From the GAs, Congratulations, Publications, and Presentations

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From the Grad Assistants:
SLIS GAs: Mary Katherine Dugan, Amanda King, Myra Miller, Colleen Smith, Jessica Whipple

Jessica Whipple presented at USM Grad Symposium

Colleen Smith won the Kate Greene Award for outstanding gender-related grad student paper, “The Venacular Discourse of Southern Sisterhood” by the USM Committee on Services & Resources for Women (CSRW) chaired by Dr. Stacy Creel.


Congratulations SLIS Students
LaTrisha Blunt, recipient of ARL Career Enhancement Fellowship, attended the ARL Annual Leadership Symposium, Jan. 29-Feb. 1, Chicago, IL.

Amanda Lewis is Library Associate, Sulphur Public Library, LA.

Erica McCaleb is Reader’s Advisor, Miss. Library Commission, Jackson.

Lynn Valetutti is Electronic Resources Librarian, Univ. of Arkansas, Monticello.

Jessica Whipple won LIS Research Award for “Consumer Health Internet and Technology Use: A Bibliometric Analysis,” Grad. Research Symposium.

Congratulations SLIS Alums
Two SLIS alums earned doctoral degrees, spring 2015. Patti Condon (Anthropology MA/MLIS 2005) awarded Ph.D. in LIS with a focus on Digital Stewardship from Simmons College, Boston. Chameka S. Robinson, Head of Access Services, Univ. of Miss. Medical Center Library, awarded USM Ed.D.

Several SLIS Alums were elected to the 2015 Miss. Library Association (MLA) Executive Board: Patsy Brewer (MLIS 1990), Director, Waynesboro-Wayne County Library, is MLA President.

Ellen Ruffin (MLIS 1998), Curator, de Grummond Children’s Lit Collection, is ALA Councilor.

Melissa Dennis (MLIS 2006), Outreach/Instruction Librarian, Univ. of Mississippi, is SELA Councilor.

James Kennedy (MLS 1996), Admin. Librarian, Hinds Community College, is ACRL Section Chair.

Joy Garretson (MLIS 2014), Continuing Ed Training Coordinator/State Data Coordinator, Miss. Library Commission, is Special Libraries Section Chair.

MLA Committee Chairs: Legislative: Lynn Shurden (MLS 1994)
Antoinette Giamalva (MLIS 2012)
Web Page: Jennifer Nabzdyk (MLIS 2012)

Jaclyn Lewis Anderson (MLIS 2013), Youth Services Director, Madison County Libraries, MS, is YALSA Maker Contest winner for ArtBot teen workshops.
Kim Belair (MLIS 2010), Supervisory Librarian, Mesa Express Library, AZ, awarded a Library Services & Technology grant for Nabi Big Tablet training.

Justine Burcham (MLIS 2014), ILL Manager/Adult Services Outreach Coordinator, Pulaski County Library System, is a Certified Professional Librarian, The Library of Virginia.

Stephanie Carter (MLIS 2014) is Librarian, Arkansas State Library, Little Rock.

Marsha Case (MLIS 1994) retired as Asst. Director, Tech. Services, Jackson/Hinds County Libraries, MS

Sharon Dosher Davis (MLIS 2005) is Manager, Biloxi Libraries, MS

Shardae Foley (MLIS 2013) is TRIAD AmeriCorps Program Specialist, USM Institute for Disability Studies, Hattiesburg.

Tonja Johnson (MLIS 2005) is Asst. Director of Human Resources and Branch Development, Jackson-George Regional Library System, Pascagoula, MS.

Jessica Herr (MLIS 2011) is Asst. Director, Branch Services & HR, Jackson-George Regional Library System, MS.

David Ketchum (MLIS 2008) is Co-Interim Head, Access Services, University of Oregon Libraries.

Kelli Bennett Miller (MLIS 2014) is Asst. Director, Pike-Amite-Walthall Library System, McComb, MS.

Jennifer Nabzdyk (MLIS 2012), Miss. Library Commission Digital Services Consultant, was named a 2015 ALA Emerging Leader.

Edem Nitcher (MLIS 2014) is Computer Lab Manager, Hattiesburg Public Library, MS.

Jody Perkins (MLIS 2005) is Collection Management Director, Mississippi Library Commission, Jackson.

Candace Perilloux (MLIS 2014) is Children’s Services Librarian, St. Tammany Parish Library, LA.

Hillary Richardson (MLIS 2011) is Humanities Librarian, Miss. State University Libraries, Starkville.

Julie Dunn Shedd (MLIS 2009) is the Digital Initiative Librarian at Miss. State University Libraries, Starkville.

