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Dr. Elizabeth Haynes, Director

Welcome to this issue of *SLIS Connecting*. We are pleased to be able to continue publishing this e-journal to showcase our news and scholarly papers of interest.

The new academic year has started with both challenges and accomplishments.

Our faculty members continue to accomplish great things, and I'd like to highlight a few of them.

- Dr. Catharine Bomhold has recently had 2 peer-reviewed articles accepted about her research on smart phone mobile applications in the university library environment. Dr. Bomhold is also serving as an ALA Councilor.
- Dr. Stacy Creel has had a book chapter accepted and was invited to do a presentation on best practices in online teaching for the College of Education and Psychology.
- Dr. Matthew Griffis has had a peer-reviewed article accepted, co-authored with alumnus Preston Salisbury, and did a presentation at the Mississippi Library Association on social media.
- Dr. Xinyu (Cindy) Yu spent a month in China this past summer where she was invited to give a guest lecture on metadata.
- Dr. Teresa Welsh has received a promotion to full professor and is serving as secretary-elect for Faculty Senate and on Graduate Council and as chair-elect of the Research Council.

After 18 months as Interim Dean of Libraries, Dr. J. Norton has returned to full-time faculty status in SLIS. We're extremely glad to have her back and will put her expertise in academic library administration to good use.

We are sad to announce that Dr. Stewart has left to teach at another university, and we are currently in the process of seeking a new faculty member.

We're in the planning stages of preparation for the 2015 Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival. Paul Zelinsky will be our Medallion winner, and he will be

joined by other noted authors and illustrators in the line-up.

We continue to solicit donations for a new graduate scholarship that was recently funded for five years. Unlike most of our other scholarships, this scholarship is open to any graduate student meeting the qualifications, regardless of place of residence. If you are an alum, employer, or friend of Southern Miss SLIS, then we encourage you to consider donating to this scholarship, which is administered through the USM foundation.

<http://www.usmfoundation.com/>

Pledges can be paid out over five years on a monthly basis through bank draft or credit card charge. For example, a pledge of \$1000 costs only \$17 per month if paid out over five years. Please think about making this tax-deductible gift to the School. We'll be happy to send you a donation form or put you in touch with the USM Foundation (601) 266-5210.

Enjoy this issue of *SLIS Connecting*.



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LITERATURE WITH SOUTHERN MISS MEDALLION WINNER

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Dr. Carolyn S. Brodie
Peter Brown, Nikki Grimes
David Levithan, Steve Sheinkin
Deborah Wiles, Gene Luen Yang

NEW IN 2015

Two panel sessions to feature Chris Barton, Kathleen Merz
and Don Tate, and 2015 keynotes David Levithan
and Deborah Wiles

Featuring the Ezra Jack Keats New Writer
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*The Magnolia Award winners will be
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