Congratulations to the Griot Institute’s graduating interns!

We wish to send a special thank you to Jerra and Taylor for their work with the Griot Institute!

Jerra Holdip
Jerra came to the Griot Institute in the Spring 2022 as the intern working on the Charles R. Bell project and recording the spring lecture series. She is currently the intern overseeing the Griot Storytelling Project. She is a double major in Political Science and Africana Studies.

After graduation, I am proud to announce I will be moving back home to D.C. and accepting a position as an Associate Management professional at Venable, a Washington D.C.-based law firm. Please join the Griot Institute and all of its affiliates in giving me a warm send-off as we begin the new semester.

Taylor Collins
Taylor came to the Griot Institute in Spring 2023 as the intern working on the Black History Timeline and the Griot newsletter. She has also worked on revisions for the Griot Institute booklet. She is a double major in English Literary Studies and Economics.

After college, I plan to move to New York City to work in a PR and communications role. I’m excited for the future and I’m so grateful for everything Bucknell and the Griot Institute has taught me!

On Sunday, April 23, the campus community gathered to commemorate the 65th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s visit to campus on April 23, 1958. The commemoration was followed by a tribute to the late Carmen Gillespie, professor of English and founder of the Griot Institute and the Griot Institute for the Study of Black Lives and Cultures, who was active in establishing an annual MLK Week to engage the community in conversation about Dr. King’s legacy and philosophies in regard to current struggles. A Griot Institute sub-committee is developing future plans for ways to honor the life and legacy of Carmen Gillespie.

Call for Feedback!

If you attended any Griot events during the 22-23 year and would like to share your thoughts and experiences with the Griot Institute staff, please email us at griot@bucknell.edu. We appreciate your feedback, welcome your comments, and look forward to hearing from you.

As the academic year draws to a close, the Griot Institute wishes Bucknell seniors continued intellectual growth, meaningful engagements with art, ideas, and books, deep, sustaining connections, and, most importantly, personal fulfillment! We look forward to seeing you all next academic year to engage with speakers and performers around the 2023-24 series theme of Joy.