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## From the GAs: Congratulations, Publications, Presentations

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## From the GAs

Meet the 2022-2023 Academic School Year Graduate Assistants! Since Dottie, Sarah, and Patrick will be graduating in Spring 2023, they decided to share their future plans/goals. *If you are interested in being in Hattiesburg, MS and being a SLIS GA, please contact Adrienne.Patterson@usm.edu. There will be openings in Fall 2023!*



**Dottie Higgs:** "Nothing is set in stone for my plans after I graduate yet, but I have about three ideas moving forward. I would love to work in the youth services department of a public library, at a children's museum, or work with undergrads in an academic library. That being said, many aspects of librarianship interest me, so I'm open to different paths!"

**Sarah Williams:** "After I graduate, I have a wedding to plan and a job to find. My fiance and I decided that we would not start planning until we both graduated. We have been talking about locations and have some options. My ideal placement is in an archive or museum setting. As an analytical person, I find archival work and cataloging ideal for me and I look forward to progressing in both my career and life."

**Patrick Regan:** "One of my main ideas after graduating is to move to Colorado and find some work there. I am aiming for an archival certificate, so one of my main goals is to find work at a film archive or museum, combining my love for film and my archival certificate. I am open to other ideas, however, including some work at a university library

or even a university's MLIS office similar to my current assistantship. Any of these ideas will work fine, and I plan to utilize them when I move after graduation."

**Ashley Christensen:** "When I graduate, I will work under a supervisor for a year to become licensed as a marriage and family therapist. I have a special interest in play therapy with children who have experienced trauma and therapy for their families. I'm excited to keep learning and discover who I can best help in my professional career!"

**Emalie Cormier:** "I love history and stories, so it doesn't matter if I am in a museum, archive, public or school library! I would love to be able to encourage that passion for learning about the past in others and protect or curate it however I can. The future is reflected in our past and it deserves a chance to shine; plus, I just think old stuff is neat!"

## Congratulations SLIS Students

MLIS student **Russell Brandon** is Director of the Connie & Tom Kossen Center for Teaching and Learning (KCTL), Mississippi University for Women, Columbus, MS.

## Congratulations SLIS Alums

**Charles Atwell** (MLIS, 2020) is a Research Fellow, University of Southern Mississippi, Long Beach, MS.

**Dale Autry** (MLIS, Archival Certificate, 2019) is Access Services and Assessment Librarian, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg.

**Eugenie Brignac** (MLIS, 2022) is Children's Librarian, St. Tammany Parish Public Library, Covington, LA.

**Jasmyn Brown** (MLIS, 2021) is Head of Youth Services, Mill Valley Public Library, Mill Valley, CA.

**Sarah Clay** (MLIS, Archival Certificate, 2015), Librarian, Holmes Community College, Ridgeland,

MS, earned an Ed.D. in Higher Education, University of Mississippi.

**Lynn Cowles** (MLIS, Archival Certificate, 2019) is Digital Archivist Librarian, Fort Worth Public Library, Fort Worth TX.

**Bria Correy** (MLIS, 2021) is Metadata Specialist, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, UT.

**Brook Roberts Cruthirds** (MLIS, 2008) is Development Officer, USM Foundation, Hattiesburg, MS.

**Roger Allen Davis** (MLIS, 2014) is Academic Librarian, East Central Community College, Decatur, MS.

**Angela Benson Donner** (MLIS, 2006) is Medical Librarian, University of Pikeville, Pikeville, KY.

**Abby Edwardson** (MLIS, 2022) is Director, Rawlins Municipal Library, Pierre, SD.

**Kyle Ethridge** (MLIS, 2016) is Honors College Coordinator of Scholarships & Student Support Services, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg.

**Shirley Ginn** (MLIS, 2021) is Access Services/Administrative Librarian, Mississippi Valley State University, Itta Bena, MS.

