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Spotlights: Faculty, Alum, and Course

Teresa S. Welsh

Faculty Spotlight

Instructor and Undergraduate Advisor J. Edmand Pace, a native Mississippian, has a B.A. in history as well as a MLIS degree from The University of Southern Mississippi. While a graduate student at USM, he received the Beta Phi Mu Student Award, served as a Graduate Teaching Assistant, and as Vice-President of the LIS Student Association.

Mr. Pace has taught in various capacities at Southern Miss since 2010, first as a visiting instructor, then as instructor. In 2013, he developed a version of the information literacy course for online delivery, and he teaches several courses in both face-to-face and online formats. He was instrumental in revising the LIS B.A. degree to a LIS B.S. degree and in developing a LIS minor.

He is active in recruitment and serves on the SLIS Recruitment and Retention Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, and Undergrad Program Review Committee. He compiled disaster-preparedness information for two brochures and a Web site linked to usm.edu/slis and co-authored a recent book, *The Research Process: Books and Beyond* (Kendall Hunt, 2013).

Teaching and research interests include information literacy, emergency and disaster preparedness, and physics journals. In his spare time, Mr. Pace enjoys reading about politics and popular culture, swimming, playing tennis, and composing music.

Alumni Spotlight

Mantra Henderson, Director of the James Herbert White Library at Mississippi Valley State University, was an ALA Spectrum Scholar and earned her MLIS degree from Southern Miss in 2001. She served as Technology Coordinator for the Sunflower County Library System for 6 years then began as Senior Reference Assistant at James H. White Library. After earning her MLIS, she quickly moved up the ranks with an appointment as Acting Assistant Director in 2004. In 2009, she was named Director of Library Services. Under her leadership, the library completed a massive renovation project and a reclassification project of over 100,000 volumes; implemented an assessment program; and garnered Title III funding.

Henderson has participated in the Peabody Leadership Institute, HBCU Library Alliance Leadership Institute, Harvard Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians, and ARL Leadership Institute for Middle Managers. She has served on several campus committees, played an integral role in the University's Quality Enhancement Plan, and published three articles and a book review for *Mississippi Libraries*. She is active in state and national library organizations, served as Vice-President and President of MS Library Association Black Caucus Roundtable, and currently as Vice-Chair of the HBCU Library Alliance Executive Board. Henderson is currently pursuing a doctorate in Professional Studies/ Education with a concentration in Higher Education.
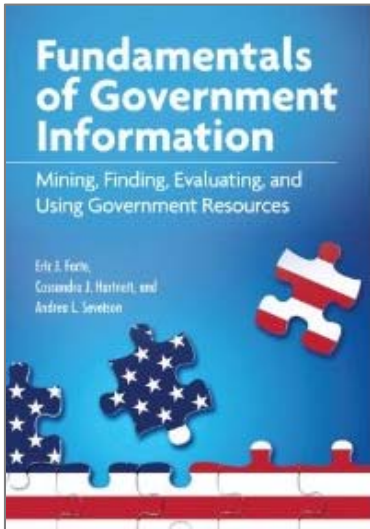
Course Spotlight – Three Electives for Spring 2014

LIS 664: Government Resources and Publications
Faculty: Dr. Teresa S. Welsh

Would you like to learn more about the government resources and publications at the local, state, and federal levels? No matter what type of librarianship is of interest, it is useful to learn what government resources are freely available and how to access them. The class meets in Collaborate Live classroom on Wednesday evenings at 8pm Central.

Textbook: *Fundamentals of Government Information: Mining, Finding, Evaluating, and Using Government Resources* by E.J. Forte, et al. (ALA/Neal-Schuman, 2011).

Topics include:
- Background and History
- Government Librarianship
- Congress/Legislative Branch
- Regulations/Depository Libraries
- Law/Judicial Branch
- Presidential Libraries, Documents
- Executive Branch
- Health Information
- Education Information
- Science and Technical Information
- Environment, Energy Information
- Business, Economic, Consumer Information
- Census, GIS
- Historical, Archival Information

Online interactive sessions combining lectures, discussions, and guest speakers who work in various government libraries and archives are supplemented by search exercises, assignments on appropriate topics related to government resources and publications, and interactive discussion board postings.

Assignments include:
- 5 search exercises (5 points each)
- Midterm annotated bibliography (30 points)
- Report on a government agency (30 points)
- Participation in virtual classrooms and discussion board postings (15 points)

LIS 667: Health Informatics
Faculty: Dr. Xinyu Yu

Have you thought of becoming a medical librarian or effectively providing quality health information for patrons in your public libraries? In this course, key health information resources, evidence-based approach, electronic health records, standards and ethics related to public health information technology will be introduced. Students will be guided to become familiar with searching *PubMed/MEDLINE* and information technology tools used in public health practices. Class meets in Collaborate Live Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm Central.

LIS 692: Special Problems – Law Librarianship
Adjunct Faculty: Stephen Parks, JD, MLIS
Research, Instructional Services and Circulation Librarian, Mississippi College School of Law Library

Would you like to take a course in law librarianship online? The class will meet on Thursday evenings at 8pm Central in Collaborate Live virtual classroom, where students will see, hear, and interact with the instructor. Students will learn about the differences and similarities that exist between law libraries and all other library types. The course will also include legal research strategies that might prove useful to those who provide reference instruction to library patrons. If you would like to know more information before signing up, you can email jparks@mc.edu