on a daily basis throughout the semester and has proved to be a very convenient and accessible way to ask questions and get assistance.

It has been necessary to alter some circulation procedures during the pandemic for safety reasons. With studies showing that the virus can live on hard surfaces for more than several days, access to the library’s print collections has to be controlled. Unfortunately, the popular textbook reserves collection cannot currently be used, and guests cannot browse the physical collections. We’ve developed a [Request & Pick Up](#) service, which allows library users to request regularly circulating items from the online catalog and pick them up at the library entrance.

Even though some physical collections are currently limited, the library’s online collections continue to be accessible and are always expanding. In addition to our Request & Pick Up service, electronic books, streaming video, database articles, open access materials, and more are available by searching the library’s online catalog, OneSearch.



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Speaker Series: Research Explorations

Dacus Library is partnering with the College of Arts and Sciences to host a series of virtual presentations given by Winthrop faculty and students about their research projects. The series, Research Explorations, will debut in January 2021 and will feature a different presenter once or twice a month throughout spring semester.

Research Explorations will showcase both faculty and student research. Guest speakers will present and discuss their current research projects. They will also explain their research methods and processes, such as how to search for sources, how to form research surveys and get IRB approval, how to write abstracts, and how to present research. These are all important skills for new researchers to learn and model, and the Research Explorations series will help students learn how to build a framework for structuring their own research projects. Students will also learn techniques for presenting their own research projects at conferences or other venues.

After the researchers have given their presentations, they will be available to answer questions about their research projects and methods. Reference librarians will also be available to answer questions about library services and talk about the important role that library resources play during the research process.

Research Explorations

Throughout spring semester the events will probably all take place virtually, via Zoom, and will be held in-person on the Winthrop campus when it becomes safe to do so.

The first guest speaker, scheduled near the end of January, will be Kaetrena Davis Kendrick, the new dean of Dacus Library and Pettus Archives. More speakers and dates will be announced soon!

Virtual Research Party

The Writing Center and Dacus Library teamed up again this semester to give students a one-stop opportunity to get research and writing help. This time, the Research Party was held virtually, via Zoom, on September 28. Tutors from the Writing

Center and librarians from Dacus met with students in Zoom breakout rooms from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. to assist them with mid-term writing and research assignments.



One of the main goals of this collaboration is to make our tutoring and reference services more accessible to students. Holding the event online this semester was certainly a change, but the virtual format made the event more accessible to students who would not have been able to participate if the event had been held in the library.

Louise Pettus Archives and Special Collections

by: Gina Price White, Director of Archives and Special Collections

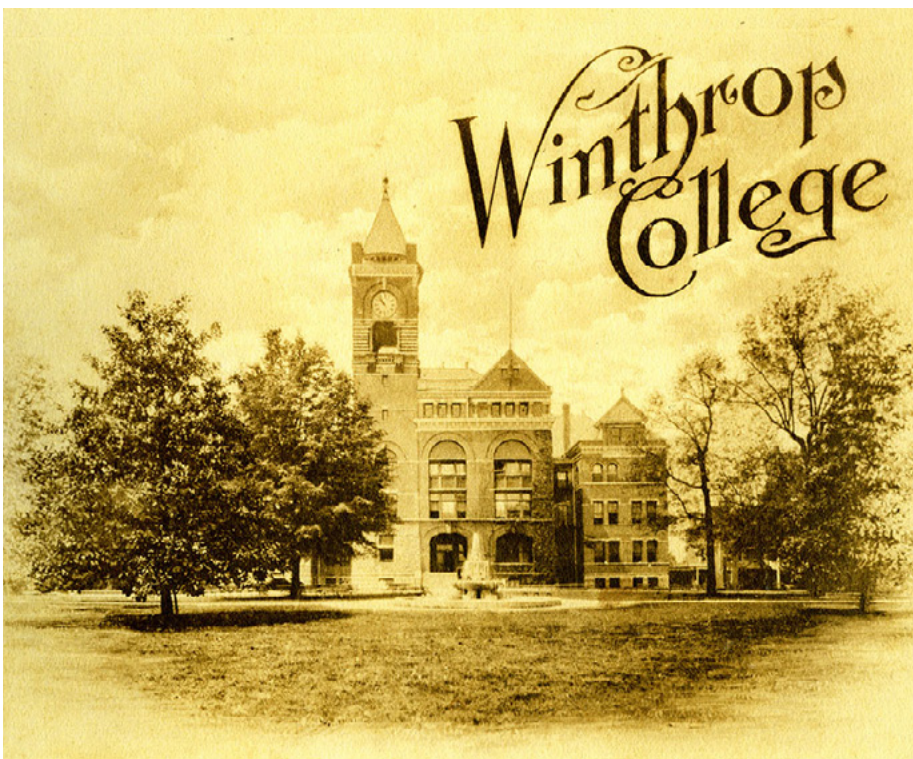
The Louise Pettus Archives and Special Collections is open by appointment only during the ongoing pandemic. We welcome all researchers to the Archives, but there are a few guidelines to which we adhere to keep everyone safe. The configuration of the Archives allows for four or five researchers in the research area at any one time to be physically distanced from one another. Masks are required for both researchers and staff. Classes are being introduced to the Archives and informed about available resources virtually via Zoom, Blackboard, and other platforms. Individual students are welcome to do research in the Archives, but unfortunately we cannot safely accommodate large classes.

Materials must be quarantined for 72 hours between users and may not be immediately available for a researcher if it has been recently used. The research tables and computers are sanitized between each use. Door handles, light switches, and other highly used surfaces are sanitized multiple times during the day.

The Archives is open for appointments that occur between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Should there be multiple requests (more than four) for appointments for a specific day, the Archives may assign the researcher a block of time to do research, after which time they must leave and make another appointment for later in the day or another day.

The pandemic is a new experience for the majority of us. A century ago, Winthrop experienced the 1918-1919 Pandemic. If you would like to read more about Winthrop and the Influenza Pandemic, please see [Winthrop and the Influenza Pandemic of 1918](#), a special April 2020 edition of the Archives newsletter [Retrospect](#). The article and past copies of the newsletter may be found on the Archives Digital Commons page or by clicking on the links above.

Please let us know if you have any questions, would like to be added to our newsletter mailing list, or would like to make an appointment.



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