

ARCHIVING, DOCUMENTING & DISSEMINATING THE HISTORY OF THE CLARENCE FITZROY BRYANT COLLEGE

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- The project grew out of my relationship with the Director of Library Services at Clarence Fitzroy Bryant College (CFBC), Sonita Daniel (Director Daniel)
- Director Daniel identified a serious lack of documentation of the history of the CFBC and its importance as a post-independence, anti-colonial project
- The passage of time and risk of loss of institutional memory as founders age & die creates urgency
- Director Daniel expressed a desire for a digital archive

December 2022

Collaboration proposed by Willa Liburd Tavernier, Research Impact & Open Scholarship Librarian, IU Bloomington Libraries (IU Librarian)

July 2023

- In person visit to CFBC provided insight on operating environment/culture for IU Librarian, and an opportunity for face-to-face meetings with key CFBC personnel, meeting of minds, and basic planning
- IDAH Summer Incubator facilitated understanding of digital community archiving & [web infrastructure](#)
- A key benefit was talking through and clarifying the importance the project via the project charter

Fall 2023

Launch of proof-of-concept digital exhibit which exemplified human resource constraints on both sides

February 2024

CFBC President sign-off on IAS Collaborative Grant Application

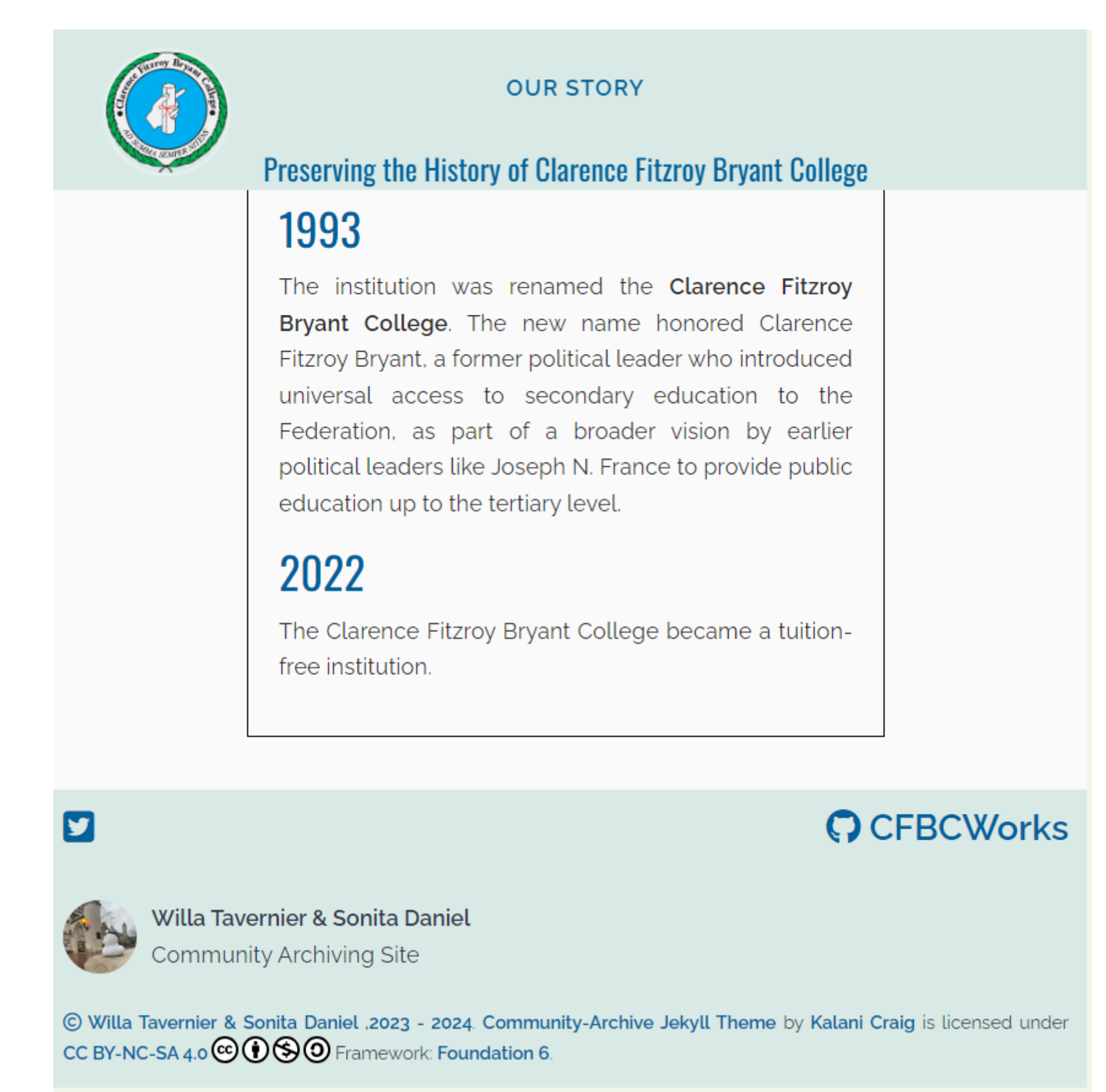
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IAS Collaborative Research Award partially funds project ~14% of requested funds. Additional funding is needed to realize the project goals.

Asymmetric collaboration has identified 3 major challenges

(this is a collaboration between institutions of different sizes, demographics, research classification & locations)

- ★ Library Operating Environments/Culture
- ★ Human Resources
- ★ Funding



Key Takeaways

- ★ Don't assume similar library cultures. CFBC historically has had a very formal & very hierarchical structure which makes it necessary to budget more time for approvals to pass through the system.
- ★ Understand resource constraints on both sides, timelines may prove to be ambitious
- ★ For a true collaboration especially for a joint research paper it is necessary for CFBC colleagues to see how IU Libraries operate but we have no funding for this
- ★ Figure out how we might reconfigure the project for scale.

Proof of concept digital exhibit



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