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From the GAs, Congratulations, Publications, and Presentations

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From the Grad Assistants:



SLIS GAs: Mary Katherine Dugan, Chloe Roberson, Colleen Smith, Myra Miller, Jessica Whipple

Mary Dugan, from Delmar, NY, earned a BA in anthropology from St. John Fisher College in Rochester, NY. She is currently working on a dual master's in Anthropology/LIS and is interested in public libraries and youth services.

Chloe Roberson earned a BA in English from William Carey University. She works part-time as assistant children's coordinator at Chatom Public Library, AL and is interested in special collections and archives.

Colleen Smith earned a BA in English from USM and is currently working on both the MLIS degree and archival certificate. She has an interest in archives, special collections, and academic libraries and plans to earn a PhD in English and Folklore.

Myra Miller, from Morristown, TN, earned a BA in Anthropology from East Tennessee State University and is currently pursuing a MA in anthropology with a focus on bio-archaeology and a MPH with an emphasis in epidemiology.

Jessica Whipple, originally from southwest Virginia, has an undergrad degree in biology. Her husband is a speech therapist and they have one little boy, Wes, who is almost 2. She teaches a LIS 201 information literacy class, is interested in academic and medical libraries as well as youth services, and is pursuing both a MLIS and youth services certificate.

Mississippi Library Association Awards

A number of SLIS students and distinguished alums received awards at MLA Award Breakfast, Oct. 17th

- MLIS student Floyce Thomas – Virgia Brocks-Shedd Scholarship
- Jennifer Nabzdyk (MLIS 2012) – MLA Past Presidents' Award for Outstanding Beginning Professional Librarian Active in MLA
- USM Curator Jennifer Brannock & Jessica Herr (MLIS 2011), Manager, Pascagoula Public Library – Public Relations Award for Best-Coordination to Publicize Library Services on a Particular Theme
- MLIS student Nicole Lawrence, Mississippi Digital Library Coordinator – Peggy May Award for Outstanding Achievement in the LIS field
- Stephen Cunetto (MLIS 2006), Systems Administrator, Mississippi State University Libraries – Polaris Award for leading MS libraries into the Digital Age.

SLIS Student Courtney Thomas Wins Scholarship

The Mississippi Library Commission (MLC) named Courtney Thomas recipient of its 2015 Public Librarian Scholarship. The \$10,000 award is part of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant.

Thomas was recently named Executive Director of the Hancock County Library System (HCLS).



Photo courtesy of the Hancock County Library System

Congratulations SLIS Students

Christina Broome is Library Associate I, Oak Grove Library, Lamar County, MS.

Elizabeth La Beaud, USM Libraries Digital Lab Manager and editor of *The Primary Source* journal of the Society of Mississippi Archivists, was awarded a Beta Phi Mu Scholarship.

Maria Schroeter is Instructional/Reference Librarian, New Hampshire Institute of Art Teti Library, Manchester, NH.

Jessica Whipple awarded a \$250 SC/MLA Student Scholarship to attend the Southern Chapter/Medical Library Assoc. Conference, Mobile, AL, Oct. 28-29.

Congratulations SLIS Alums



Judy Burnham, Director, Univ. of South Alabama Medical Library, selected 2014 Medical Library Association Fellow.

Soyoung Ahn (MLIS 2013) is Library Technician I, East Baton Rouge Parish Library System, Baton, Rouge, LA.

Kim Belair (MLIS 2010) is Librarian III, Mesa Express Library Coordinator, Mesa, Arizona.

Taylor Benson (MLIS & Archival Certificate 2014) is an archivist at the World War II Museum, New Orleans.

Jennifer Blalock (MLIS 2013) is Branch Manager, Jessie J. Edwards Public Library, Coldwater, MS.

Erin Boyd (MLIS 2008) is Technical Services Supervisor, Irving Public Library System, Irving, Texas.

Kate Brunelle (MLIS 2013) is K-12 Library/Technology Department Head, Portsmouth School District, NH.

Michael Devries (MLIS 2011) is Circulation Services Manager, Beloit Public Library, Beloit, WI.

Woody Evans (MLIS 2003) is Arts & Humanities Librarian (Visiting), University of Texas, Arlington.

Kristin Finch (MLIS 2010) is Reference/Archives Librarian, Hinds Community College, Raymond, MS.

Margaret Gaston (MLIS 2014) is Assistant Director, Jackson County Public Library, Marianna, FL.

Vickie Harkins (MLIS 2013) is Director, Armstrong-Osborne Public Library, Talladega, AL.

Jessica Herr (MLIS 2011) is Manager, Pascagoula Public Library, Pascagoula, MS.

Jennifer Husenitza (MLIS 2010) is Reference Librarian, Northern Onondaga Public Library, Cicero, NY.

Christy Kent (MLIS 2007), Information Services/Outreach Librarian, Univ. of South Alabama Biomedical Library received First-Time Attendee Award for Southern Chapter/Medical Library Association Conference, Mobile, Oct 28-29.

James Kennedy (MLS 1996) is Administrative Librarian, Hinds Community College, Raymond, MS.

Savannah Walker Kelly (MLIS 2006) is Assistant Professor and Education Reference Librarian, University of Mississippi Libraries, Oxford, MS.

Cecilie Maynor (MLIS 2011) is State Data Coordinator & Outreach Assistant, Tenn. State Library & Archives.

Laura McCain (MLIS 2013) is Evening Librarian, Northwest MS Community College, Oxford Center.

Sybil McNeil (MLIS 2004) is Library Director/Archivist, Wesleyan College, Macon, GA.

Jamie Jones (MLIS & Archival Certificate 2013) is a 2014-15 Fellow at the U.S. Army Research Library, Adelphi, Maryland, near Washington, D.C.



Mychaelyn Michalec (MLIS 2005) is Community Engagement Librarian, Wright Memorial Public Library, Dayton, OH.

Katrina Mitchell-Foules (MLIS 2014) is Reference/Collection Development Librarian, Mississippi Valley State University, Ita Bena, MS.

Jennifer Nabzdyk (MLIS 2012), Miss. Library Commission Digital Services Consultant, is a Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) Representative for Mississippi.

Tanya Nadas (MLIS 2013) is Reference Librarian, John C. Hart Memorial Library, Shrub Oak, NY.

Tamara Nelson (MLIS 2009) is Reference and Instructional Services Librarian, Univ. of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson.

Jennifer Pace (MLIS 2013) is Youth Services Librarian, Polk County Public Library, Columbus, NC.

James Pinkard (MLIS 2013) is Director, Covington County Library System.

Marie Petry (MLIS 2012) is Reference Librarian, USM Gulf Coast Library.

Angela Rand (MLIS 2006), Head of Information Services and Ph.D. Candidate in Instructional Design & Development, Univ. of South Alabama, awarded tenure and promotion to Associate Librarian.

Elizabeth Rivera (MLIS 2014) is Special Collections Librarian, Lipscomb University, Nashville, TN.

Jessica M. Ross (MLIS 2008) is Director, Washington County Public Library, Chatom, AL.

Preston Salisbury (MLIS 2014) is Reference Librarian, Hinds Community College Library, Raymond, MS.

David Sesser (MLIS 2013) is Technical Services Coordinator/Assistant Librarian, Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, AK

Julie Snyder (MLIS 2013) is Upper School Librarian, The Albany Academy, Albany, NY.

Stephanie Taylor (LIS BA 2011) is a certified library media specialist in Mississippi.

Cynthia Sturgis-Landrum (MLIS 2006, PhD, Simmons College 2014), Assistant Director for Public Services at Oak Park Public Library, Chicago, was elected ALA Councilor-at-Large 2014-17.



Lonna Theiling (MLIS 2012) is Children's Librarian, Quogue Library, Quogue, NY.

Vandy Tune (MLIS 2006) Library Media Specialist, Poinciana High School, Kissimmee FL, was elected to the Florida Association for Media in Education (FAME) Board of Directors.

Jennifer Wann Walker (MLIS 2006) is Director, Bolivar County Library System, Cleveland, MS.

Shugana Campbell Williams (MLIS 2003) is Librarian, Gulf Coast Community College, Perkinson, MS.

Laura Wylie Fiallos (MLIS 2014) is Library Director, Escuela Internacional Sampedrana (E.I.S.), San Pedro Sula, Honduras.

Cynthia Wetzel (MLIS 2009) is Public Services Librarian, Pearl River Community College, Poplarville, MS.

Congratulations to SLIS Faculty

Dr. Catharine Bomhold elected ALA Councilor for the Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table (EMIERT), 2014-17.

Dr. Catharine Bomhold awarded a \$2000 Target Corporation grant for Preschool Family Literacy Program through the Hattiesburg Public School District Zero to Three Literacy Center.

