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SLIS Director's Report

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**Welcome, scholars, to the fall/winter 2019/20
issue of *SLIS Connecting*!**

The fall/winter 2019/20 season was an eventful one at SLIS. The major event in fall was **Southern Miss Homecoming on October 12**, which included an open house reception at the new SLIS location, Fritzsche Gibbs Hall 129.

Other events this fall and winter:

- SLIS sponsored exhibit table at **Mississippi Library & Media Professionals (LAMP)** workshops, Sept 9-12 in Oxford, Pearl, Hattiesburg, Long Beach.
- At the annual **Mississippi Library Association Conference** in Jackson, October 22-25, SLIS sponsored an exhibit table, SLIS Alumni Breakfast, and LIS Education Focus Group.

- October 24, the Council on Community Literacy & Reading (CCLR) sponsored a booth at the USM **Kid's Halloween Carnival** with pumpkin ring toss, baked goods, prizes; October 25, LIS Student Association (LISSA) sponsored a **Pumpkin Painting Party** on Fritzsche Gibbs side porch.
- **Graduation Reception** on December 13, the first in Fritzsche Gibbs Hall, was well-attended by faculty, staff, graduates, family, and friends.
- SLIS exhibit table at **ALA Midwinter Conference**, January 24-27, in Philadelphia, was coordinated by Karen Rowell and manned by numerous SLIS students and alums.
- SLIS Director authors "SLIS Notes" column in the online refereed journal *Mississippi Libraries*.

Thank you, dear alumni and supporters – you are our best recruiters, and because of you, SLIS programs have experienced steady growth. See an update at www.slideshare.net/drtwelsh/slis-directors-report-mla-2019

See the next pages for a gallery of highlights from fall/winter events.

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**Karen Rowell, Mississippi Library & Media Professionals (LAMP)
Lake Terrace Convention Center, Hattiesburg, September 11, 2019**

SLIS Homecoming Reception, Fritzsche Gibbs Hall, October 12, 2019

Mississippi Library Association Annual Conference
Westin Hotel Exhibit Hall, Jackson, October 22-25, 2019

SLIS Alumni Breakfast
MLA, Westin Hotel, Jackson, October 23, 2019

MLA 2019
Westin Hotel, Jackson, MS

**CCLR Table,
Southern Miss Halloween Event, Hattiesburg**

Happy Holidays from SLIS Faculty and Staff