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Student Associations and Upcoming Events

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Student Associations News

LIS Student Association (LISSA)

New LISSA officers:

President: Callie Wiygul

Vice President/Webmaster – Michelle Finerty

Secretary – Rob Richards

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Xinyu Yu

LISSA is a student chapter of the American Library Association (ALA) at USM. All LIS students are members of LISSA, which assists USM's annual Children's Book Festival, Miss. Library Assn. (MLA) Annual Conference, and ALA Annual Conference. This summer, LISSA organized a book drive to deliver 150 books and 20 puzzles to a nursing home in Hattiesburg. This fall, another book drive is planned for children at Christmas. LISSA will sell its newly-designed T-shirts at MLA Annual Conference in Natchez in Oct. Students are invited to "Like" Southern Miss LISSA on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/southernmisslissa>

ALA Student to Staff Program, 2013

LISSA is accepting applications for the ALA Student-to-Staff Program, which will sponsor one SLIS student to attend 2013 ALA Annual Conference, June 27-July 2, in Chicago. Deadline for submitting the application is Nov. 1, 2012. Applicants must submit an essay of 100 words in .doc format about why you want to participate in this program and how participation may help your career. In the essay, state your ALA membership, GPA, and how far you are in the program. To apply, you must be a fully-admitted SLIS grad student who never before participated in ALA's Student-to-Staff program. Send the essay to: xinyu.yu@usm.edu

ALA Student to Staff Program, 2012

by Deanna Day

In June I had the privilege of serving as Student-2-Staffer (S2S) for SLIS at the 2012 ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, June 21-26. I shared this experience with nearly 30,000 attendees from around the globe, including 39 fellow S2S'rs from around the country. It was a pleasure to meet and get acquainted with these very bright, talented,

professional young librarians--all of whom are sure to find successful, rewarding careers in our field.

Aside from working four hours a day, student volunteers had the opportunity to attend networking events, receptions, and educational sessions. Attendees could choose from hundreds of offerings that followed "tracks" such as classification, reference, public, academic, or K-12 librarianship. While attending sessions on research and publishing, I quickly learned that the introduction to research I received from USM faculty far surpassed that of most students, and very often, long-time professionals!

One of the highlights from this year's meeting was the final performance of the *Rock Bottom Reminders*. The band, which included Amy Tan, Dave and Sam Barry, Roy Blount, Mitch Albom, Matt Groening, and, yes, Stephen King, first performed over 20 years ago. This final tour was fondly called the "Past Our Bedtime Tour."

Attending the convention, participating in thought-provoking sessions, and meeting colleagues and fellow S2Srs, was an unforgettable experience and a great way to begin a new career. I appreciate the opportunity LISSA provided me and would encourage others to apply for the program next year. ALA sponsors the program annually and provides convention registration, room, and board in return for work at the conference. LISSA provides airfare to attend the meeting.



Deanna Day, Esther Jackson (budding archivist, Univ. of Buffalo NY), and Fanny Gaede (cataloguer extraordinaire, Univ. of Texas Austin) in a queue to storm the exhibit hall opening

Southern Miss Student Archivists Association

New Officers for 2012-13

President: Cole Smith

Vice-President: Brianna Barnard

Secretary: Michelle Finerty

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Teresa Welsh

Southern Miss SAA is a new student group for students (and alums) interested in archives or special collections. Members participate in fundraising activities that support student attendance and participation in archival workshops and conferences. Each year at the Children's Book Festival, the group sells Lucinda pins and sturdy canvas book bags for \$15 each.



If you would like to purchase one of these items or to join the Southern Mississippi Students Archivists group, email teresa.welsh@usm.edu or drtwelsh@yahoo.com. There is no cost to join. SLIS students and alums are invited to "Like" Southern Miss SAA on Facebook.

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Southern-Miss-Student-Archivists-Association/203760579638985>

Upcoming Events

Mississippi Library Association Annual Conference, October 23-26, 2012, Natchez

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

Thursday, 25th at 9 a.m. *Manga Now* by Dr. Elizabeth Haynes

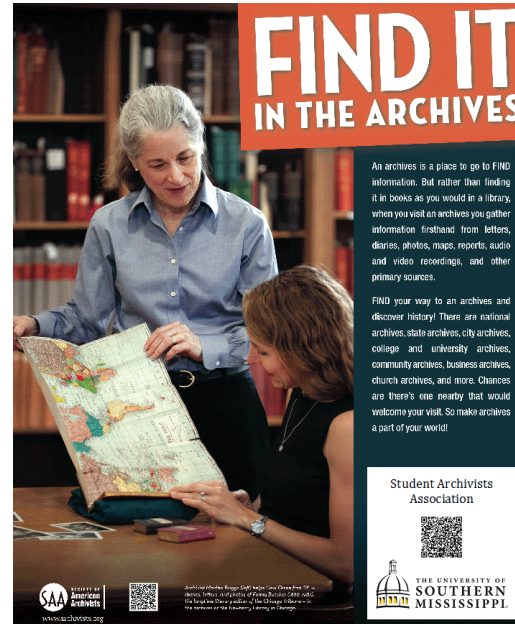
Thursday, 25th at 10:30 a.m. *Online Reference Resources for Public Librarians* by Dr. Catherine Bomhold