**Matthew Fillingame** (MLIS, 2021) is a Research Fellow, University Libraries, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS.

**Karlie Herndon** (MLIS, Archival Certificate, 2021) is Assistant Curator, de Grummond Children's Literature Collection, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg.

**Lauren Clark Hill** (MLIS, 2022) is Taxonomy Analyst, LinkedIn.

**Jamie Jones Hullinger** (MLIS, Archival Certificate, 2013) is Senior Corporate Research Librarian, Zimmer Bionet, Warsaw, IN.

**Vanessa Jones** (MLIS, 2012), Academic Librarian, Tennessee State University, recently earned an Ed.D.

in Educational Leadership, Trevecca Nazarene University, Nashville, TN.

**Ariel Jordan** (MLIS, Archival Certificate, 2020) is Guest Services Specialist, National Museum of African American Music, Nashville, TN.

**Amy LaFleur** (MLIS, 2021) is Reference & Archives Librarian, Mississippi Library Commission, Jackson, MS.

**Tracy Evans Lewis** (MLIS, 2020) is School Librarian/Media Specialist, District of Columbia Public Schools, Washington, D.C.

**Megan Lowe** (MLIS, 2002) is Director of University Libraries, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, LA., recently earned Ed.D. in Higher Education, University of Mississippi.

**Dr. Vandy Pacetti-Donelson** (MLIS, 2006) is Dean of Undergraduate Studies, United States Sports Academy, Daphne, AL.

**Tiffany Riggins** (MLIS, Archival Certificate, Youth Services Certificate, 2016) is Library Outreach Coordinator, Buckeye Public Library, Buckeye, AZ.

**James Skinner** (MLIS, 2021) is Manager, Woolmarket Public Library, Biloxi, MS.

**Ryan Tickle** (MLIS, 2018) is User Services Student Supervisor, Claremont Colleges Library, Los Angeles, CA.

**Laura Valliant** (MLIS, 2020) is Associate Librarian – Hispanic Services, Inglewood Public Library, Inglewood, CA.

**Elaine Walker** (MLIS, Archival Certificate, 2019) is Scholarly Communications Librarian, University of Alabama Gorgas Library, Tuscaloosa, AL.

**Tracee Waters** (MLIS, 2018) is IPRA (Inspection of Public Records Act) Coordinator, District Attorney's Office, New Mexico 5<sup>th</sup> District, Hobbs, NM.

**Rebecca Wheeler** (MLIS, 2006) earned a Ph.D. in Instructional Design and Development, University of South Alabama.

## **Congratulations SLIS Faculty**

### **Articles:**

**Clark Hunt, L. K., & Thomin, M.** (2022) Tour de Fort: Creating and Evaluating Guided Archaeology Tours. *Journal of Archaeology and Education* 6(4).

**Creel, S.** (2022). SLIS notes: Censorship. *Mississippi Libraries*, 85 (1), 11-13.

<http://www.misslib.org/resources/Documents/MLarchive/ML2022Spring.pdf>

**Creel, S. & Higgs, D.** (2022). SLIS notes: For the love of graphic novels. *Mississippi Libraries*, 85 (2), 34-36.

<http://www.misslib.org/resources/Documents/MLarchive/ML2022Summer.pdf>

**Creel, S.** (2022). SLIS notes: What is a library in crisis? *Mississippi Libraries*, 85 (3), 51-53.

<http://www.misslib.org/resources/Documents/MLarchive/ML2022Fall.pdf>

**Steele, J. E.** (2022). "Challenges to Children's Picture Books with LGBTQ Themes: A 30-Year Review." *Children and Libraries*, 20(2), 3-9.

<https://doi.org/10.5860/cal.20.2.3>

**Mills, X.** (2022). The Expansion of digital services in Mississippi public libraries. *Mississippi Libraries*, 85 (1), 4-7.

