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From the GAs, Congratulations, Publications, and Presentations

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As a Graduate Assistant, I had the opportunity to serve on the Graduate Student Senate. The Senate is composed of representatives from each of the departments within the Graduate School, and provides a voice for Graduate Students within the University, as well as organizing different means for graduate students to present or publish their research. I primarily worked on three projects during the 2012-2013 school year.

I was part of the ad hoc committee which composed a statement to the administration on the library budget. This involved meeting with library officials, as well as a meeting with a private consultant brought in by the University.

I also served as an Associate Editor of the Fall 2012 issue of the Synergy, a journal for graduate students to publish research. The journal contained nine articles, all authored by students from the College of Education and Psychology and the College of Health. Two of the articles were by students within SLIS.

The Senate also puts together the Symposium, a yearly academic event in which graduate students from all colleges come together and present their research. I moderated three sessions in which there were presentations in fields as diverse as Biology, anthropology, and English literature. One of the presentations in my session was a fellow student, and at least one other SLIS student presented.

Both the Synergy and the Graduate Student Symposium provide opportunities for SLIS students to share their research and gain experience in publishing and presenting.

Upcoming projects include working on a newsletter to better publicize academic research and service work of graduate students. The Graduate Student Senate may also work on expanding health insurance offerings to more graduate students.

Angie Manfredi, pictured above, (MLIS 2007), Los Alamos Library Systems Head of Youth Services, receives YALSA Award [http://nmstatelibrary.org/]

Congratulations SLIS Alums
Nicole Aranda (MLIS 2013) is Public Services Librarian, William Carey University, Hattiesburg.

Will Barber (MLIS 2013) is Professional Reference Assistant, Eudora Welty Library, Jackson, MS.

Jaime Barrilleaux (MLIS 2012) is Library Applications Analyst at LOUIS: The Louisiana Library Network.


Kate Brunelle (MLIS/Archival Certificate 2013) is Library Media Specialist, Portsmouth NH High School.
Susan Cassagne, Director of Judge George W. Armstrong Library, Natchez, MS, is Executive Director, Mississippi Library Commission.  
http://www.mlclib.ms.us/

At Southern Miss College of Education & Psychology Awards Day, March 27, Lori Clendenning (LIS BA 2012) received the Anna M. Roberts Award for Scholarship, Service and Professionalism; Christine Hiller (MLIS 2012) was awarded the Warren Tracy Award for Professionalism, Scholarship, and Service.

Hugh Donohoe (MLIS 2012) is Reference & Instruction Librarian, William Carey University, Hattiesburg, MS.

Christina Falgout (MLIS 2011) is Reference Librarian, El Centro College, Dallas, TX.

Kristin Finch (MLIS 2010) is Branch Manager of Purvis Public Library, Purvis, MS.

Michelle Finerty (MLIS 2012), Instructor Librarian, Mississippi College, Jackson, was presented the SLIS Graduate Research Award for her study of federal court cases related to the Patriot Act at the 29th Annual Graduate School Forum, April 19.

Patty Furr (MLIS 1997) is Executive Director, Jackson-Hinds Library System, Jackson, MS.

Jillian Garner (MLIS 2011) is Reference Librarian, Slidell Branch, St. Tammany Parish Public Library, LA.

Dr. Jingjing Liu (MLIS 2003; Ph.D., Rutgers, 2010) is Assistant Professor, University of South Carolina School of Library and Information Science.

Antoinette Giamalva (MLIS 2012) is Reference and Instruction Librarian, Delta State University, MS.

Brenetta Hoskins (MLIS 2013) is Reference and Instruction Law Librarian, University of Mississippi Grisham Law Library, Oxford, MS.

Ken Howard (MLIS 2013) is Reference Librarian, Academic Services, Fort Leonard Wood, MO.

Jesse Kelley (MLIS 2009) is a Reference/Instruction Librarian, Mississippi Valley State University.

Matthew Leavitt (MLIS 2012) is Collections Manager, L. Tom Perry Special Collections, Brigham Young University Library, Provo, UT.

Krystal Pederson (MLIS 2009) is Director, Prairie West Branch Library, Sioux Falls, SD.

Hillary Richardson (MLIS 2013), Instructional Librarian, Mississippi State University Libraries, was awarded a grant to attend the North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG) conference, Buffalo, NY.

David Sesser (MLIS 2013) is Technical Services Coordinator and Assistant Librarian, Henderson State University Huie Library, Arkadelphia, AR

Erin Stringer (MLIS 2010) is Director, Columbus-Lowndes Public Library System, Columbus, MS.