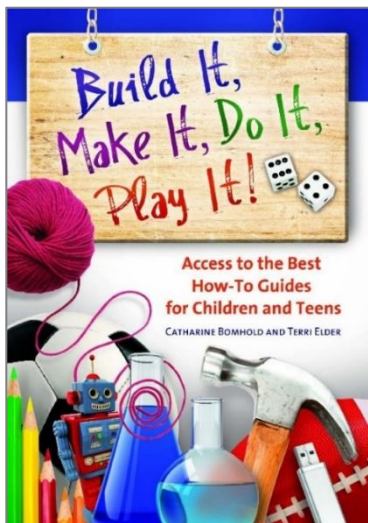
"A Comparison of Three Library and Information Science Databases" by T. Corey Vinson (MLIS 2009) and Dr. Teresa S. Welsh, *Journal of Electronic Resources Librarianship* 26 (2014), selected as a Feature Article in *The Informed Librarian Online* July/August, 2014 issue. www.informedlibrarian.com

Recent SLIS Faculty, Student, Alum Publications

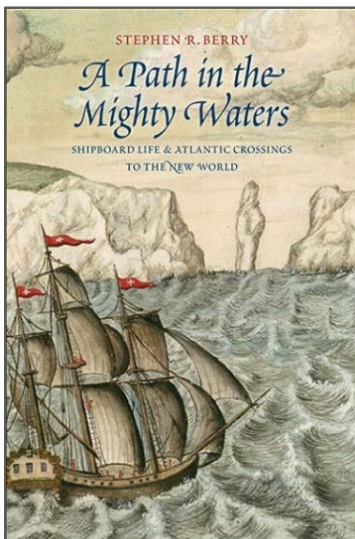
Books

Location Filming in Arizona by Lili DeBarbieri (MLIS 2013), is a finalist for Best Book: Arizona Subject in this year's NM-AZ Book Awards.

<http://lilidebarbieri.com/about/>



Build It, Make It, Do It, Play It: Access to the Best How-To Guides for Children and Teens, a new book co-authored by Dr. Catharine Bomhold (Libraries Unlimited, 2014).



A Path in the Mighty Waters, a new book by SLIS alum Dr. Stephen R. Berry, Associate Professor, Simmons College, Boston, MA (Yale University Press, January 2015).

Journal Articles

Dr. Catharine Bomhold, "Mobile Services at Academic Libraries: Meeting the Users' Needs?" *Library Hi-Tech* 32(2): 336-345, 2014.

Carlos Crockett (MLIS 2013), "Urban Youth & Public Libraries," *Public Libraries* Sept/Oct, 2014.

Dr. Matt Griffis & C.A. Johnson. "Social Capital and Inclusion in Rural Public Libraries," *Journal of Librarianship and Information Science* 46(2), 96-109, 2014.

C.A. Johnson & Dr. Matt Griffis. "The Effect of Public Library Use on the Social Capital of Rural Communities," *Journal of Librarianship and Information Science* 46(3), 179-190, 2014.

Jaclyn Lewis (MLIS 2013), "The Classification of Censorship: An Analysis of Challenged Books by Classification and Subject Heading," master's research project, ALA's *Endnotes: The Journal of the New Members Round Table* 5(1), June 2014.

Hillary Richardson (MLIS 2013) & Sheeji Kathuria, "Created Equal: Continuing the Civil Rights Conversation at Mississippi State University," *Mississippi Libraries* 77(2), 2014.

MLIS student Maria Schroeter, "Paper Engineers and the Art of Pop-Up Books: An Exhibit at Cook Library," *Library Focus*, p. 5, Spring 2014.

Recent SLIS Faculty, Student, Alum Presentations

Dr. Yu, Xinyu, "Meaningful Engagement: Crowdsourcing and Library Digital Preservation Projects," Mississippi Library Association Annual Conference, Vicksburg, MS, October 19, 2014.

Dr. Xinyu Yu, Dr. Yue Xie, Jessica Whipple, Susan Mayfield-Johnson & Elena Azadbakht, "A Collaborative Project: Creating an Informatics Course," Southern Chapter/Medical Library Association Annual Meeting, Mobile, Oct. 28, 2014.

Dr. Stacy Creel, "Best Practices in Online Education," sponsored by Southern Miss Professional Education Unit, Hattiesburg, Sept. 16, 2014.