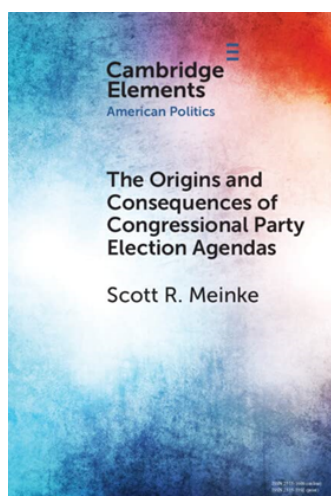


# Celebrating Research Outcomes from Ingram Library's Special Collections

*Ingram Library's Special Collections at the University of West Georgia holds primary sources in defined collection areas – university history, Georgia's political history, West Georgia regional history, and Humanistic Psychology and Human Consciousness – that serve to inspire inquiry, generate creative works, and further scholarship. This list features some highlights of the research outcomes from scholars, the community, and UWG students from the experiential learning opportunities with the unique research sources in Special Collections.*

## 2023



*The Origins and Consequences of Congressional Party Election Agendas*  
by Scott R. Meinke  
Cambridge University Press, 2023

The Newt Gingrich papers in our archive were essential to his research for this book in which Meinke, a professor of political science at Bucknell University, sought to determine party priorities since 1980, by examining congressional party election agendas and archived records.

Scott Meinke approached Special Collections after the Centers for the Study of Congress (ACSC) Annual Meeting in 2018 to request access to the Gingrich papers.

*Paulina Peavy: Astrocultural Messenger*  
Curated by Laura Whitcomb  
Andrew Edlin Gallery, New York City  
September 14 – October 28, 2023

Paulina Peavy (1901-1999) was a fine artist who, after attending a séance in 1932, at which she claimed to have encountered a bodiless entity called Lacamo, a “UFO spirit,” became publicly associated with a movement called astroculture.

The Ingo Swann papers in our collections were used in the development of this exhibition.



Paulina Peavy (1901 - 1999)  
Phantasma 44, c. 1980  
Acrylic on canvas



### *Terry Kay: The Exhibit*

From the Georgia Writers Museum

Sponsored in-part by Georgia Humanities

August 2023-

Recipient of the Townsend Prize for Fiction, Georgia Writers Association Lifetime Achievement, Award, and the Governor's Award in the Humanities, Terry Kay (1938-2020) was a prominent Georgian Author of 18 books, of which three were made into movies. He was also inducted into the Writers Hall of Fame.

The Georgia Writers Museum debuted this exhibit on August 10, 2023. Materials from Special Collections were used in the making of the exhibit.

### *Demons & Saviors*

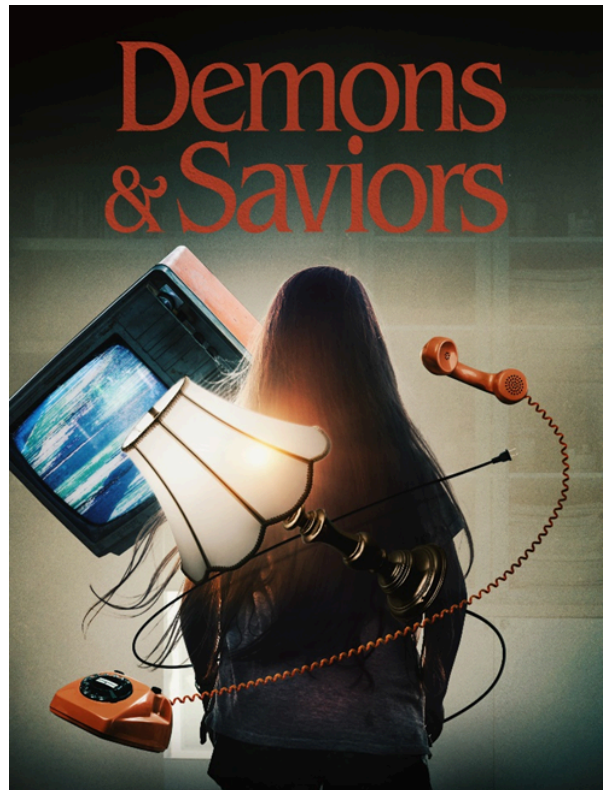
Hulu Original Docuseries

Released August 3, 2023

Nicknamed "Columbus Poltergeist kid," Christina Boyer is said to have possessed telekinetic powers during her trial, in which she was accused for and convicted of murdering her three-year old daughter in 1992. It is for those purported telekinetic powers that she first attracted attention in the mid-1980's. Christina maintains her innocence, and a group of supporters are calling for her exoneration.

