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From the GAs: Congratulations, Publications, Presentations

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From the GAs

Congratulations to the Spring 2023 SLIS GA graduates: Dottie Higgs, Patrick Regan, and Sarah Williams.

Congratulations SLIS Students

MLIS student **Lara Taylor** was awarded the Mississippi Library Association Peggy May Scholarship, MLA 2022 Annual Conference, October 2022, Meridian, MS.

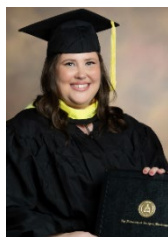
MLIS student **Alicia Bass** is the recipient of the 2022-23 SLIS Annual Scholarship. **Robert McRae** is the recipient of the 2022-23 Dr. Elizabeth Haynes LIS Scholarship.

Rachel Sullivan, MLIS Student, received the Graduate School Tuition Reimbursement Grant, KDLA (Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives).

Congratulations SLIS Alums

Rose Beranis (MLIS, 2022) is the Wellness & Experiential Learning Librarian, Trinity College, Hartford, CT.

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



Raymond Brookter (MLIS, 2004) is the Campus Librarian, Northshore Technical Community College, Lacombe, LA.

Samantha Bull (MLIS, 2020) is the Circulation Librarian, USM Gulf Coast Library, Long Beach, MS.

Sean Callihan (MLIS, 2010) is the ILS Librarian Jessamine County Public Library, Nicholasville KY.

Shelby Carmichael (MLIS, 2019) is the Director of Library Services, Guyton Library, Blue Mountain Christian University, Blue Mountain, MS.

Erik Cebrian (MLIS, Youth Services Certificate, 2022) is the Teen Services Librarian, Oak Grove Public Library, Hattiesburg, MS.

Keshia Coulter (MLIS, 2020), Digital Media Technology Teacher, Petal High School, earned a M.S. in Human Capital Development/Instructional Technology, University of Southern Mississippi.

Melinda Dewberry (MLIS, 2022) is the Head of Circulation Ouachita Parish Public Library Monroe, LA.

Ashley Fast (BS, 2006, MLIS, 2008) is the Vice President of Sales, Subscription Service Division (SSD) for the US and Canada at EBSCO Information Services.



Kelli Freed (MLIS, 2021) is the Children's and Public Services Librarian, Lakewood Public Library, Lakewood, OH.

Ruth Jinkiri (MLIS, 2020) is the Branch Manager, Willie Morris Library, and Autism Resource Center Coordinator, Jackson/Hinds Library System, Jackson, MS.

Vanessa Jones (MLIS, 2012, Ed.D., 2022) is the Technical Services Librarian, Tennessee State University, Nashville, TN.

Martha Kapelewski (MLIS, Archival Certificate, 2021) is the Associate Processing Archivist, Latin American & Caribbean Collection, University of Florida Libraries, Gainesville, FL.

Elizabeth La Beaud (MLIS, Archival Certificate, 2016) is the Head of Library Technology, University of Southern Mississippi Libraries, Hattiesburg, MS.

Erik Martin (MLIS 2022) is the Academic Advisor, Midlands Technical College, Columbia, SC.

Laura McCain (MLIS, 2013) is the Head Librarian, Northwest Community College, Oxford, MS.

Leah Rachelle Moore (MLIS, 2017), Holmes Community College Librarian, Grenada, MS, earned an Ed.D. in Higher Education Administration from the University of Southern Mississippi.



Anna Morgan (MLIS, 2022) is Librarian, Pearl River Community College - Forrest County Campus, Hattiesburg, MS.

Emma Kate Poindexter Morgan (MLIS, 2018) is the Data Governance Coordinator, Augusta University Division of Institutional Effectiveness, Augusta, GA.

Burger, A., **Morgan, E.K.**, Mehaffey, A., Humphrey, R. presented “How to Share with Others: ILL Lending Inside and Outside of USG” at GIL User Group Virtual Meeting (May 17, 2022).

Davies, L., **Morgan, E.K.**, Watmough, K. presented “Putting the Team in Teams: Using Microsoft Teams to Improve Communication and So Much More” at the Back in Circulation Conference, Madison, WI. (October 4, 2022).



Kristina Norman (MLIS, 2022) is the Head of Circulation, Madison County Library System, Madison, MS.

Jennifer Ottinger (MLIS, YSL, & ASC, 2022) is the Special Collection Librarian, Texas Woman’s University, Denton, TX.

Reba Puente (MLIS, 2021) is the Director, College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls, ID.

Ellen Ruffin (MLIS, 1998), Curator of the de Grummond Children’s Literature Collection, honored with the Outstanding Achievement Award, MLA 2022 Annual Conference.

Ann Smith Rushing (MLIS, 2019) is the Library Manager of Kathleen McIlwain Gautier Public Library, Gautier, MS.

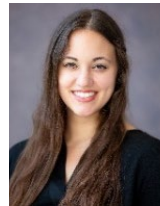
Julie Haber Schiavo (MLIS, 1996), Assistant Director of Dental Library Services & Reference Librarian, LSU School of Dentistry, earned an Ed.D. in Higher Education from USM.

David Sesser, Ed.D. (MLIS, 2013) is the Director, Sims Memorial Library, Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond, LA.

Jennifer Smith (MLIS, 1997) is the Information Technology Laboratory Librarian, US Army Engineer Research & Development Center (ERDC), Vicksburg, MS.

Derek (D.W.) Sower (Saur) (MLIS & ASC 2013) published *The Untold: Stories from WWII* (2022) and *Just Friends* (2022).

Karla Stewart (MLIS, 2022) is the Access Librarian, Baton Rouge Community College, Baton Rouge, LA.



Elaine Walker (MLIS, 2019) is the Scholarly Communications Librarian at Amelia Gayle Gorgas Library, Tuscaloosa, AL.

Stephanie “Brianna” Williams (MLIS, Archival Certificate, 2022) is the Director, Lamar County Library System, Purvis, MS.

Victoria Williams (MLIS, 2022) is the Catalog Librarian, Alcorn State University, Lorman, MS.

Megan Wilson (MLIS, 2020) is the school librarian at Sacred Heart in Hattiesburg, MS.

Congratulations SLIS Faculty

Dr. Brendan Fay presented online, “Forbidden Knowledge: Conspiracy Theories and the Secrets That Only Archives Can Tell,” December 7, 2022.

Dr. Jennifer Steele is President-Elect of Beta Phi Mu International Library & Information Studies Society.

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

McLellan, R., Steele, J. E. (2022). Working Together: A Bibliometric Study of Secondary School Education, Special Collections, and Archives. *Journal of Archival Organization*, 17(3-4), 234-252.

Hirschy, J. R., Gulf South History Association Meeting, Biloxi, MS, "Public History and Hurricanes: The Construction, Deconstruction, and Reconstruction of The Public History of Hurricanes across the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean."