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## SLIS Director's Report

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Welcome, scholars,  
to the fall/winter 2018/19 issue of *SLIS Connecting!*



Admin Team - Adrienne, me, and Karen

Big events this fall and winter were LAMP, Mississippi Library Association Annual Conference, ALA Mid-Winter, and ALA Accreditation on-site visit:

- **Library and Media Professionals (LAMP)** ([www.lampworkshop.org](http://www.lampworkshop.org)), Sept 9-12, sites included Oxford Conference Center, Pearl Hinds Center, Hattiesburg Lake Terrace Conference Center, Long Beach Senior Activity Building, where free Captain Underpants books, crayons, and pencils were distributed to school librarians
- **Mississippi Library Association (MLA) Annual Conference** ([www.misslib.org](http://www.misslib.org)), Oct 16-19, Meridian Riley Center, activities included the SLIS Alumni Breakfast, SLIS Focus Group, numerous presentations by SLIS faculty, students, and alumni, and giveaways at the SLIS exhibit table
- **ALA Mid-Winter Conference** ([2019.alamidwinter.org](http://2019.alamidwinter.org)), Seattle, Jan 25-29, exhibit table was manned by Karen Rowell, Sarah Mangrum, numerous SLIS students, and alumni.

**ALA re-accreditation** occurs every seven years and for SLIS, it was scheduled for 2019. A Self-Report (available at "About" link at [www.usm.edu/slis](http://www.usm.edu/slis)) was submitted Jan 14<sup>th</sup> followed by an on-site visit of the ALA Committee on Accreditation (COA) External Review Panel (ERP) Feb 24-26.

The ALA External Review Panel, while on campus:

- met with students online
- distributed an online student survey
- met with local students, alumni, employers, and Advisory Board members at a reception
- visited online classes, class course sites in Canvas, and recorded class session in Adobe Connect
- reviewed statistics related to admissions, retention, graduation rate, employment
- reviewed SLIS and University budgets, funding, library resources, physical space and equipment
- met with USM administrators:
  - President Dr. Rodney Bennett
  - Senior Assoc. Provost Dr. Douglas Masterson
  - Vice President Allyson Easterwood
  - College of Education and Human Sciences Dean Dr. Trent Gould
  - CoEHS Associate Dean Dr. Carol Connell
  - Graduate Dean Dr. Karen Coats
  - University Libraries Dean Dr. John Eye.

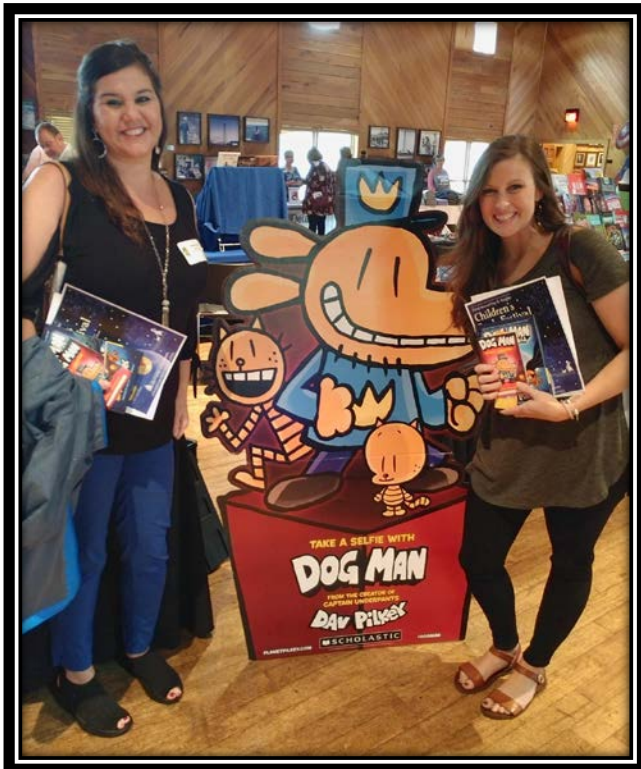
The ERP submitted a positive report to ALA including suggestions for SLIS future planning; the final step for ALA re-accreditation the vote of the ALA COA at the ALA Annual Conference in June.

#### Upcoming Events

- **Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Libraries (QQML) 2019 International Conference**, European University Institute (EUI), Florence, Italy, May 28-June 1
- **American Library Association Annual Conference**, Washington, D.C., June 20-25
  - SLIS is co-sponsoring an **exhibit table** with Southern Miss University Libraries (Booth 651)
  - SLIS is hosting an **Alumni/Student Reception** at the Eldon Luxury Suites penthouse suite, 933 L. St. NW, one block from the conference center, on Sunday afternoon, June 23, 5-8pm.

Here's to a great, productive 2019-20 school year!

See the next few pages for a gallery of highlights from fall 2018 LAMP and MLA, as well as the 2019 ALA Mid-Winter Conference.



**Library and Media Professionals (LAMP)**  
September 9-12, Oxford, Pearl, Hattiesburg, and Long Beach



**Our best LAMP and SLIS recruiter, Alex Rowell**



**Mississippi Library Association Annual Conference  
SLIS Alumni Breakfast  
October 17, Meridian Riley Center**



Mississippi Library Association Annual Conference  
Meridian Riley Center



ALA Mid-Winter Conference, Seattle, January 25-29, 2019



Scenes from ALA Mid-Winter 2019 Conference, Seattle