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From the GAs: Congratulations, Publications, Presentations

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From the GA's

Elaine, Rachel, Alex, SLIS alum Kathleen Lehigh with Dave Pilkey, 2018 Kaigler Children's Book Festival

SLIS graduate assistants **Alex Brower**, **Elaine Walker**, **Charlotte Roi**, **Rachel McMullen**, and **Daniel Shemwell** had a busy spring with recruitment activities and the Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival, April 11-13.

Graduate Teaching Assistant **Rachel McMullen** authored "Just Breathe: Being Mindful About Meditation Programs for Young Patrons," *ALA Programming Librarian* (programminglibrarian.org) and was second author with Dr. Creel on "The 2014 Rainbow List: A Descriptive Study of the List and Ten Public Libraries' Ownership," *The Journal of Research on Libraries and Young Adults*, 9(1), July 2018.

Alex Brower and **Rachel McMullen** entered "The Missing Piece," Edible Book Festival 2018, Southern Miss University Libraries, April 2.

Elaine with Salina Yoon
Kaigler Children's Book Festival 2018

Alex and Rachel with Seymore
Kaigler Children's Book Festival 2018

Congratulations SLIS LIS Bachelor of Science Students

Maryanne Anthony, Library Assistant at Gulf Coast Research Lab Library, presented with Southern Miss University Libraries Staff Excellence Award.

Janae Barron, who lives in Montana, was awarded a 2018 internship at Farmleigh House Library, Dublin, Ireland, the official Irish State Guest House.
www.marshlibrary.ie/farmleigh-library/

**Janae Barron, Sorting Archival Materials
Farmleigh House Library, Dublin, Ireland**

Phadre Hocker (LIS BS, 2017) was presented with the Anna M. Roberts Award for Scholarship, Service, Professionalism, USM College of Education & Human Sciences Awards Day, April 25th.

Congratulations SLIS MLIS Students

Casey Edwards is Acquisitions Specialist I, Southern Miss University Libraries, Hattiesburg, MS.

Amy Hamilton completed an archival internship, Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, for a preservation project of press kits from 2005-2015.

Ever McKinney completed an archival internship, National Archives and Records Administration, College Park, MD, for a Navy deck log and muster roll digitization project.

Charity Park is Digital and Special Collections Librarian, Arkansas Tech University, Russellville, AR.

**Emily Perez, Contestant on *Jeopardy*
December 2017**

Daniel Shemwell is Cataloging Specialist III, Southern Miss University Libraries, Hattiesburg, MS.

Kelly Thompson, Children's Librarian, Harrison County Library System, was the recipient of Central Mississippi Library Council's \$500 scholarship.

Congratulations to 2018 SLIS Scholarship winners:

- Mayfield Keyes Scholarships (\$1,854.50) – Megan Lindsay, Autumn Donaldson
- \$500 SLIS Scholarship – Ever McKinney
- \$1,000 Wilson Foundation Scholarships – Kate Prendergast, Rachel McMullen
- \$500 Beta Phi Mu Scholarship – Elaine Walker.

Congratulations SLIS Alums

Nevin Alhaz Akaydin (MLIS, 2017) is Adult Services Librarian, Santa Clara City Library, Santa Clara, CA.

Kim Belair (MLIS, 2010), Programming Librarian and Coordinator, Mesa Public Library Main Branch, Mesa AZ, is a member of the 2018 Cohort of the Mountain Plains Library Association Leadership Institute.

Mary Rodgers Beal (MLIS, Archival Certificate, British Studies, 2015) is Talking Books Services Director, Mississippi Library Commission, Jackson, MS.

Hannah Berryhill (MLIS, 2018) is Director, Kemper Newton Regional Library System, Newton, MS.

Rebecca Bickford (MLIS, 2016) is Library Associate, Mississippi State University Libraries, Starkville, MS.

Heather Crump (MLIS, 2018) is Librarian/Media Specialist, Eakin Elementary School, Shelbyville, TN.

Emma Fontenot, MA, Political Science (Graduate Teaching Assistant, MLIS, 2017) is Social Sciences Librarian, University of Houston, TX.

Evanne Flanders (MLIS, 2017) is Special Needs Programming and Outreach Specialist, Madison County Library System, Canton, MS.

Joy Garretson (MLIS, 2014) is Director, Hocutt-Ellington Memorial Library, Clayton, NC.

Josh Haidet (MLIS, 2014) is director, Mid-Mississippi Regional Library System, Kosciusko, MS.

Amy Hamilton (MLIS, 2018) is Library Associate, Thomas J. Watson Library, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.

Lauren Ashley Howell (MLIS, Archival Certificate, 2017), Metadata Librarian, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, was presented the Warren Tracy Award for Professionalism, Scholarship, Service, USM College of Education & Human Sciences Awards Day, April 25th.

Corinne Kennedy (MLIS, 2013), Humanities Librarian, Mississippi State University, awarded a grant to attend NEH Institute for Advanced Topics in the Digital Humanities, "Textual Data and Digital Texts in the Undergraduate Classroom," July 16 – 20, Mississippi State University.

Elizabeth La Beaud (MLIS & Archival Certificate, 2016), Southern Miss Digital Lab Manager, named Assistant Director, Mississippi Digital Library.

