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## From the GAs, Congratulations, Publications, and Presentations

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## From the GAs:

### Graduate Assistants for 2012-13



Cole, Callie, Michelle, Rob, & Preston

Michelle Finerty is the senior GA at SLIS who will be graduating this fall. She is currently teaching LIS 201, an information literacy course, to undergrads and enjoys working with college students. Michelle plans to work as an academic librarian and hopes to one day complete her Ph.D. in LIS.

Rob Richards has an Associate Degree in Human Services from Jackson County Community College, Gautier, MS, and a General Studies Degree with an emphasis in History & Psychology from the University of William Carey, Hattiesburg. Rob worked at the William Carey Library while a student and developed a strong interest in academic librarianship.

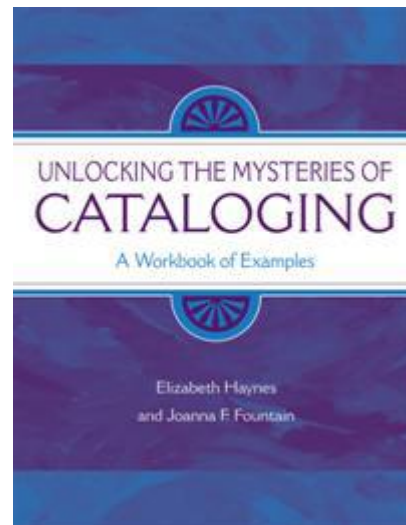
Preston Salisbury has a B.A. in Liberal Arts from Faulkner Univ., Montgomery, AL, where he was a member of Great Books Honors College, Sigma Tau Delta and Phi Alpha Theta. Interests include history of libraries, history of the book, cartography and special collections. He plans to work in an academic library or special collections.

Cole Smith grew up in Mobile, AL, and earned a B.A. in English at Auburn Univ. After college, he moved back to Mobile and worked in a high-school library. Cole really enjoyed the job and thought he would enjoy doing it as a career, so he applied to the USM MLIS program.

Callie Wiygul, from Gulfport, Miss., has a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Marketing from USM. After several years of working in the corporate sector, she chose to pursue a MLIS degree. Callie is interested in children's/youth services, archives and special collections. Upon graduation, she hopes to work in a public library.

### GA Textbook Review:

*Unlocking the Mysteries of Cataloging, a Workbook of Examples* by Dr. Elizabeth Haynes and Joanna F. Fountain. Review by Michelle Finerty



Textbooks on cataloging are rarely the topic of book clubs; but ask any student, and they will tell you that a textbook on cataloging that easy to read is hard to find. *Unlocking the Mysteries of Cataloging* does not in fact, solve any current mystery of cataloging, but instead provides clarity for users as they complete the exercises.

Haynes and Fountain created a workbook with exercises that mimic actual books, and give students a real grasp on cataloging. By creating these real examples, the authors allow students to see how cataloging works and what cataloging achieves. The text provides 150 exercises, with two appendices containing selected genre terms as well as selected answers to exercises. Haynes and Fountain also included three indexes with helpful information pertaining to the exercises.

Although this text came out in 2005, it still remains to be a relevant and useful tool in cataloging curriculum at USM. Haynes has plans to release another workbook in the next few years.

### SLIS News:

#### Ph.D. Students:

- Patricia Condon (MLIS/Anthropology 2005) (<http://www.simmons.edu/gslis/people/students/profiles/2981.php>) is working on a Ph.D. in LIS at Simmons College, Boston
- Cynthia Landrum (MLIS 2006) (<http://www.simmons.edu/gslis/people/students/profiles/2852.php>) is also in a Ph.D. program at Simmons College, Boston.
- Shane Hand (MLIS/History 2011) is in the USM Ph.D. program in history.
- John Jody Ramey (MLIS 2010), co-author of *Autistics' Guide to Dating*, is in the Disability and Human Development Ph.D. program at the University of Illinois at Chicago.
- Angela Rand (MLIS 2006), Librarian/Head of Information Services Baldwin County at the University of South Alabama, is pursuing a Ph.D. in Instructional Systems Design at USA.
- Karla Schmit (MLIS 2001), Education and Behavioral Sciences Librarian, Assistant Director, Penn. Center for the Book, is a Ph.D. Candidate in Curriculum & Instruction, Penn State University.