<http://www.misslib.org/resources/Documents/MLarchive/ML2022Spring.pdf>

### **Presentations:**

**Clark Hunt, L. K.** (2022). Discipline Specific Information Literacy in Higher Education. *Georgia International Conference on Information Literacy*. 37.<https://digitalcommons.georgiasouthern.edu/gaintlit/2022/2022/37>

**Clark Hunt, L. K., Steele, J. E., Lambert, T., and Kopusko, J.** ALISE Annual Convention 2022, "E-Resources and the Privacy Paradigm Shift for Librarians," Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE), Pittsburgh, PA, United States. (October 25, 2022).

**Clark Hunt, L. K., Steele, J. E.,** ALLA Annual Convention 2022, "Students with Disabilities and

Their Perceptions of an Academic Library," Alabama Library Association (ALLA), Montgomery, AL, United States. (August 1, 2022).

**Fay, B.** German Studies Association Annual Conference 2022, "Thinking with Conspiracy Theories in Nazi Germany" in panel: The German Far Right Myths and Memory.

**Steele, J. E.,** Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Libraries International Conference 2022, "The Role of the American Academic Librarian in Online Courses," International Society for the Advancement of Science and Technology (ISAST), Athens, Greece. (May 25, 2022).

### **Faculty, Staff, Students, & Alumni @ MLA/SELA Annual Conference 2022**

**Carter, Phillip**—Alumni (Oct. 12, 2022). "Can You Hear Me Now? Podcasting as Library Outreach." Mississippi Library Association/Southeastern Library Association Joint Annual Conference.

**Carter, Phillip**—Alumni (Oct. 14, 2022). "Can I Help You? And Other Ways You're Losing Your Patrons." Mississippi Library Association/Southeastern Library Association Joint Annual Conference.

**Clark Hunt, Laura**—Faculty; **Jefcoat, Jaq** — Student; **Clark, Jessica**—Student; **Kristina Kelly**—Student; **Walsh, Karyn & Glenn, Ethan**—Student (Oct. 12, 2022). "USM Service-Learning in Laurel-Jones County Library." Mississippi Library Association/Southeastern Library Association Joint Annual Conference.

**Creel, Stacy**—Faculty & **Clark Hunt, Laura**—Faculty (Oct. 13, 2022). "Censorship Happens! Are you Ready? Mississippi Library Association/Southeastern Library Association Joint Annual Conference.

**Cromwell, Josh**—Student (Oct. 12, 2022). "Content Unlocked: Success Stories and Lessons Learned from an Institutional Repository's First Decade." Mississippi Library Association/Southeastern Library Association Joint Annual Conference.

**Cunetto, Stephen**—Alumni & Carson, Darcy (Oct. 14, 2022). "New to the Magnolia Project: Introducing

Britannic School K-8!” Mississippi Library Association/Southeastern Library Association Joint Annual Conference.

**Dees, Ashley**—Alumni (Oct. 14, 2022). “Ask an Editor: Demystifying the Journal Publication Process.” Mississippi Library Association/Southeastern Library Association Joint Annual Conference.

Easterday, Justin & **White, Nyra**—Student (Oct. 12, 2022). Poster Lightning Round: “Can Virtual Library Practicums Be Successful? A Practicum Supervisor’s Experience. Mississippi Library Association/Southeastern Library Association Joint Annual Conference.

**Fay, Brendan**—Faculty (Oct. 12, 2022). “Whispers in the Library: Conspiracy Theories and Professional Values in the Misinformation Age. Mississippi Library Association/Southeastern Library Association Joint Annual Conference.

**Hirschy, Jeff**—Faculty (Oct. 12, 2022). “The Power of Stories: Stories, Libraries, and War from 1812-2022.” Mississippi Library Association/Southeastern Library Association Joint Annual Conference.

**Le, Megan**—Alumni (Oct. 12, 2022). Poster Lightning Round: “A Content Analysis of Films Feature Librarians and Librarians from 1980 to 2020.” Mississippi Library Association/Southeastern Library Association Joint Annual Conference.

