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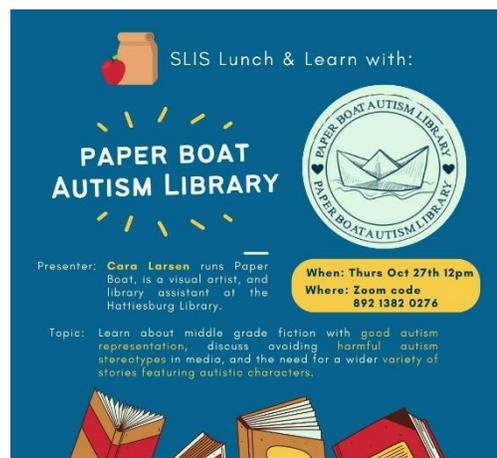
social media virtual presence—be sure to check out our more active <https://www.facebook.com/SouthernMissSLIS>) Facebook page and our new TikTok & Instagram accounts @southernmissslis. Other attempts to connect and give back to our larger community include our now regularly scheduled Lunch and Learn series (images below) and a successful Homecoming Tailgate.

Welcome to the Summer/Fall issue of *SLIS Connecting*. It has been an exciting time here in SLIS with Dr. Brendan Fay (this issue's Faculty Spotlight) joining us as Associate Director from Emporia State University in June and with a newly approved Teaching Assistant Professor opening advertised this Fall.

In addition to teaching classes, faculty have been busy researching, presenting, and continuing their growth in numerous areas. Dr. Clark Hunt, Dr. Steele, Dr. Mangrum, and Ms. Marshall completed their ACUE credentialing Fall 2022 raising our teaching profile with an emphasis on quality instruction using evidence-based, equity practices to increase learning and engagement. Faculty had a big presence at the Mississippi Library Association and Southeastern Library Association's Joint Annual Conference 2022. Details can be found in the Congratulations article of this issue along with research published and other conference presentations. This *SLIS Connecting* issue also contains three reprints from *Mississippi Libraries* that we felt were important enough to highlight here as well.

This year the curricular emphasis has been on reviving some sleeping courses for Spring 2023 and Summer 2023 with LIS 654—E-Resources Management and LIS 638—Contemporary Publishing getting rebooted. Along with LIS 609—Seminar in Library Management, which is now running as an annual asynchronous advanced management topics class.

As we seek to connect with current students, potential students, and alumni, SLIS continues its ramped-up



SLIS Lunch & Learn with:

PAPER BOAT AUTISM LIBRARY

Presenter: **Cara Larsen** runs Paper Boat, a visual artist, and library assistant at the Hattiesburg Library.

When: Thurs Oct 27th 12pm
Where: Zoom code 892 1382 0276

Topic: Learn about middle grade fiction with good autism representation, discuss avoiding harmful autism stereotypes in media, and the need for a wider variety of stories featuring autistic characters.



"DESIGN JUSTICE RE THINKS DESIGN PROCESSES, CENTERS PEOPLE WHO ARE NORMALLY MARGINALIZED BY DESIGN, AND USES COLLABORATIVE, CREATIVE PRACTICES TO ADDRESS THE DEEPEST CHALLENGES OUR COMMUNITIES FACE."

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LUNCH & LEARN, SEPT. 8TH, 12PM CST
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SLIS HOMEcoming TAILGATE

2PM OCT 15TH
(GAME STARTS @6PM!)
BACK PORCH OF
FRITZSCHE-GIBBS HALL*
*BRING YOUR OWN LAWN CHAIR

PROVIDED:

- HOT DOGS & CHIPS
- CORN HOLE
- PUMPKIN PAINTING
- FACE PAINTING

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