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## Student Associations: News and Events

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**LIS Student Association News**  
**LISSA Update, Spring/Summer 2019**

Julie Gore, President  
Leah Peters, Vice-President  
Ashley Marshall, Secretary/Treasurer  
Mrs. Jessica Whipple, Faculty Advisor

LISSA broadcasts its meetings online and meeting dates and links are announced via the SLIS listserv. You are invited to join our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/southernmisslissa](http://www.facebook.com/southernmisslissa)

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**ALA Student-to-Staff**  
**By Whitney Baswell**

This past June, I was selected to participate in the American Library Association's Student2Staff program at the annual conference in Washington, D.C. Taking part in the program meant working four hours per day to help with the conference, while also having time to explore the exhibit halls and attend sessions. This was not my first time in Washington, D.C. but it was my first experience at ALA annual. I met students from other parts of the country (and Canada), and spent time networking and learning about everyone's experience in their programs and their plans.



We were split up to assist various departments within the ALA conference, and I was assigned to the **International Relations Office**. My work consisted of working the registration table to check attendees in and giving them credentials for the conference. I was also involved in the orientation for our international guests and participated in the reception for international librarians at the **Library of Congress**.

This experience was memorable for me because I was able to attend great sessions on topics such as diversity, inclusion, digital collections, technology, and crowdsourcing projects. I networked with other students in LIS programs, as well as professionals in the field all over the world.

The exhibit hall was daunting, but I was able to get a lot of info about vendors and technology companies, and I snagged a couple of pre-print books. I stood in line to meet the Librarian of Congress, Dr. Carla Hayden, as well, which was amazing!



Being in Washington, D.C. was a great opportunity. I was able to go to the Summer Solstice event at the National Museum of African American History and Culture, walk around the national mall, and have dinner at some great restaurants. The conference had shuttles to the Library of Congress, so I was able to visit the exhibits and reading rooms while there.

The trip overall was wonderful. I met so many great colleagues and students across the country, I have a list of great resources to point patrons to, and I was able to immerse myself in many facets of the library world. I would encourage anyone to go to the ALA conference if they are able.



**Southern Miss Student Archivists (SMSA)  
Spring/Summer 2019**

Ariel Jordan, President  
Lauren Clark Hill, Webmaster  
Roxanne Mack, Secretary  
Dr. Cindy Yu, Faculty Advisor

Two students earning a Graduate Certificate in Archives and Special Collections were chosen to participate in USM 2019 Student Curated Exhibits program in spring 2019.



**John Carter**, MLIS and archival certificate student, curated “Creating Little Imperialists: Nationalism and ‘Otherness’ in British Historical Children's Literature,” which examined how children's literature instilled national pride in the British Empire, featured a diverse array of late-19th and early-20th-century novels, textbooks, picture books, and periodicals from the University Libraries de Grummond Children's Literature Collection.

**Karlie Herndon**, an English Lit Ph.D. student also earning an archival certificate, curated “The Magical Umbrella of Children's Literature,” which examined ways in which everyday umbrellas become something special in children's books. The exhibit featured books, manuscripts, and illustrated cards by in the USM de Grummond Children's Literature Collection.



SLIS graduate students **Karlie Herndon**, **Ariel Jordan**, and **Eunice Joseph** were members of the 2019 British Studies LIS class led by **Dr. Welsh** and Graduate Teaching Assistant **Ashley Marshall**. British Studies faculty and students stayed at the University of Westminster dorm Marylebone Hall in Central London with day trips to Oxford, Stratford-upon-Avon, and Bletchley Park, and site visits to the National Art Library, British Library, British Museum Archives, Blythe House, Barbican Library, King's College Maughan Library and Special Collections, Middle Temple Law Library, Royal Geographical Society Library and Archive, and Royal Maritime Museum Library and Archive at Greenwich.



**British Studies LIS Class of 2019**

**QQML and British Studies**  
**By SMSA President Ariel Jordan**

**QQML**

QQML (Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Libraries International Conference) is a 5-day conference hosted in universities in some amazing cities such as Limerick, London, Istanbul, Chania, Athens, and Rome.

In May 2019, the conference was held at the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence, Italy. SLIS alum Marilyn Brissett, a reference librarian at the University of Virgin Islands who was previously a school librarian, led a workshop, "Writing for Wellness: Healing After Natural Disasters," on how a Virgin Islands school library got back up and running after a disaster. One thing that touched me was the account of students' writings based on how they felt before, during, and after the disaster. I really enjoyed that her session was interactive and participatory.



**Ariel, Dr. Vandy, Marilyn Brissett,  
Florence, Italy**

SLIS alum, Dr. Vandy Pacetti-Donelson, Library Director/Archivist, U.S. Sports Academy, presented "Identification of the Nature of Scientific Specialties in Conference Proceedings," at a QQML session on bibliometric research chaired by Dr. Welsh. The great thing about QQML is that you can meet people from all over the world, network, and make friendships to last a lifetime.

**British Studies**

British Studies is an annual month-long study abroad program during the month of June in London, England. Many classes go including Library and Information Science, Business, Literature, History, Journalism, Creativity, Psychology, Theatre, and Oceanography. The classes stay at the University of Westminster dorm across from Bakers Street Tube Station and Madame Tussauds in central London.



The LIS class visited a variety of libraries, archives, and museums in London and Oxford. Favorite places in London included Kings Cross Platform 9 ¾, the Harry Potter Shop in Kings Cross, and Madame Tussauds Wax Museum.

Much is learned through British Studies that is not just in the classes. Living away from home for a month teaches a young adult how to be independent and get better at money management. It also helps to teach young adults how to connect with other cultures. The best thing about British Studies is the friends and connections you make and being able to travel to places on the other side of the world.



**Barbican Library**

**Council on Community Literacy and Reading  
Dr. Catharine Bomhold, Director**

The mission of the CCLR is to provide books for children to own, and to educate parents on the importance of reading out loud to young children. To this end, we look for opportunities where we can talk to parents and caregivers about the benefits of reading aloud to children, provide literacy activities for children, and give them new high-quality books to take home. Since 2015, CCLR has given away more than 10,000 new books to children in Hattiesburg and South Central Mississippi.

Book Sale Fundraiser: A book sale to raise money for the CCLR, which resulted in \$1,000 to purchase new books for giveaways, was held during the 2019 Fay B. Kaigler Children’s Book Festival, April.

Little Free Libraries and The Library of Hattiesburg, Petal, and Forrest County: CCLR is the steward for three Little Free Libraries in downtown Hattiesburg. Hundreds of children’s and young adult books were distributed throughout Hattiesburg through donations to the Little Free Libraries as well as to the Hattiesburg Public Library.

Book distributions: Hundreds of new books were distributed to local children during March 2019 at the Read Across America event in Chain Park.



**Read Across America, March 2  
Chain Park, Hattiesburg**

Only \$1 will buy a book for a child; \$80 will sponsor a book walk with 2 deconstructed books.

If you would like to help, send a check made out to  
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