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From the GAs:

Colleen Beavers is a graduate assistant in the SLIS office, as well as an instructor for LIS 201. She will be completing both the MLIS and the Graduate Certificate in Archives and Special Collections in May 2012. Colleen also has a Masters of Arts in History and plans to pursue archival work upon graduation. Her article, "A Citation Analysis of Articles on Hittite Religion in the *Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Religions*" was published in *Synergy*.

Citation analysis is a commonly used method of determining scholarly communication patterns, particularly which journals are the most used in a field. The aim of this study was to determine which journals are the most heavily cited Hittite religion and compare these heavily cited journals to the impact factor listed in *SCImago Journal & Country Rank* to determine if impact factor should be a consideration in determining which journals to purchase. The study was limited to the twenty articles found in the *Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Religions* which discuss Hittite religion, dating from 2002 through the most recent issue available in 2010. Statistics about each article, including number of pages, total number of citations, and number of citations to journals and non-journals, were organized in an Excel spreadsheet. Another spreadsheet listed every journal cited in the articles, for a total of 120 journals. There were a total of 290 citations to journals and 644 citations to non-journals (which includes all materials not considered journal publications, including

monographs, but excluding primary sources). The ratio of citations to journals to citations to non-journals was .4503. Seventy-three (60%) of the journals were cited only once. Only three journals were cited at least ten times:

Zeitschrift für Assyriologie, the *Journal of Near Eastern Studies*, and *Altorientalische Forschungen*. Despite the large number of total journals cited, there are few which show any significant usage. Many of the most commonly cited journals were not listed, including nine of the top twelve, indicating that the impact factor should not be a significant consideration in journal acquisition.

Beavers, C. (2011). A citation analysis of articles on Hittite religion in the *Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Religions*. *Synergy*, 2 (3), 53-59.

SLIS News:

Congratulations:

- Shugana Williams, who works at the Katrina Research Center, is the recipient of the 2012 Mississippi Humanities Council Award for Preserver of Mississippi Culture, which recognizes an individual for extraordinary efforts to protect and promote the cultural traditions and assets of the state of Mississippi.
<http://www.usm.edu/katrina/contacts.php>
- Jane Johnson, Librarian at Northlake Christian School, Covington, LA, is the recipient of one of three \$1000 grants for her school library at the AASL preconference "Disaster Preparedness for School Librarians."
- Stephen Cunetto, Systems Administrator for Mitchell Memorial Library at Mississippi State University is the new president of the Mississippi Library Association for 2012.
- Mara Villa, Branch Manager of the Pearl Public Library, was awarded the MLA Past Presidents Award; Tiffany Coleman-Magee was awarded the Peggy May Scholarship and Yvonne Slaughter was awarded the Virgia Brocks-Shedd Scholarship at the Mississippi Library Association Conference in October 2011.

- Armistead Reasoner completed a Library of Congress Internship as Digital Preservation Outreach and Education (DPOE) Support Assistant in spring 2011
- Darby Wallace, Director, Jackson County Library, was awarded \$1000 for the 2011 Dollar General Summer Reading Grant.

SLIS students and alums are invited to send updates and news to editors at Stacy.Creel@usm.edu or Teresa.Welsh@usm.edu.

Recent Publications, Presentations:

Books:

Evans, W. (2011). *Information dynamics in virtual worlds: Gaming and beyond*. Oxford, U.K: Chandos Publishing.

*Woody Evans is a fall 2003 graduate of SLIS.

Garder, L. K., & Army War College (U.S.). (2011). *Corruption/anti-corruption in Afghanistan: A selected bibliography*. Carlisle Barracks, Pa.: U.S. Army War College Library.

*Lenore Garder is a fall 2004 MLIS graduate of SLIS.

Garder, L. K., & Army War College (U.S.). (2011). *Strategic vision: A selected bibliography*. Carlisle Barracks, Pa.: U.S. Army War College Library.

*Lenore Garder is a fall 2004 MLIS graduate of SLIS.

Haynes, E. (2011). *Crime Writers: A Research Guide*. Santa Barbara, California: Libraries Unlimited.

Articles:

Beavers, C. (2011). A citation analysis of articles on Hittite religion in the *Journal of Ancient Near Eastern Religions*. *Synergy* 2 (3), 53-59.

*Colleen Beavers will be an SLIS MLIS graduate in May 2012.

Bradley, A. (2011). A Comparison of Google Scholar and Library Literature and Information Science Full Text. *Current Studies in Librarianship*, 30(1/2), 37-48.

*Amy Bradley is a summer 2009 MLIS graduate of SLIS.

A list of student publications is available online at:

<http://ocean.otr.usm.edu/~w146169/mentorpubs.htm>

Other:

Welsh, T. S., Pace, E. and Williams, S. (2010). *A selected bibliography of resources related to disaster-preparedness*. [Brochure]. Hattiesburg, MS: The University of Southern Mississippi.

<http://www.usm.edu/slis/DisasterBiblioBrochure.pdf>

*This brochure was funded by ALA Carnegie-Whitney Grant, 2010. Edmand Pace is a summer 2011 MLIS graduate of SLIS and has served as a visiting instructor for the academic 2011-2012 year. Shugana Williams is a spring 2003 MLIS graduate of SLIS.

Welsh, T.S. and Pace, E. (2010). *Is your family prepared for the next disaster?* [Brochure]. Hattiesburg, MS: The University of Southern Mississippi.

<http://www.usm.edu/slis/DisasterPrepBrochure.pdf>

*This brochure was funded by ALA Carnegie-Whitney Grant, 2010.

Boyd, E. and Wetzel, C. (October 18-21, 2011). *Make mine to-go: Comparison of web-based bibliographic management tools*. Poster session presented at 2011 Mississippi Library Association Annual Conference, Jackson, MS.

<http://library.msstate.edu/mlaconf/program.php>

*Erin Boyd is a fall 2008 MLIS graduate of SLIS and Cynthia Wetzel is a spring 2009 MLIS graduate of SLIS

Creel, S. (October 18-21, 2011). *School & public libraries: Building partnerships with universities*. Presentation at 2011 Mississippi Library Association Annual Conference, Jackson, MS.

<http://library.msstate.edu/mlaconf/program.php>

Cork, S. and Herr, J. (October 18-21, 2011). *Interns, internships, and special libraries*. Poster session presented at 2011 Mississippi Library Association Annual Conference, Jackson, MS.

<http://library.msstate.edu/mlaconf/program.php>

*Sheila Cork is a spring 2002 MLIS graduate of SLIS and Jessica Herr is a fall 2011 MLIS graduate of SLIS.

Mangrum, S. and Crawley, J. (October 18-21, 2011). *Quick Read (QR) codes*. Poster session presented at 2011 Mississippi Library Association Annual Conference, Jackson, MS.

<http://library.msstate.edu/mlaconf/program.php>

*Sarah R. Mangrum a fall 2011 MLIS graduate of SLIS.

Norton, J. (October 18-21, 2011). *They're coming back! ALA Committee on Accreditation: The focus Group*. Presentation at 2011 Mississippi Library Association Annual Conference, Jackson, MS.

<http://library.msstate.edu/mlaconf/program.php>

Wright, M.S. (October 18-21, 2011). *Here a librarian, there a librarian, why a librarian*.

Presentation at 2011 Mississippi Library Association Annual Conference, Jackson, MS.

<http://library.msstate.edu/mlaconf/program.php>

*Melissa Wright is a spring 2000 MLIS graduate of SLIS and has her Ph.D. (May 2011) in Adult Education from USM.

Ross, D. (October 18-21, 2011). *Building the Mississippi digital library*. Moderated Session at 2011 Mississippi Library Association Annual Conference, Jackson, MS.

<http://library.msstate.edu/mlaconf/program.php>

*Diane Ross a spring 2000 MLIS graduate of SLIS

Welsh, T. and Williams, S. (October 18-21, 2011). *A bibliography of resources related to disaster preparedness: A cooperative effort of ALA, The University of Southern Mississippi, and Mississippi Public Libraries*. Presentation at 2011 Mississippi Library Association Annual Conference, Jackson, MS.

<http://library.msstate.edu/mlaconf/program.php>

Yu, X. (October 18-21, 2011). *A learning outcomes assessment: LIS program and library experience*. Presentation at 2011 Mississippi Library Association Annual Conference, Jackson, MS.

<http://library.msstate.edu/mlaconf/program.php>

Arce, N., Bryant, J., Coleman-McGee, T., Creel, S., Jones, V., and Yu, X. (June 25, 2011). *Serving African Americans in today's public libraries*. Poster session presented at the annual meeting of the American Library Association, New Orleans, LA.

<http://www.lib.jmu.edu/org/ala/abstracts/>

*Natasha Arce, Tiffany Coleman-McGee, Jennifer Nabzdyk, Jessica Bryant, and Vanessa Jones along with faculty advisors Xinyu Yu and Stacy Creel presented the poster at 2011 American Library Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, June 23-28. These scholarship students are mentioned in this issue of *SLIS Connecting* in the IMLS Minority Scholarship Initiative article.