Tanna Taylor (MLIS 2012) is Director, Tombigbee Regional Library System, West Point, MS.

Mara Villa (MLIS 2009) is Director, Central Mississippi Regional Library System, Brandon, MS.

Corey Vinson (MLIS 2009) is Reference Librarian, First Regional Library, Oxford, MS.

Maddie Wagner (MLIS 2010) is Associate Director of Grants and Contracts, Northeast Iowa Community College, Peosta.

Dee Works (MLIS 2012) is Interlibrary Loan Specialist, University Libraries, USM Hattiesburg.

Congratulations SLIS Students
Mississippi Library Commission Public Librarian 2013 Scholarships were awarded to: Mike Alexander, Gulfport Public Library; Mary Ann Stone, Sunflower County Library System; and Dee Hare, Northeast Regional Library System.

Justine Burcham was awarded a $1,000 Mid-Atlantic Library Alliance Scholarship.

Joy Garretson is Continuing Education Training Coordinator, Mississippi Library Commission, Jackson.

Lynndy Hurdle, Oxford High School Librarian, was awarded a $1,000 grant from YALSA/Dollar General Literacy Foundation for a summer reading program.
Jaclyn Lewis, Youth Services Director, Madison County Library System, was awarded an Ezra Jack Keats Foundation grant to produce a short series of stop-action animation workshops for youth at East Flora Elementary School.
http://vimeo.com/64585698

Tanya Nadas is Adult Services Librarian Trainee, Dobbs Ferry Public Library, NY.

Jennifer Pace, Children's Services Coordinator, Polk County NC Public Library, was awarded a scholarship to attend the North Carolina Library Association 2013 Conference.

Cole Smith is serving on the Society of Mississippi Archivists Board and is SMA Webmaster.

Sarah Wofford is Library Assistant I, Springfield Township Library, Springfield, MO.

Images of America: Hattiesburg (Arcadia, 2013) is co-authored by Brook Roberts Cruthird (MLIS 2008), Conservator, Mississippi Armed Forces Museum, Camp Shelby, MS.


Faculty, Student, Alum Publications


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Catharine Bomhold and Callie Wiygul presented on academic libraries and the mobile Web at the 2013 Mississippi State University Libraries eResource & Emerging Technologies Summit, Starkville.

Shugana Campbell Williams (MLIS 2003), Librarian, Manuscript and Digitization Specialist, USM Gulf Coast Library, participated in the Congressional Papers Roundtable, Historic New Orleans Collection, Society of American Archivists Conference, August 14th.

Stacy Creel and Teresa Welsh presented a paper on usage patterns of an open-access e-journal at the 17th International Conference on Electronic Publishing (ELPub13), Karlskrona, Sweden, June 13.

MLIS student Joy Garretson presented a poster on analysis of public library homepages at the USM Student Research Colloquium, April 25.

Shane Hand (MLIS/History 2011) presented “The Missing Link: Visual Culture, Colonial Germany, & Curious George” at the Children’s Literature Association Conference (ChLA), Biloxi, MS, June 13-15. colonialgermanyandcuriousgeorge.weebly.com/

Two MLIS students, Jamie Jones and James Stephen Parks, as well as MLIS alum Marilyn Brissett, presented research papers at the Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Libraries International Conference (QQML13) in Rome, Italy, June 4-7. http://www.isast.org/programplenarysession.html

SLIS alum, Ellen Ruffin, Curator of de Grummond Children’s Literature Collection, was a co-organizer of the Children’s Literature Association Conference “Play and Risk in Children and Young Adult Literature," Biloxi, June 13-15. http://www.usm.edu/chla2013

MLIS student Cole Smith co-presented with Archivist Jennifer Brannock, “Shooting the Messenger: Creating Videos to Enhance Online Distance Education” at Society of Mississippi Archivists Conference, Delta State University, April 17.

Cole Smith also presented a poster on “Creating Videos to Enhance Online Distance Education” at the Society of American Archivists Conference in New Orleans, August 15th.

SLIS faculty Brenton Stewart led a panel and presented "The Desideratum in the South: The Southern Medical & Surgical Journal and the Codification of Southern Medical Literature" at the Society for the History of Authorship, Reading, and Publishing (SHARP), University of Pennsylvania, July 18-21.

Maddie Wagner (MLIS 2010) and Kimberly Babcock Mashek presented “Innovation for the Career-Bound Student within the Classroom and Strategic Planning with Faculty,” Iowa Library Association/ACRL 2013 Spring Conference, Indianola, IO, May 10.


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