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# Student Associations and Upcoming Events

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## Student Associations News

### LIS Student Association (LISSA)

#### Officers for 2014-15

President – Elizabeth La Beaud

Vice President – Colleen Smith

Secretary – Emilie Aplin

Webmaster – J.J. Crawley

Newsletter editor – Candice Cloud

Faculty advisors – Dr. Cindy Yu, Dr. Matthew Griffis

#### LISSA Update

by Dr. Matthew Griffis, LISSA Faculty Co-Advisor

The LISSA executive committee has been very busy this year – in the spring 2015 term especially, LISSA has continued its commitment to service in the community and beyond.

In February, Dr. Catharine Bomhold approached LISSA and asked it to support the Southern Miss Krewe of Readers, an outreach initiative of the College of Education and Psychology Council on Community Literacy and Reading (CCLR). The project encourages children in the greater Hattiesburg community to read by building literary-themed parade floats that distribute books to children. If funded, the project, scheduled for fall 2015, will be considered a joint project between the Krewe of Readers and LISSA.

Several LISSA officers volunteered their time at this year's Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book selling LISSA t-shirts and collectibles at the LISSA table. This year's collectibles were children's lit-themed fridge magnets. Proceeds from sales help fund LISSA activities, most notably the ALA Student-to-Staff program and the McCain Library and Archives' "Digi Day" workshops.

This June, LISSA will once again sponsor the McCain Library & Archives' Digitization workshop, "Digi Day". The workshop provides volunteer students hands-on training and experience in digitization practices and techniques. Another Digi Day workshop will be offered this summer; watch for announcements in lisnews listserv.

After receiving positive feedback from SLIS and broader LIS communities on the inaugural issue of our newsletter *LISSA Links*, a spring 2015 issue will be available in April and will feature some course elective highlights, info about British Studies 2015, and more.

LISSA broadcasts its meetings via Blackboard and meeting dates are announced via the SLIS listserv.

You are invited to join our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/southernmissliissa>.



Elizabeth LaBeaud and Emilie Aplin  
USM Children's Book Festival

#### NanoDays at USM Cook Library

Dr. Stacy Creel presented at "Come See What's so Big about the Super Small" a NanoDays educational program, USM Cook Library, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015. LISSA & SMSA member Janine Smith was a volunteer.



## Southern Miss Student Archivists (SMSA)

### Officers for 2014-15

President: – Colleen Smith

Media/Public Relations Coordinator – Mary Dugan

### Southern Miss Student Archivists News

By Dr. Teresa Welsh, SMSA Faculty Advisor

Congratulations to SMSA President Colleen Smith, who was named one of the top five student organization presidents at the USM Office of Student Activities Awards Day event, Apr. 28<sup>th</sup>.

SMSA students have been active this semester, volunteering and working in cooperation with LISSA at the Children's Book Festival to staff adjoining tables with promotional materials as well as fundraising items. SMSA and LISSA co-sponsored afternoon coffee and cookie breaks on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons for conference participants.



As a fundraiser, SMSA sells book-related pins as well as canvas book bags (\$15). Funds are used to promote archival education and funding to attend archival conferences and workshops.

## Society of Mississippi Archivists Conference

The Southern Miss Student Archivists sponsored a panel session at the SMA Bi-Annual Conference at Long Beach USM Gulf Coast Library, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

The panel on Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, led by SMSA President Colleen Smith, *Practical Experience in Archival Education and Training* included:

Colleen Smith, "Analysis of Archival Programs and Practicums in U.S. ALA Accredited Programs"

Emilie Aplin and Elizabeth La Beaud, "Digi Days"

Stacie Watts, "Intertwining Practical Research, Public History, and Local Art: The 'Cat Island by Kayak: A Retrospective' Exhibit."

## University Libraries Edible Book Festival

University Libraries, LISSA, and the Southern Miss Food Research Group hosted the Edible Book Festival in the Cook Library Learning Commons Gallery Apr. 13

Since its inception in 1999, the International Edible Book Festival is held annually around April 1 - the birthday of Jean-Anthelme Brillat-Savarin (1755 - 1826) who is the French author of "Physiologie du goût." Dozens of libraries and cultural organizations around the world hold festivals to celebrate his work.

### LISSA Edible Book entry

*Curious George*



### SMSA Edible Book entry

*Classic Children's Books*



### Best in Show Edible Book

by LISSA & SMSA member J.J. Crawley

## LIS British Studies

Dr. Griffis and Dr. Welsh are preparing for British Studies class of 2015. The class of 21 is composed of LIS grad students from across North America: Clarion University, Indiana University, San Jose State, University of Alberta, University of North Carolina Greensboro, University of Rhode Island, University of South Carolina, University of Tennessee, University of Texas Austin, University of Toronto, University of Washington, Wayne State University, as well as six from the University of Southern Mississippi.

The British Studies Program is headquartered in King's College Dorm, London, near Waterloo Station, a short walk from Westminster, Trafalgar Square, and the Theater District. A few days are spent in Edinburgh at a University of Edinburgh dorm, and students will have a mini-break to explore U.K. and collect information for their research paper.

Students earn 6 hours of graduate credit while learning from British librarians and archivists at sites such as the British Library, Oxford Bodleian Library, St. Paul's Cathedral Library, and Edinburgh Central Library.

Each summer is a bit different and for the first time last summer we visited Stowe House School Library, the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew, and Westminster Abbey Library. For more information visit the British Studies link at: <http://www.usm.edu/slis>



Royal Botanic Gardens Library, Art & Archives  
Kew, London



University of Edinburgh  
New College Library Rare Book Collection



British Studies Class of 2014  
King's Cross Station, London

For examples of British Studies students' research, see the historical research paper by Matthew Leavitt (British Studies 2011, MLIS 2012) in this issue and the research poster on the next page by Laura Kotti (British Studies 2014) presented at a Graduate Student Poster Session at the University of South Carolina.

