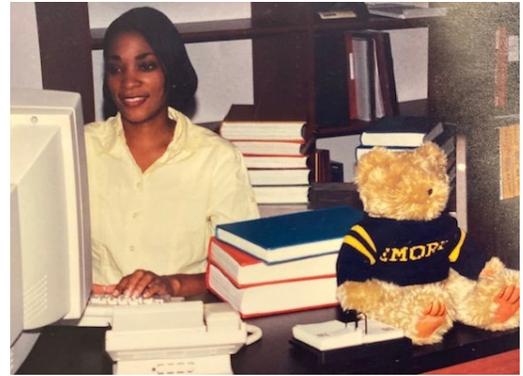


Maria Flowers

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Tell us a little about the work you've done at Emory throughout your career.

I started out as a Stacks Supervisor in 1995 and I think I have touched every book and journal in the library. I have helped move books from level 1 to level 2 and journals from level 2 to level 1. I'm talking about over a thousand books and journals--whew! Then I transitioned to the Bindery specialist role, which I really enjoyed, and I miss interacting with Rollins School of Public Health graduate students. I would be surrounded by hundreds of copies of theses that the students had to turn in to our office as part of the graduation process. Now as the Resources Management Specialist, I have witnessed the transition of print materials to electronic only.



Maria in the mid-90's (above) and today (below)



What are some of your favorite memories of your time at Emory?

I have so many! Staff Fest. Graduations with the many famous guest speakers. Author signings like Pearl Cleage. And recently, being able to see and read the love letters from former president Barack Obama.

What are some of the most significant changes you have witnessed over the course of your career?

The most significant change, as I mentioned earlier, is the decline of print materials to electronic. Also, the buildings! There were a lot more trees and empty spaces when I started. LOL.

Is there anything you miss from "back in the day"?

I have fond memories of being surrounded by boxes full of books and the library's mailbox being full of current periodicals. One of the main reasons I work in a library is my love of books. We still have books but not like we used to. They are all electronic now. I miss seeing boxes of books.

What do you hope for the future of Emory?

I hope that Emory will continue to maintain its level of excellence and also address issues of social and racial injustice. Emory is a place where people come to seek and obtain a higher level of education, to learn and grow. My hope is that Emory will continue to be a part of the future.

Anything else you would like to share?

I am grateful and give all the honor to God for allowing me to have this job for 25 years.