Hulu's original series *Demons & Saviors* explores her case, and relies heavily on audio, footage, and documents from the William G. Roll papers.

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*Stardust Highways: Ingo Swann's Art of Entertaining*  
 Edited by Elly Flippen  
 Swann-Ryder Incorporated, 2023

Ingo Swann is usually better known for his work in psychic phenomena, however this book, published on March 19, 2023, focuses on his art and his love of both cooking and entertainment, and includes some autobiographical details from Ingo Swann's papers.

Included in this book are photos, recipes, and art. Quotes from papers found in Special Collections are found throughout.

**Student Success:**

*Self-Guided Historic Tour of UWG Campus*  
 Poster presentation  
 April 13-15, 2023

A UWG student in Computer Science, Alexander Ayers, developed a prototype application, in part using digitized images from the University Archives in Special Collections.

That work was presented on a poster in April 2023 at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR).

Self-Guided Historic Tour of University of West Georgia Campus			
Alexander Ayers Advisor: Anja Remshagen, Keri Adams Computer Science Program, University of West Georgia			
<b>Abstract</b> <b>Motivation:</b> Blending history and augmented reality to explore said history in a new way. <b>Research Question:</b> What are the possibilities of using augmented reality to explore a historic campus? <b>Approach:</b> Constructing an AR Android application using Unity and Vuforia Engine.	<b>Application</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Info Screen               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shows context behind the point of interest.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Preview Screen               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Previews the point of interest.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Map Screen               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shows all points of interest on a map of the campus.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <b>Info Screen</b>  </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <b>Preview Screen</b>  </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <b>Map Screen</b>  </div> </div>	
<b>History Present in Demonstration</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Old Academic Building               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Former home of classrooms and offices. Destroyed in 1974.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Melson Hall               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One of original dormitories, now houses Psychology program.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Development Process</b> <p><b>Stage 1</b> Development started with a Unity application with a map screen and an information screen. Each point of interest is stored with coordinates that gets placed on the map.</p> <p><b>Stage 2</b> In the next stage, GPS tracking was added to the application using Android Location services. It is shown to the user on the map screen, with the longitude and latitude being reflected onto the map image.</p> <p><b>Stage 3</b> After the framework was created, the historical data was added in the form of images, descriptions, and audio. Augmented reality was implemented with custom images due to lack of natural targets on-campus and stable conditions for capturing the target to display the object.</p>	<b>Future Work</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adding extra historical data to app.</li> <li>Adding audio player that works in the augmented reality space.</li> <li>Add location-based targets that corresponds to locations on-campus.</li> <li>Add Google Maps API for live image of map.</li> </ul> <b>Conclusions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The augmented reality portion gives extra perspective to the campus.</li> <li>The framing of the map screen ties together the augmented reality portion and the history.</li> <li>This framework can be applied to other types of tours, that can showcase the history of the campus in a new light.</li> </ul> <b>Acknowledgement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shawn Carter, for assisting in development of application.</li> <li>Laquntron Chun for rendering 3D model for demonstration.</li> <li>Alaina White for finding historic information on Old Academic Building and Melson Hall.</li> </ul>	
<b>Technology and Architecture</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unity Game Development Engine</li> <li>Coded in C#</li> <li>Android</li> <li>Vuforia Engine for Augmented Reality</li> <li>Utilized Unity GPS Library for Tracking</li> <li>Event-Driven for all UI Interactions</li> <li>Singleton for Data Management</li> </ul>			

*Carrollton Collects*  
 Carrollton Center for the  
 Arts, Roush Gallery  
 February 24 – April 6,  
 2023

“Carrollton Collects” is an initiative of the West Georgia/State university of West Georgia Department of Art which begun in 1983. It is an annual exhibition in the Department of Art Gallery.

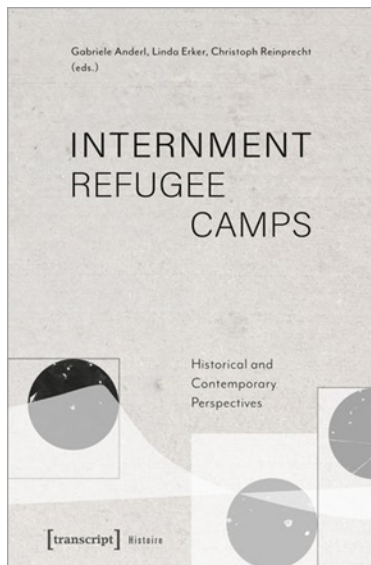
A Leroy Almon painting, donated by Mary Alice Almon to Ingram Library in 2014 as part of the Leroy Almon papers, on loan from Special Collections was displayed during the 2023 exhibition.