#### Congratulations :

IMLS Scholarship Graduates, May 2012:

- Natasha Arce is Primary School Librarian at the International Academy in Amman, Jordan.
- Tiffany Coleman-Magee, Branch Manager at Charles Tisdale Wesley Public Library in Jackson, MS, was recently featured in the *Jackson Advocate*:  
<http://www.jacksonadvocateonline.com/?p=9530>.
- Vanessa Jones is Collection Management Librarian at Blue Mountain College Library.
- Jennifer Nabzdyk is Digital Services Consultant at the Mississippi Library Commission in Jackson.

Phillip Carter, Jeffrey Martin, and Sharon Tollison are recipients of the Mississippi Library Commission 2012 Public Librarian Scholarship Award  
<http://www.mlc.lib.ms.us/index.html>.

MLIS student Nicole Aranda is Children's Librarian at Margaret Sherry Library in Biloxi, MS.

Edna Auerfelf (May, 2012) is the School Media Specialist & Technology Liaison, New City Elementary School (K-5), Clarkstown, NY.

Cecilie Maynor Bakken (MLIS 2011) is Assistant Director of Stones River Regional Library in Murfreesboro, TN.

Jennifer Baxter (MLIS, Aug. 2012) is Library Service Technician of Fallbrook Union High School in Fallbrook, CA. She is sole librarian for over 2,500 students and 160 faculty.

Colleen Beavers (MLIS, May 2012) is the first student to earn both MLIS and Graduate Certificate in Archives and Special Collections ([http://ocean.otr.usm.edu/~w146169/SLIS\\_GradCert\\_ArchSpColl.htm](http://ocean.otr.usm.edu/~w146169/SLIS_GradCert_ArchSpColl.htm)).

Colleen is Special Collections Librarian/Archivist at Beauvoir: Jefferson Davis Presidential Museum & Library <http://www.beauvoir.org/>.

MLIS student Joy Garretson is Reference Supervisor at Pearl Public Library in Pearl, MS.

Catalog Librarian Linda Ginn (MLIS 2003), Head of the General Collections Unit at USM Cook Library, was promoted this summer to Associate Professor.

Jessica Hartley (MLIS 2010) is Manager of the South Norfolk Library in Chesapeake, VA.

MLIS student Jaclyn Lewis was awarded a \$500 mini-grant from Ezra Jack Keats Foundation for "Stories in Motion" stop-animation class for five branches of the Madison County Library System. The grant was an assignment in LIS 605: Library Management.

Gabriel Morley, Ed.D. (MLIS 2004) is the director of the Calcasieu Parish Library System, LA.  
<http://www.americanpress.com/news/local/Sunday-Talk-7-15-12>

Tiffany Paige, J.D. (MLIS 2010) is Director of Diversity and Outreach at Mississippi College School of Law.

Amanda Hope Shelburne (LIS BA 2010) is Assistant Coordinator of Youth Services for Amarillo Public Library, a 5-branch system offering teen and adult reading programs; Open Book Festival; AMA-Con Anime, Comic, and Steampunk Convention.

Catherine Smith (MLIS, May 2012) is Librarian, Barret's Chapel Elementary School, TN. Catherine won a department research award for "The Ethics of Censorship of Library Materials for Children" at USM Graduate Student Research Symposium, Mar. 23. (faculty sponsor Dr. Stacy Creel).

Tracy Smith (MLIS 2004) is Director of Pearl River Community College Libraries, MS .

Julie Griffin Speer (MLIS 2004) is Associate Dean for Research & Informatics, Virginia Tech Univ. Libraries.

Ryan Speer (MLIS 2004) is Digital Collections Archivist at Virginia Tech University Libraries.

Jim Thompson (MLIS 2011) is Assistant Librarian at Holmes Community College Library, Goodman, MS.

MLIS student Joanna Walter is Librarian and Computer Lab Teacher, Ivy Academy, Chattanooga, TN, a small environmentally-focused charter school.

Emily Yeseta (MLIS August 2012) is Youth Services Librarian, Santa Clarita Public Library, Valencia, CA.

