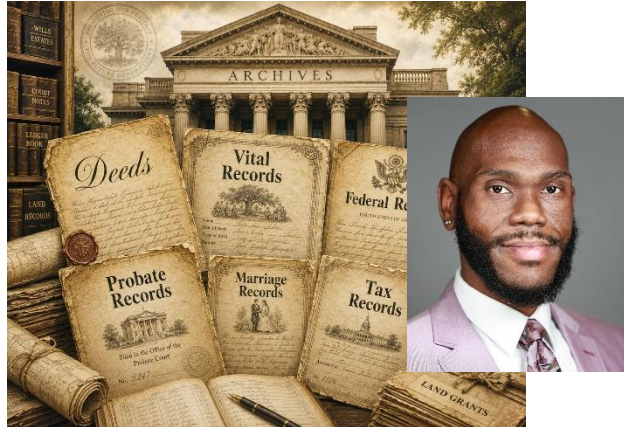




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Researching African American Archives

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There are several research institutions which have a focus collecting and preserving the history of African Americans and people of the African Diaspora. In this in person session, archivist Derek Mosley will share research tips and methodology on how a researcher can utilize these specific institutions for their research endeavors.

Biography

Derek Mosley is the Archivist and Archives Division Manager at the Auburn Avenue Research Library on African American Culture and History, a special library of the Fulton County Library System. Mr. Mosley holds an MS in archives management from Simmons University. He has dedicated his career to identifying, preserving, and increasing awareness of and access to the documentation of Black history and culture. He has served as the Director and Archivist for the Ernest J. Gaines Center at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette and the Assistant Head of Atlanta University Center's Archives Research Center. In 2016, Mosley became the archivist/division manager for the Auburn Avenue Research Library. He was instrumental in working with the Georgia Public Library Service to prioritize a collaborative project to digitize African American funeral home programs, a project which provided critical information for the Black genealogical community. He was also key in the library's participation in the IMLS grant-funded project "Archiving the Black Web." This project is significant because it has increased the number of Black practitioners in web archiving who understand the diverse ways Black people participate online.

Mosley's enthusiastic and engaged leadership has shaped the archival profession on local and national levels. He has served on conference planning committees, election committees, and scholarship committees for several organizations, including the Society of American Archivists (SAA) and the American Library Association. At SAA, he has served as a Council member and on its Executive Committee, including the recent Past President. In 2023, Mr. Mosley was named a SAA Fellow, the highest honor bestowed by the Society of American Archivists.

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