2023 Exhibition  
**CARROLLTON COLLECTS**



Assassinations  
 Leroy Almon  
 Silkscreen on burlap  
 #59 in a series  
 1991



*Internment Refugee Camps: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives*  
 Edited by Gabriele Anderl, Linda Erker, and Christoph Reinprecht  
 Columbia University Press, 2023

Refugee internment camps of the past and present in different historical contexts are examined in this book in order to find the parallels and differences between types of camps and practices used in different countries.

The Gregor Sebba papers in our collection were used to specifically speak to the displaced in Georgia. Sebba was a social scientist and immigrant himself.

- 7 See Rudolf Heberle and Dudley S. Hall, *New Americans: A Study of Displaced Persons in Louisiana and Mississippi* (Baton Rouge, LA: Displaced Persons Commission, 1951); Rudolf Heberle, "Displaced Persons in the Deep South," *Rural Sociology* 16 (1951) 4: 362–77; Sebba, *Displaced Persons in Georgia*. Research for *New Americans* was conducted between spring 1949 and summer 1950 for the Institute for Population Research in the Department of Sociology at Louisiana State University. Sebba's study was conducted at the suggestion of the Georgia Displaced Persons Committee, headed by Tom Linder, State Department of Agriculture, in order to develop proposals for future immigration programmes, and was financed by Governor Talmadge. See J. C. Holton (Secretary State Committee) to Tom Linder, 9 July 1952, *Gregor Sebba Papers [GSP]*, Special Collections, University of West Georgia, Box 1, Folder 10, Part 7.

2022



*GOPAC Tapes*

Newt's World Podcast, December 26, 2022

Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich hosts a podcast in which he covers all aspects of our society, including history, health, national security, and science. Described on iHeart as “a podcast for independent thinkers,” here, Gingrich shares stories and adds context to issues and history.

For this episode, audio cassettes from our collections were used.

*Forrest Bess, Out of the Blue*  
Camden Art Centre, London  
September 30, 2022 –  
January 15, 2023

Forrest Bess (1911-1977) was an American painter who produced extraordinary work in the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century. His paintings depict the dreams and visions he experienced in his lifetime and incorporate his research into different traditions—including spiritual and alchemical ones—as well queer and gender-nonconforming identities.

Included in this exhibit was artwork which was loaned from our collections.





*Ingo Swann – Penetrating the Pyramids*

By Daz Smith

In Eight Martinis Issue 19 – November 2022.

Eight Martinis is a magazine dedicated to the art of Remote Viewing, named from a quote from Ingo Swann, whose collection of papers reside in our Humanistic Psychology and Human Consciousness Collection.

For this article, the Ingo Swann papers in our collection were instrumental, making up a large portion of the sources used and included within.

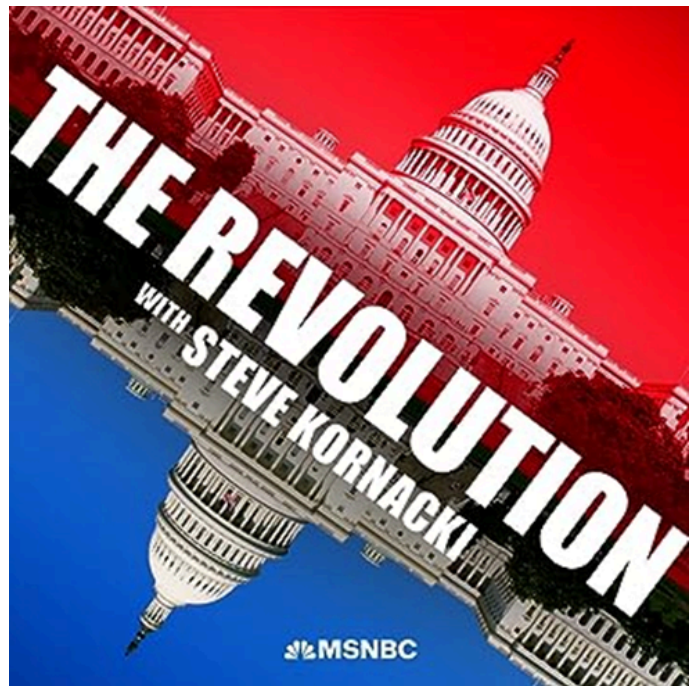
*The Revolution with Steve Kornacki*

Steve Kornacki, MSNBC

October 31, 2022 – December 5, 2022

National Political Correspondent for NBC News and MSNBC Steve Kornacki's podcast seeks to understand the current partisanship of American politics, by examining what happened during the 1994 Republican "revolution" when the GOP, for the first time in decades, won the House majority. This midterm election, also known as the "Gingrich Revolution," is the starting point for a Republican push towards conservatism.

Audio cassettes from our Georgia political history collection were used during this six-episode podcast.





Paula Roberts Community Zoom discussion  
3 Feb 2023

*Paula Roberts: the English psychic - Interview with Daz smith*

Video for YouTube channel RemoteViewed

Published August 18, 2022

Paula Roberts is a psychic, clairvoyant, ghost hunter, remote viewer, and handwriting analyst. She is a published author of the book *Unlocking the Secrets Hidden in Your Handwriting.*"

Daz Smith, who also has a passion for remote viewing, interviewed Roberts shortly before her papers were added to our collections, some of which were shown during the interview.

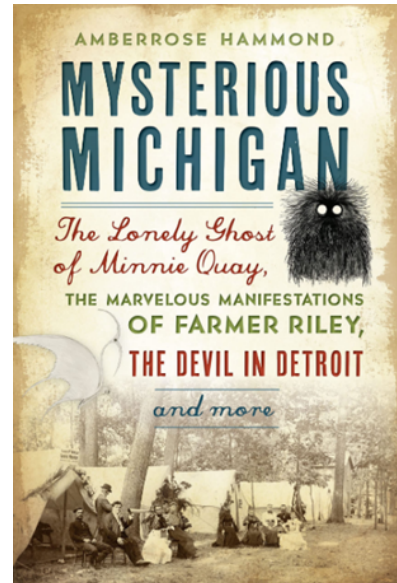
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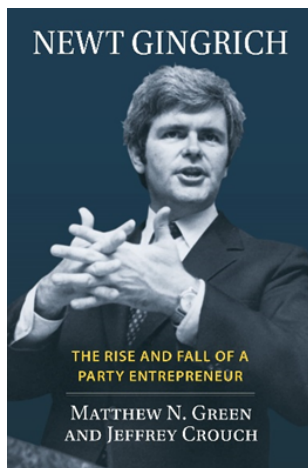
by Amberrose Hammond

Arcadia Publishing Incorporated, 2022

Author Amberrose Hammond researches the folklore of Michigan, from a historical and supernatural perspective. Passionate about the strange and a lover of regional history and cemeteries, Hammond collects off-beat tales and shares them through lectures and books such as her newest, *Mysterious Michigan*.

During her research for this book, Hammond made use of William G Roll's papers in our collection.





*Newt Gingrich: The Rise and Fall of a Party Entrepreneur*  
by Matthew N. Green and Jeffrey Crouch  
University Press of Kansas, 2022

Newt Gingrich, former Speaker of the House of Representatives, was first elected in 1978, but he made history when he was elected Speaker in 1994, the first Republican to hold that position in forty years.

This book takes a look at Gingrich's career using archival material, some of which is housed in the Gingrich collection here at UWG, as well as some from the Mel Steely papers, who was biographer and congressional advisor to Gingrich from 1978-1992.

### Student Success:

Emmett Shell  
5/11/2022

*Newt Gingrich, Clinton Healthcare,  
And "Renewing American  
Civilization"*  
by Emmett Shell

***Newt Gingrich, Clinton Healthcare, and "Renewing American Civilization"***

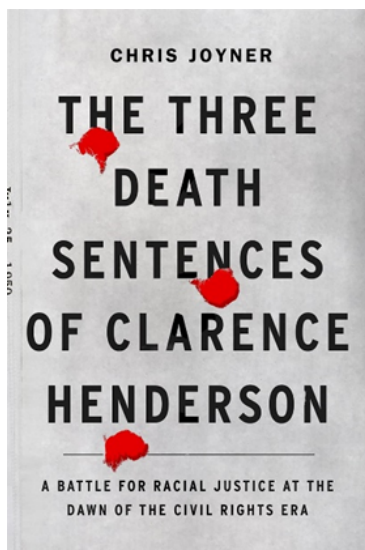
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Yale undergraduate student Emmett Shell wrote a final paper using the Gingrich papers.



