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From the GA’s
Bailey, Leah, LISSA Advisor Ms. Jessica Whipple

LIS Student Bailey Conn, GA Leah Peters, and LISSA Faculty Advisor Ms. Jessica Whipple at the Fay B. Kaigler Book Festival LISSA exhibit table. Not pictured are GAs Ashley Marshall, Ariel Jordan, Julie Gore, and Rachel McMullen.

Congratulations SLIS Students

Grace Andrews presented “Navigating Theological Resources: A Webometric Content Analysis” (research poster), USM Susan A. Siltanen Graduate Research Symposium, April 11, 2019.

Congratulations SLIS Alums

Shelby Carmichael (MLIS, 2019) is Collections Management Librarian, Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, MS.

Lynn Cowles (MLIS, Archival Certificate, 2019) is Assistant Professor and Archivist, Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, LA, and she has been appointed to the Society of American Archivists Committee on Public Awareness as the Early-Career Member.

Ginger Dressler (MLIS, 2010) is Information Processing Librarian, State Law Library, Jackson, MS.

Elizabeth Halberstadt (MLIS with licensure emphasis, 2019) is Teacher/Librarian, Stono Point Elementary School, Charleston, SC.

Laura Hinman (MLIS, Archival Certificate, 2018), is Head Librarian, Midland University, Fremont, NE.

Sarah Mangrum (MLIS, 2011), Southern Miss Access Services Librarian, earned an Ed.D. in Higher Education Administration, University of Southern Mississippi, May 2019, and is an Adjunct Professor at the Southern Miss School of Library and Information Science.

Tamie O’Berry Martin (MLIS, 2010) is Director, East Baton Rouge Public Library, Port Allen, LA.

Erica McCaleb (MLIS, Youth Services Certificate, 2015) is Yelm Library Manager, Yelm, WA.

Sasha Chaudron Mangipano (MLIS, Archival Certificate, 2016) is Librarian, Singing River Academy, Gautier, MS.

Tiwari McClain (MLIS, 2008, MS Instructional Technology, 2016), School Test Coordinator/Assistant Athletic Coordinator, Yazoo City Municipal School District, earned a Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership, Belhaven University, Jackson, MS, May 2019.

Rachel McMullen (MLIS, 2019) is Reference Librarian, Waukegan Public Library, Waukegan, IL.
Nathan Morris (MLIS, 2017) is Reference and Instruction Librarian, Central Georgia Technical College, Warner Robins, GA.

Tamara M. Nelson (MLIS, 2009) is Associate Professor, Senior Research & Learning Services Librarian, University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Memphis.


Bonnie Pinkston (MLIS, Archival Certificate, 2018) is Reference Librarian, Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library, Memphis, TN.

Judy Reedy (MLIS, 2009) is Branch Librarian, U.S. Court of Appeals Library for the Fifth Circuit, Jackson Satellite Library, MS.


Laura Smith (MLIS with Licensure Emphasis, 2019) is School Librarian/Media Specialist, Mt. Carmel Elementary School, Huntsville, AL.

Cynthia Sturgis-Landrum (MLIS, 2006; Doctoral Candidate, Simmons University School of Library and Information Science) is Deputy Director, Office of Library Services, Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), Washington, D.C., where she oversees the Grants to States program, the primary source of federal funding for U.S. library services, and the agency’s discretionary grant programs, including National Leadership Grants for Libraries and the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian program.

Elaine Walker (MLIS, Archival Certificate, 2019) is Graduate Studies Librarian/Assistant Professor, Mississippi University for Women, Columbus, MS.

Daniel Wilson (MLIS, 2012), Director of Library and Learning Services, American Intercontinental University, earned a Ph.D. in Leadership with a specialization in Higher Education Student Personnel Services, University of the Cumberlands, May 2019.

Alum Publications, Presentations

Stephen Parks, J.D. (MLIS, 2013), State Law Librarian, was the featured speaker, Special Libraries Section, Mississippi Library Association, Meridian, October 18, 2018. Stephen also serves as editor of Letters from the Library: Newsletter of the State Law Library of Mississippi.


SLIS Faculty/Staff Publications, Presentations

Dr. Matthew R. Griffis, “Meeting Users Where They are: Reinventing Information Provision through Roving Models of Service.” Advances in Library Administration and Organization, 39(1), 35-65.


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