### Recent Publications

Carly Grace Akers (MLIS 2011) published "Which Books are Challenged More - Classics or Contemporary?" (based on her master's research project) in *New Library World* (2012).

Greg M. Nelson, Ph.D. (MLIS 2010) published "Provo City Library: Building across a Century" (based on a paper for LIS 631: History of Libraries) in *Public Library Quarterly* (Apr/Jun 2012).

Katherine Parr (LIS BA 2010) published, "The Impact of School Libraries on Student Achievement and Success" (based on her capstone paper for LIS 489: Library Practicum), *Mississippi Libraries* (Spring 2012).

Rosemary Tominello (MLIS, May 2012), Librarian for Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, Jackson, published, "A Sense of Place: The New U.S. Federal Courthouse in Jackson Traverses the Past and Keeps Pace with the Future" in *AALL Spectrum* (May 2012).

### Recent Presentations, Exhibits

MLIS student Bernadette Birzer, as part of an archival practicum at under supervision of USM Archivist Jennifer Brannock, curated an exhibit at USM Cook Library. "100 Years of Publishing: 19th Century Literature at McCain Library and Archives" featured popular authors, publishers, and binding styles.

Shane Hand (MLIS/History 2011, USM doctoral student in history) curated an exhibit at Cook Library's Learning Commons. "Black White Lightning: Mississippi Moonshine, 1900-1966" is based on oral histories, newspapers, photos and artifacts related to the South's black moonshiners.

[http://ocean.otr.usm.edu/~w146169/Hand\\_Moonshine.htm](http://ocean.otr.usm.edu/~w146169/Hand_Moonshine.htm)

James Parks, Research Instructional Services and Circulation Librarian, Mississippi College Law Library, presented a poster at Student Research Colloquium at USM Cochran Center, Apr. 26, 2012 (faculty sponsor Dr. Teresa Welsh).



"Libraries and Technology: Opening up the State Judiciary to Greater Transparency," on the Mississippi College *Judicial Data Project*, is a free online database that allows free access to appellate briefs, oral argument videos, excerpts from appellate record, and statistical data from Supreme Court and Court of Appeals. <http://judicial.mc.edu/>

The *Judicial Data Project* was awarded 2012 Innovations in Technology Award from American Association of Law Libraries.

[http://law.mc.edu/news/?ref\\_cid=73&bid=2917&dd\\_asld=193](http://law.mc.edu/news/?ref_cid=73&bid=2917&dd_asld=193)

SLIS alums, Margarita Rhoden and Dr. Melissa Wright, and British Studies alums, Amber D'Ambrosio and Allison Ringness, presented research at Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Libraries International Conference, Limerick, Ireland, May, 22-25, 2012.

<http://www.isast.org/>

Dr. Teresa Welsh, who serves on the QQML Advisory Committee and International Scientific Committee, chaired sessions on bibliometric research and historical/case study research.

QQML13 will be in Rome, Italy.

### Other

September is National Preparedness Month.

SLIS has a Disaster Preparedness link at:

<http://www.usm.edu/slisis> ... and two brochures that may be requested in packs of 25 by e-mailing [teresa.welsh@usm.edu](mailto:teresa.welsh@usm.edu) or [johnnie.pace@usm.edu](mailto:johnnie.pace@usm.edu) ... or you can print your own from pdf:

- A Selected Bibliography of Resources Related to Disaster Preparedness  
<http://ocean.otr.usm.edu/~w146169/disasterbibliobrochure.pdf>
- Is Your Family Prepared for the Next Disaster?  
<http://ocean.otr.usm.edu/~w146169/disasterprebrochure.pdf>

Brochures and Web site were funded by a 2010 ALA Carnegie-Whitney grant.

You are invited to support USM Libraries by joining Friends of the Library. Benefits include a 10% discount at campus Starbucks and Barnes & Noble.

FOL is sponsoring a fantastic book sale Wed., Oct. 3, 8am – 5pm in front of Cook Library.

[http://www.lib.usm.edu/fol\\_home/fol\\_membership.html](http://www.lib.usm.edu/fol_home/fol_membership.html)



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