**Mangrum, Sarah**—Faculty (Oct. 14, 2022). “Controlled Digital Lending By Libraries: Accessing Print Materials in a Digital Age.” Mississippi Library Association/Southeastern Library Association Joint Annual Conference.

**Martin-Grant, Kayla**—Alumni & Larson, Nichole (Oct. 13, 2022). “Good Looking Out: Taking Care of Ourselves and Each Other in Trying Times.” Mississippi Library Association/Southeastern Library Association Joint Annual Conference.

**Mills, Cindy**—Faculty; **Taylor, Lara**—Student; **Davis, Miranda**—Student & **Rodriguez, Margaret**—Student (Oct. 12, 2022). “SMSA’s Effort to Engage with Our Future Archivists.” Mississippi Library Association/Southeastern Library Association Joint Annual Conference.

**Mills, Cindy**—Faculty & **Taylor, Lara**—Student; (Oct. 12, 2022). Poster Lightning Round: “SMSA’s Community Building Efforts.” Mississippi Library Association/Southeastern Library Association Joint Annual Conference.

**Mills, Cindy**—Faculty (Oct. 12, 2022). “Fight Fake News and Censorship in 2022.” Mississippi Library Association/Southeastern Library Association Joint Annual Conference.

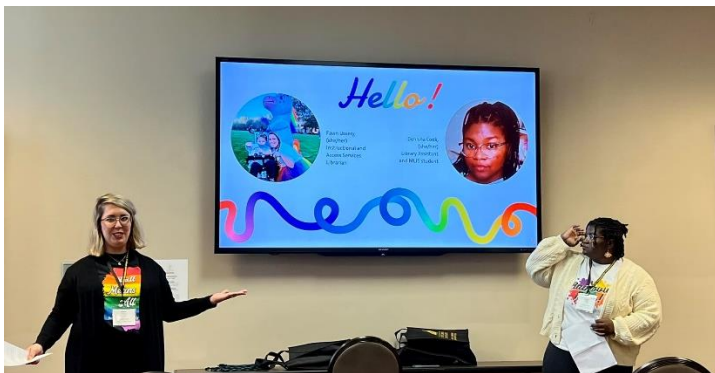
**Rowell, Karen**—Staff (Oct. 14, 2022). “2023 Kaigler Book Festival Update.” Mississippi Library Association/Southeastern Library Association Joint Annual Conference.

Simpson, Diana & **Kaletsch, Cheryl**—Student (Oct. 12, 2022). “The Graduate Assistant in Technical Services: Reflecting on a Real-World Work Experience.” Mississippi Library Association/Southeastern Library Association Joint Annual Conference.

**Steele, Jennifer**—Faculty (Oct. 13, 2022). “Books Behind Bars: Censorship in Mississippi Prison Libraries.” Mississippi Library Association/Southeastern Library Association Joint Annual Conference.



**Thomas, Floyce**—Alumni (Oct. 13, 2022). “Trends and Issues in Academic Libraries Session: Making It Work! Library Services Moving Beyond COVID-19.” Mississippi Library Association/Southeastern Library Association Joint Annual Conference.



**Ussery, Fawn**—Alumni & **Cook, Denisha**—Student (Oct. 14, 2022). “Five Years OkraOut Presentation.” Mississippi Library Association/Southeastern Library Association Joint Annual Conference. [Pictured left]

**Williams, Brianna**—Alumni (Oct. 12, 2022). Poster Lightening Round: “Time Management as a Practicum Student and Full Time Branch Manager.” Mississippi Library Association/Southeastern Library Association Joint Annual Conference.



Ashley Marshall, Sarah Mangrum, and Karen Rowell—“2023 Kaigler Book Festival Update.”

**Congratulations to SLIS Students and Alumni  
(Lara Taylor, Contaka Norman, Janessa Ullendorf, and Amanda Osborne)!**