*The Three Death Sentences of Clarence Henderson*  
by Chris Joyner  
Harry N. Abrams, Inc., 2022

Author Chris Joyner, an investigative reporter with the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, tells the story of Clarence Henderson, a Black sharecropper who was accused of murder and sentenced to death in three different trials, as well as the stories of a recruiter for the Communist Party seeking to recruit southern African Americans and Thurgood Marshall's NAACP battling racism and Communist Party recruitment.

The social context during which these trials took place relied heavily on regional historical records found in Special Collections.

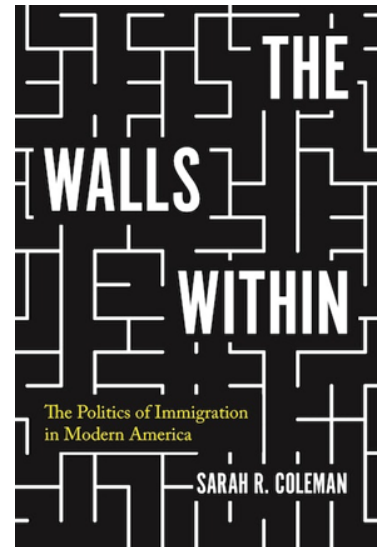


## 2021

*The Walls Within: The Politics of Immigration in Modern America*  
by Sarah R. Coleman  
Princeton University Press, 2021

Post-1965, immigration politics in the US changed as a result of the Hart-Celler Act, which abolished national quotas. The politics surrounding immigration has taken many forms since then, forming the roots of today's nativist sentiment.

Coleman made use of both the Newt Gingrich papers and the Mel Stealy papers during her research for this book.



*Surrealism Beyond Borders*  
Edited by Stephanie D'Alessandro and Matthew Gale  
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, 2021

Showcasing more than 300 works of art from both well-known and lesser-known artists from around the world, this exhibition traced Surrealism's legacy from the 1920's through the 1970's.

Included, from the Ingo Swann papers, were some of Swann's Cosmic artwork from the 1950's.

### Student Success:

[One Space, Many Stories](#)

Clio virtual tour  
Published 2021

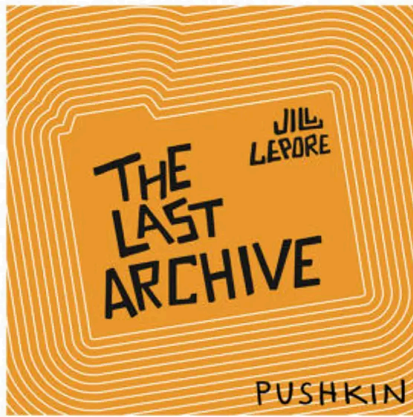
This virtual tour, designed by student Sarah I. Rodriguez, made extensive use of the university archives and regional collections in order to add historical context to the Front Campus area of the University of West Georgia.

One Space Many Stories: Front Campus History

Item 1 of 6



Welcome to the "One Space, Many Stories" Tour!



*The Last Archive*  
Jill Lepore, Pushkin Industries  
Spring-Summer 2021

The Last Archive discusses historical context for the fake news seen in current media, as well as how we know the history we know. Season 2 covered a century of lies which culminated in the events of January 6, 2021.

Host Jill Lepore made use of audio tapes from the Newt Gingrich papers, which were digitized by request.

### Student Success:

Purdue undergraduate student Ryan Wettschurack wrote an undergraduate thesis using the Gingrich papers, which he described as invaluable.

Evolution of Conservative Media: How the Republican Party Under Newt Gingrich Empowered the Rise of Conservative Talk Radio in American Politics in the 1990s

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## 2020

### Student Success:

*Police in schools may not make any kids safer*

by Joanna Paxton Frederico  
The Washington Post, 2020

## Police in schools may not make kids any safer

The push to remove police from schools centers on concerns about racism, brutality and misallocation of community resources.



Perspective by Joanna Paxton Frederico

Joanna Paxton Frederico is a doctoral student at Rutgers University studying policy responses to mass school shootings.

October 18, 2020 at 6:00 a.m. EDT

Ph.D. candidate at Purdue University, Joanna Paxton Frederico used the Bob Barr papers in the course of her research regarding juvenile justice