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## From the GAs, Congratulations, Publications, Presentations

#### **Cover Page Footnote**

News from GAs including student and alum positions, honors, publications, and presentations; SLIS faculty honors, publications, and presentations.

#### From the Grad Assistants:

SLIS has two new GAs this fall: Carlie Burkett and Michael Oden. They join returning GAs Amanda King and Myra Miller. Mary Katherine Dugan is a GTA and teaches an undergraduate course on information literacy, LIS 201.



Grad Assistants (I to r) Michael Oden, Carlie Burkett, Amanda King, Myra Miller, Mary Katherine Dugan

Carlie Burkett has a BA in history with a minor in art history from the University of Alabama. She serves as President of the Southern Miss Student Archivists (SMAA) and this semester she assisted with the Tasha Tudor Exhibit www.lib.usm.edu/tashatudor.

Steven Michael Oden has a BA in English from Virginia Commonwealth University and in summer 2015 earned 6 hours of study-abroad credit in British Studies. Michael serves as a member of the USM Graduate Student Senate and as President of the LIS Student Association (LISSA).

As CoEP College Scholars, Michael and Carlie participate in recruiting and outreach events.



#### **Congratulations SLIS Students**

Rebecca Houston was awarded the *Peggy May Scholarship*, Mississippi Library Association Annual Conference, October 23, Natchez.



Joanna Williams was awarded the *Virgia Brocks-Shedd Scholarship*, MLA Awards Breakfast, Natchez, Oct. 23

Nicole Minor is Collection Development and Cataloging Coordinator, Columbus-Lowndes Public Library System.

#### **Congratulations SLIS Alums**

Michelle Akers (MLIS, 2015) is Cataloger Librarian, Chesterfield County Public Library, VA.

Brian Barnes, J.D. (MLIS, 2010) is Interim Law Library Director and Associate Professor, Loyola University College of Law, New Orleans, LA.



Lindsey Miller Beck (MLIS, 2013) is Library Media Specialist, Sale Elementary School, Columbus, MS.

Bernadette Birzer (MLIS/Archival Certificate, 2012) is Library Technician, Digital Initiatives & Publishing, Tulane University Library, New Orleans, LA.

Phillip Carter (MLIS, 2014) is Director, Lamar County Library System, MS.

Elizabeth Catalano (LIS BA) is Librarian, Arlington Elementary School, Pascagoula, MS.

Sarah Clay (MLIS/Graduate Certificate in Archives and Special Collections, 2015) is Assistant Librarian, Holmes Community College, Goodman, MS.

Melissa Dennis (MLIS, 2006), Outreach and Instruction Librarian, University of Mississippi Libraries, is the Mississippi representative for the Southeastern Library Association (SELA).





Antoinette Giamalva (MLIS, 2013) is Branch Manager, Ridgeland Public Library, Ridgeland, MS, and Mississippi Library Association Reporter.

Regina Graham (MLIS, 1994) is Director of the Dixie Regional Library System, Pontotoc, MS.

Nikki Haney (MLIS, 2010) is Business Librarian, Tulane University Library, New Orleans, LA.

Laura Anne Heller (MLIS, 2004) is Lead Historic Resources Specialist, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson, MS.

Cynthia Sturgis Landrum (MLIS, 2006; PhD Candidate, Simmons College) is CEO/Director, Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library System, Evansville IN.

Sarah Mangrum (MLIS, 2011), Access Services Librarian, USM Cook Library, received the *Peggy May Award* at the Mississippi Library Association Annual Conference, October 23, Natchez, and was named the Mississippi Library Association News Reporter.

Molly Countryman Mauer (MLIS, 2014) is Assistant Director (Circulation), Johnston Public Library, Johnston, IA.

Tiffany Paige, J.D. (MLIS, 2010) is Director of Admissions and Diversity Initiatives, Mississippi College School of Law, Jackson, MS.

Regina Graham (MLIS, 1994) is Director and Emily Sutherland (MLIS, 2006) is Assistant Director, Dixie Regional Library System, MS.

Jessica Psaros (MLIS, 2012) is Circulation Librarian, Stowe Free Library, VT.

David Ori (MLIS, 2012) is Librarian, Montgomery City-County Public Library, AL.

Ashley Roach-Freiman (MLIS, 2008) is Instructional Services Librarian, University of Memphis McWherter Library and Managing Editor at *Pinch Journal*.

Kristin Rogers (MLIS, 2006) is Electronic Resources & Discovery Librarian, Univ. of Mississippi Libraries.

Elizabeth Samson (LIS BA, 2013) is Reference Librarian, Central Mississippi Regional Library System.

Yvonne Slaughter (MLIS, 2012) is Library Systems Administrator, Live Oak Public Libraries, Savannah.

Catherine Smith (MLIS, 2012) is Librarian/Technology Integrationist, St. George's Independent School, Memphis, TN.



Shugana Williams (MLIS, 2003), Librarian at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, received \$5,000 ALA I Love My Librarian Award, Dec 3, NYC

(Shugana with Mississippi native Morgan Freeman)

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

Erin Wimmer (MLIS, 2012) is Teaching & Learning Librarian, Eccles Health Services Library, University of Utah, Salt Lake City.

Abby Woolridge (MLIS, 2013) is Youth Services Coordinator, Columbus-Lowndes Public Library, Columbus, MS.