Cole Smith (MLIS, Archival Certificate, 2014), is Government Services Archivist, Alabama Department of Archives and History, Montgomery, AL.

Mariyam Thohira (MLIS 2004) is Electronic Resources Acquisitions Librarian, Johns Hopkins Univ, Baltimore.

Chris Thornhill (MLIS 2014), Youth Services Librarian, Library of Hattiesburg, Petal & Forrest County, MS, created “Mother Goose on the Loose” Baby Story Time for early literacy (birth to two years).

Ally Watkins (MLIS 2011) is a Mississippi Library Commission Library Consultant, Jackson, MS

Evan Williamson (MLIS 2007) is Reference Supervisor, Terrebonne Parish Library, Houma, LA.

Jamie Bounds Wilson (MLIS 2003) is Electronic Resources & Web Services Librarian, Millsaps College, Jackson, MS.

Callie Wiygul (MLIS, Archival Certificate, 2014) is Reference & Instruction Librarian, School of Social Work, Univ. of Southern California, Los Angeles.

**Mississippi Library Leadership Institute 2014 Class**

Congratulations to 20 rising LIS stars, many of whom are distinguished SLIS alums.

- Ashley Biggs, Central MS Regional Library System, Flowood
- JoAnn Blue, Carnegie Public Library, Clarksdale & Coahoma County
- Jamie Elston, Jackson-George Regional Library System, Moss Point
- Antoinette Giamalva, Delta State Univ, Cleveland
- Crystal Giles, NW Miss. Community College, Senatobia
- Joshua Haidet, E. MS Regional Library, Quitman
- Shivon R. Hess, MS Library Commission, Jackson
- Lisa Justis, East MS Community College, Mayhew
- Sarah Mangrum, USM, Hattiesburg
- Erica McCaleb, MS Library Commission, Jackson
- Lindsey Miller, Columbus Lowndes Cnty Library
- Darlene Morgan, Pike-Amite Walthall Library System, McComb
- Jennifer Parker, Magee High School, Magee
- Jesse Pool, 1st Regional Library Syst., Horn Lake
- Hillary Richardson, MS State University, Starkville
- Elizabeth Simmons, Puckett Attendance Center
Violene Williams, Coahoma Community College, Clarksdale
Jamie Wilson, Millsaps College, Jackson,
Callie Wiygul, Hattiesburg Public Library
Abbie Woolridge, Meridian Lauderdale County Public Library

Congratulations to SLIS Faculty

Dr. Matthew Griffis awarded OCLC/ALISE $13,600 Research Grant for “The Place of the Librarian in the Deskless Library: Do Roaming Reference Models Create a More User-Centered Library?”

Dr. Stacy Creel is a 2015 ALA Carnegie-Whitney Grant winner for a bibliography project, “The Importance of Play: A Selected Bibliography of Resources Related to Learning through Play.”

Dr. Cindy Yu has been accepted into the National Library of Medicine for a Biomedical Informatics course, Sept. 28-Oct. 2, 2015, Brasstown Valley Resort and Spa, Young Harris, Georgia.

SLIS Faculty, Student, Alum Publications

Journal Articles

MLIS student Emily Aplin and Dr. Matthew Griffis, “Digi Days: Using the Rey Papers to Teach Digitization to LIS and Archival Students,” The Primary Source 33(2): 5-11, 2014.


Books

Unlocking the Mysteries of Cataloging: A Workbook of Examples, 2nd ed., by Dr. Elizabeth Haynes, Dr. Joanna Fountain, & Michele Zqierski (Libraries Unlimited, 2015)

Recent SLIS Faculty, Student, Alum Presentations


MLIS student Stacie Watts presented research on the history of Cat Island to the Pass Christian Historical Society, April 13th.

See column “Student Associations, Events” for information about student participation in the Society of MS Archivists conference.

University Research Awards Day (URAD)
USM Thad Cochran Center, Nov. 21, 2014
Dr. Teresa Welsh, Chair-Elect of the University Research Council, chaired the table displays.

SLIS Faculty research posters at URAD:
• Dr. Catharine Bomhold, “Academic Libraries Move to the Mobile Web: The Slow Move to the Fast Lane”
• Dr. Stacy Creel, ‘Reality Really? An Analysis of Selected Quick Pick Titles”

• Dr. Matthew Griffis, “Academic Library Mission Statements, Web Sites, and Communicating Values”
• Dr. Cindy Yu, “Meaningful Engagement: Crowdsourcing and 100 Digital Preservation Objects”