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Student Associations and Upcoming Events

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Student Associations News

LISSA Update

The start of the year has seen a number of changes in the officer positions. Michael Oden is the new President, Amanda Myers is the new Vice President, and J.J. Crawley is now taking on the roles of Webmaster and Secretary. Dr. Yu is the faculty advisor. As always, LISSA will seek to represent the interests of SLIS students and the wider LIS community.

This year is a significant one in the LIS program at Southern Miss, as the graduate program in Library Science celebrates its 50th anniversary! To commemorate this event, LISSA teamed up with the Southern Miss Student Archivists (SMSA) to prepare and exhibit a collection of images and artifacts connected with the history of library education at Southern Miss.

A display was set up in the Student Union building of the Hattiesburg campus where it remained from October 5th to the 16th. A similar display was located on the second floor of Cook Library from October 19 to the 30th. These displays served the purpose of not only commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Library Science graduate program, but also of spreading awareness of the program throughout campus.



LISSA will once again be in attendance at the Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival taking place on April 6-8, 2016. Members will volunteer their time to help raise funds for upcoming activities by selling merchandise at the LISSA table.

MLIS student Michael Oden was named 2016 Student to Staff SLIS rep to attend the American Library Association Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida this June.

LISSA broadcasts its meetings via Blackboard and meeting dates are announced via the SLIS listserv. You are invited to join our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/southernmisslissa



Professor Emeritus Dr. Antonio Rodriguez-Buckingham with Carlie Burkett and Michael Oden

Southern Miss Student Archivists (SMSA) Welcomes 2015-16

The Southern Miss Student Archivists (SMSA) is already off to a productive and engaging year. The year began in August with new officers, including our President for 2015-16, Carlie Anne Burkett, who is a MLIS and archives certificate student and a newcomer from Alabama. Mary Dugan, dual MLIS/Anthropology MA candidate and archives certificate student, returns to SMSA as Vice President; and Amanda Myers, a MLIS and archives certificate student (and a full-time Collection Specialist for the de Grummond Collection at the McCain Library and Archives), joins SMSA for the first time as Secretary and Webmaster.

SMSA promotes archival education by providing members with opportunities to discuss archival issues

and the archival profession and engage in professional activities.

In October, to celebrate both Archives Month and the 50th anniversary of the Master of Library Science program at SLIS, SMSA teamed with LISSA and organized two on-campus displays commemorating the history of LIS education at Southern Miss. The first display was featured in the Student Union until mid-October and the second, located on the second floor of Cook Library, will remain on display until the end of the term. (Many thanks to Dr. Griffis, Karen Rowell, Myra Miller, and the McCain Archives for their assistance with locating information, archival photographs, and artifacts for the displays.)

We have several more projects planned for the year, among them helping with the Children's Book Festival in April 2016 as well proposing a student panel presentation for the 2016 Society of Mississippi Archivists (SMA) conference.

SMSA membership is free and open to all students, alumni, faculty, and staff of the university who have an interest in archives and special collections. Our membership roster for 2015-16 is available here: <http://docs.google.com/forms/d/1zUjmCNWDw5pgww8ji9ezivuScFKPNyYLh2AevwW3GRM/viewform>.

Being a registered member not only will enhance your resume or CV, you will also have access to information about additional learning and development opportunities. Local and non-local members are invited to attend association meetings via Blackboard and will have access to useful information about the groups' activities and community projects. And of course, everyone is welcome to "like" our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/Southern-Miss-Student-Archivists-SMSA-203760579638985/

If you have questions about our projects or SMSA in general, please contact us. We always welcome new members as well as ideas for projects and activities.

Kind regards,
Carlie Anne Burkett, SMSA President 2015-16
Dr. Matthew Griffis, Faculty Advisor



Professor Emeritus Dr. Tony Rodriguez-Buckingham examining the USM History of Library Science display

Upcoming Conferences 2016

[American Library Association Midwinter Meeting](#),
January 8 – 12, Boston, MA

[MegaResource School Librarian Workshop](#), February
5, Mitchell Memorial Library, Mississippi State
University, Starkville.

[Educators Connect 2016](#), February 9, Southern Miss,
Hattiesburg, MS.

[Creating Futures Through Technology Conference](#),
March 2 – 4, Biloxi, MS.

[Computers in Libraries](#), March 8 – 10, Washington,
D.C.

[Public Library Association Conference](#), April 5 – 9,
Denver, CO.

[8th International Conference on Qualitative and
Quantitative Methods in Libraries \(QQML\)](#), May 24 –
27, University of London, U.K.

[Children's Literature Association Conference](#), June 9 -
11, Ohio State University, Columbus.

[Society of American Archivists Annual Conference](#),
July 31 – August 6, Atlanta, GA

A World of Wonders: LIS British Studies 2015 by Matthew Griffis, Assistant Professor, SLIS

This past July, Drs. Welsh and Griffis once again accompanied another class of fine LIS students overseas for the annual British Studies program. Headquartered in London, the British Studies Program (BSP) is an intensive, month-long study abroad experience consisting of tours, lectures, and a major research assignment.

Last year, with 24 students in all, the LIS class was the largest class in British Studies in 2014 and in 2015 we nearly matched that with an amazing 21 registered students. As usual the class included not just students from the SLIS online MLIS program but also from MLIS programs across the country, including: UNC Greensboro; The Universities of Rhode Island, Washington, Texas (at Austin), and Tennessee; San Jose State; Wayne State; Clarion University of Pennsylvania; and Indiana University. For the first time the LIS class included students from Canadian ALA-accredited MLIS programs, namely the University of Toronto and the University of Calgary.

This year the class stayed at King's College's Stamford Street campus, which is located a short walk down the road from Waterloo Station. Students also stayed for a week at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. The LIS program has enjoyed a long and treasured working relationship with many libraries, archives, and museums across the UK, and this year our British Studies class was happy to return to as many as 17 different locations for back-of-house tours and engaging lectures from seasoned and celebrated professionals in the field.

This year's syllabus included visits to the Bodleian Library at Oxford, Kew Gardens Royal Botanical Archives, the British Library, the Museum of London's Archaeological Archive and Records Centre, St. Paul's Cathedral Library, the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich, the Royal Geographic Society, the British Museum Archives, and Stratford-upon-Avon (where students also saw a Royal Shakespeare Company performance of *Merchant of Venice*). The schedule also included some new locations, including the National Portrait Gallery's archives, the National Museum of Computing at Bletchley Park (Figure 1).



Figure 1. The British Studies 2015 class tours Bletchley Park (Photo by Dr. Griffis)

There were also informal visits to rare book stores along London's famous Charing Cross Road (Figure 2) and optional trips to Stonehenge, Canterbury, Houses of Parliament, and weekend trip to Paris.



Figure 2. Student examines rare Jane Austen edition at one of London's bookshops on Charing Cross Road (Photo by Dr. Griffis)

Students and faculty delighted in London's vibrant city life, taking in some of the world's finest shops, theatres, historic sites and other tourist destinations. Harry Potter fans were also excited to visit the Elephant House Coffee Shop in Edinburgh and Christ Church Cathedral in Oxford.

Recruitment has already begun for British Studies 2016. If interested, please contact Drs. [Welsh](#) or [Griffis](#). Information about the program is available at the British Studies link at: <http://www.usm.edu/slis> Application deadline is February 19th.