Mississippi Library Association SLIS Reception to Honor 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of MS in Library Science
More than 100 MLA attendees RSVP'd for the SLIS
Anniversary Reception, Natchez Convention Center,
October 22. Faculty, staff, students, alums, and supporters of the program shared fellowship and memories, viewed historical LIS items on display, and won door prizes—including a variety of USM merchandise and two complete sets of USM Children's Book Festival medallions.





History of SLIS Display Table



Sharing favorite memories



**SLIS Door Prizes** 



Karen Rowell with a prize winner

To view the presentation "History of Library Science @ Southern Miss, see <a href="https://www.slideshare.net/drtwelsh">www.slideshare.net/drtwelsh</a>

#### **Council on Community Literacy and Reading**

CCLR, founded and directed by Dr. Catharine Bomhold, held several fall events to promote literacy and reading. In addition to distributing hundreds of children's books to free little libraries and other sites

in the community, they had a float and book give-away at the USM Homecoming Parade. At the USM Bio-Halloween event at Lake Thoreau Center, CCLR volunteers handed out books to kids at Spooky Hollow.



Dr. Bomhold as Miss Frizzle

#### **Recruiting Events**



Library and Media Professionals (LAMP) Workshop September 15, Batesville, MS (photo by Karen Rowell)



Adrienne Patterson with Alisa McLeod & Jessica Ross, Association for Rural & Small Libraries Conference, October 1, Little Rock, Arkansas

#### **SLIS Faculty and Student Publications**

Journal Articles

Dr. Matthew Griffis, "Library Science Education at Southern Miss: A History of Survival and Growth" *Mississippi Libraries*, 78(3), 4-8, Fall 2015.

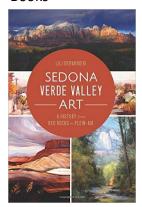
Dr. Stacy Creel, "The Impact of Assigned Reading on Reading Pleasure in Young Adults," *Journal of Research on Young Adults and Libraries*, 1, March 2015. www.yalsa.ala.org/jrlya/

Emily Simmons (Master's Research Project, August 2014), "Adolescent Females and the Graphic Novel: A Content Analysis," Journal of Research on Libraries and Young Adults 6, August 2015.

www.yalsa.ala.org/jrlya/

Dr. Cindy Yu, Xie Yue, Xuequn Pan, Susan Mayfield-Johnson, Jessica Whipple, & Elena Azadbakht, "Community Outreach: A Case of Needs Assessment for Building a Graduate Health Informatics Course," *Journal of the Medical Library Association*, 103(4), 194-197, October 2015.

#### **Books**



Lili DeBarbieri (MLIS, 2013) is a 2015 New Mexico-Arizona Best History Book — Arizona Subject Award winner for her book Sedona Verde Valley Art (Arcadia Publishing, 2015).

#### **Recent SLIS Faculty Presentations**

Dr. Catharine Bomhold, "The Shared Reading and Children's Home Library Project," *International Reading Association Annual Conference*, July 19, 2015, St. Louis, MO.

Dr. Stacy Creel & Dr. Teresa Welsh, "Virtual and Physical Connections: An Assessment of Students' Satisfaction of an Online LIS Program," 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Libraries, May 28, 2015, IUT Universite' Paris Descartes.

Dr. Matthew Griffis, "Library Science Education at Southern Miss: A History of Survival and Growth," Mississippi Library Association Annual Conference, October 22, Natchez, MS.

#### **University Research Awards Day (URAD)**

University Research Awards Day, sponsored by the University Research Council (Chair, Dr. Teresa Welsh), was held Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> at the Thad Cochran Center. URAD included presentations by the award winners, table displays by departments and research centers, an awards luncheon, and poster session.

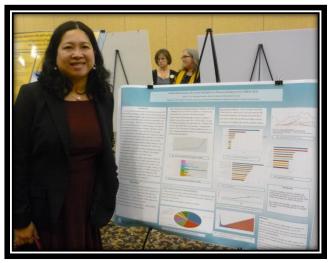


URAD 2015 Research Awards Luncheon Chaired by Dr. Teresa Welsh

#### **SLIS Faculty Research Posters**



Dr. Matthew Griffis & Dr. Eric Platt, "Framing the New South: Promoting an Image of Academic Enlightenment via Postcard Depictions of Southern Higher Education in the Late 19<sup>th</sup> and Early 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries"



Dr. Cindy Yu & Xuequn Pan, "Bibliometric Analysis of Journal Publications in Precision Medicine from 2000 to 2015"

#### **Grant Activity**

Dr. Catharine Bomhold, Junior Auxillary of Hattiesburg, \$750 for Council on Community Literacy and Reading Halloween book giveaway, October 2015.

Dr. Cindy Yu, funding to attend National Library of Medicine Georgia Biomedical Informatics Course, September 27-October 3, Georgia Regents University, Young Harris, GA.

USM Archivist Jennifer
Brannock and SLIS alum
and USM Circulation
Librarian Sarah Mangrum
were recipients of a
\$10,000 Big Read Grant
from the National
Endowment for the Arts
(NEA) to support fall
programming related to
the stories and poetry of
Edgar Allen Poe including
book discussions, exhibits,



scholarly lectures, film showings, and a live radio performance. The Big Read was also supported by a \$3,000 grant from Friends of University Libraries.

www.lib.usm.edu/about us/news/usmbigread.html