Briana Martin (British Studies, 2015; MLIS, 2017) is Research and Instruction Librarian, Colorado Christian University, Lakewood, CO.

Carrie Mastley (MLIS, Archival Certificate, 2018) is the project archivist, Mississippi State University, to process, arrange the Frank & Virginia Williams Collection of Lincolnia.

Abby Mayfield (MLIS, 2018) is Teen Services Librarian, Madisonville/Covington Public Libraries, St. Tammany Parish Library System, LA.

Leah Michelle Moore (MLIS, 2017) is Assistant Librarian, Holmes Community College, Grenada, MS.

Preston Salisbury (MLIS, 2014) is Monographic Cataloger, Mississippi State University Library, Starkville, MS.

James Stephen Parks, J.D. (MLIS, 2013), State Law Librarian of Mississippi, appointed to the Depository Library Council of U.S. Government Publishing Office.

Ashley Roach-Freiman (MLIS, 2008) is Instruction Librarian, Christian Brothers University Plough Library, Memphis, TN.

Jessica Stauffer (MLIS, Archival Certificate, 2012) is Tech Services/Technology Librarian, Washington Public Library, Washington, NJ.

Stacie Taylor (MLIS, 2015) is Reference Librarian, Mobile Public Library, Mobile, AL.

James Thompson (MLIS, 2011) is Director of Library Services, Holmes Community College, Goodman, MS, and Vice President, Holmes County Chamber of Commerce.

Alum Publications, Presentations

Marilyn Brissett (MLIS, 2008), Elementary School Librarian, Virgin Islands, Session Chair, and Christina Garrett-Davis (MLIS, 2010), Elementary School Librarian, Virgin Islands, presented research on information literacy, Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Libraries International Conference (QQML), Chania, Crete, May 22-25.

The Falling Between Us (2018), by Ash Parsons (MLIS, 1998), a 2016 PEN Literary Award winner, is a Junior Library Guild Selection.

Ash presented "Archetype: The God Particle of Creativity" workshop, Kaigler Children's Book Festival, April 11, Hattiesburg.

John Zheng, Ph.D. (MLIS, 2001), Professor and Chair of English, Mississippi Valley State University, editor of *Valley Voice: A Literary Review*, published his fifth edited book, *Sonia Sanchez's Poetic Spirit Through Haiku* (Lexington Books, 2017).

Faculty Publications – Presentations

Dr. Stacy Creel and Rachel McMullen, "The 2014 Rainbow List: A Descriptive Study of the List and Ten Public Libraries' Ownership," *The Journal of Research on Libraries and Young Adults*, 9(1), July 2018.

Dr. Matthew Griffis, "Cornerstones of Community: Segregated Public Libraries, Carnegie Philanthropy, and Houston's Colored Branch, 1913-61," Living Room Lecture Series, African American Library at the Gregory School, Houston Public Library, April 12.

Dr. Griffis participated in a panel, "News You Can Use: LB21 Early Career Development Grants," American Library Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, June 24th.

Dr. Welsh, "SLIS Notes: Technical Knowledge and Skills," *Mississippi Libraries*, 81(1), 13-14, Spring 2018.

Dr. Welsh, "SLIS Notes: Kaigler Children's Book Festival, Information Literacy and Read Across America," *Mississippi Libraries*, 80(4), 66-67, Winter 2017.

Dr. Welsh, Session Chair, *Metrics: Bibliometrics, Scientometrics, Webmetrics, Altmetrics*, and presenter, "Information Literacy, Librarianship, and Social Justice: A Bibliometric Analysis of Scholarly LIS Literature," Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Libraries International Conference (QQML), Chania, Crete, May 22-25.

CRSW Exhibit

Dr. Stacy Creel, Dr. Nicolle Jordan
reviewing testimonials

"What Were You Wearing" exhibit, sponsored by the USM Committee on Services and Resources for Women (CSRW) and the Shafer Center for Crisis Intervention, features representations of actual outfits worn by survivors of sexual assault as well as their stories. The outfits were donated by various student groups on campus to graphically illustrate the written testimonials

April is National Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and the campaign "What were you wearing?" began at the University of Kansas as a way to combat the idea that a clothing choice could be the source of an assault. The title of the exhibit was inspired by the poem, "What I was Wearing," by Mary Simmerling.

Visitors to the exhibit were invited to submit their own stories of sexual assault and 13 were collected in the first week alone.

Faculty Awards – Honors, Awards

Dr. Catharine Bomhold is a Faculty Fellow in the ACUE (Association of College and University Educators) Faculty Development Institute.

Dr. Bomhold earned a Quality Matters (QM) Peer-Review Certificate for online courses; Dr. Griffis, Dr. Norton, Dr. Welsh, Ms. Whipple, and Dr. Yu earned a Quality Matters (QM) Rubric Certificate for online courses.

Jennifer Brannock and **Dr. Griffis**, awarded \$890 Friends of University Libraries grant for "Open These Hallowed Doors: The Desegregation of Public Libraries in the South," a special event co-sponsored by the Southern Miss School of Library and Information Science at the Library of Hattiesburg, Petal & Forrest County featuring distinguished scholar Dr. Wayne Wiegand, April 17, 2018.