Thursday, 25th at 1 p.m. *Online Reference Resources for School Librarians* by Dr. Catherine Bomhold

Thursday, 25th at 1 p.m. *Talk Dirty To Me* by Dr. Stacy Creel

Thursday, 25th at 2:30 p.m. *Free Technology and Web 2.0 Tools for Your Library* by Dr. Teresa Welsh and Dr. Stacy Creel

October is Archives Month



In May, Colleen Beavers was the first to graduate with both a MLIS and a Graduate Certificate in Archives and Special Collections.

http://ocean.otr.usm.edu/~w146169/SLIS_GradCert_ArchSpColl.htm

In August, Donna Ballard (MLIS 2008) was the first to earn the Graduate Certificate in Archives and Special Collections post-MLIS (pictured below).



Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival, Hattiesburg, MS, April 10-12, 2013

In 1968, Dr. Warren Tracy, chairman of the Library Science Department and university librarian for The University of Southern Mississippi, saw his vision for a children's literature conference come to life. The university, under the leadership of Dr. William D. McCain, and the Library Science Department hosted the Conference on the Writing, Illustrating, and Publishing of Children's Books. In 1969, it became known as the "Children's Book Festival" and included an event that became an honored tradition – the presentation of The University of Southern Mississippi Medallion, an award for distinguished service in the field of children's literature. Awards given at the festival now include The Coleen Salley Storytelling Award, The Ezra Jack Keats Awards, The Kaigler-Lamont Award, and The Magnolia Award. The 46th annual Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival will be held April 10-12, 2013, at the Southern Miss Thad Cochran Center. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be available for Mississippi educators.

The 2013 recipient of the Southern Miss Medallion will be Jon Scieszka. Keynote speakers will also include Candace Fleming, Keats Lecturer KT Horning, Ted and Betsy Lewin, Grace Lin, de Grummond Lecturer Wendell Minor, Eric Rohmann and Coleen Salley Storytelling Award Winners Trout Fishing in America. Additionally, there will be over 30 breakout sessions presented by practitioners and experts in the field. Proposals for workshops are being accepted now through November 2. To apply visit our Facebook Page

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Fay-B-Kaigler-Childrens-Book-Festival/68904248893>

For more general information, please visit the Book Festival link posted at <http://www.usm.edu/slis>.

This will be the second year that the School of Library and Information Science at Southern Miss has the distinct honor of hosting the co-presentation by the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation and the deGrummond Children's Literature Collection of the Ezra Jack Keats New Writer and New Illustrator Awards for Children's Books!

SLIS has hosted an Ezra Jack Keats Lecturer through the support of the Keats Foundation at the book festival for a number of years, the opportunity to host this award provides another opportunity for recognition of the contributions and influences of Keats' works and highlights the scope of the de Grummond Children's Collection as a repository for Ezra Keats works.

British Studies, July 2012 and 2013

British Studies LIS 580/587 spent a wonderful July in London and Edinburgh with day trips to Oxford, Stratford-upon-Avon, and the Lake District. The 2012 class consisted of students from Univ. of Alabama, Univ. of Denver, Univ. of Indiana, Univ. of Iowa, Univ. of Kentucky, Univ. of Maryland, Univ. of SUNY Albany, and Univ. of Southern Mississippi.

In the past 6 years, more than 100 students from 25 ALA-accredited programs across the country have participated in British Studies, one of the oldest and largest international programs in the U.S. British Studies Director Dr. Doug Mackaman has staff and liaisons in Hattiesburg and London to support faculty and students. British Studies is based in London at King's College near Waterloo Station, a short walk to Old Vic Theatre, South Bank of the Thames, National Theatre, and London Eye.

The class is led by SLIS faculty, Dr. Teresa Welsh, with lectures by British librarians, archivists, and curators on-site in modern libraries, historic archives, museums, and special collections. Sessions scheduled in mornings or early afternoons allow students time to explore other sites on their own and to gather information for the final research paper on an approved topic related to British libraries, archives, or special collections.

Online application for British Studies summer 2013 will be available in late fall – click on the British Studies link at <http://www.usm.edu/slis>



View of Edinburgh Castle from the back window of the Elephant House Coffee Shop, Edinburgh



On the steps of the University of Oxford Bodleian Library, which claims to be the oldest English-speaking library in the world



British Studies Class in the British Library Courtyard



Taking notes at the Central Library in Edinburgh (a Carnegie public library)