


2014

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 Officers Colleen Smith, Elizabeth La Beaud, Emilie Aplin, J.J. Crawley (Candice Cloud not pictured)

A New Year Begins

by Dr. Matthew Griffis

LISSA began its new academic year in early September. Many of last year's officers have returned to fill new roles: Elizabeth La Beaud, President; Colleen Smith, Vice President; Emilie Aplin, Secretary; J.J. Crawley, Webmaster; and Candice Cloud, who fills the new position of newsletter editor for *LISSA Links*.

LISSA's mission is to represent the interests of SLIS students and support local and wider LIS communities with various service projects. In June, Elizabeth La Beaud and Emilie Aplin launched McCain Library and Archives' first LISSA-sponsored "Digi Day" and Dr. Griffis participated. Students who participated in "Digi Day" workshop learned digitization basics and metadata entry working with the Rey Papers from the de Grummond Collection and earned a certificate for their participation. In June, Aplin published a piece about the project on the ALA Student Blog and in October, Aplin and Dr. Griffis completed an article on the workshop for an upcoming issue of *The Primary Source* about the use of primary source materials in educational settings.



2014 Digi Day

LISSA service projects this fall include assisting Dr. Stacy Creel with fundraising for Hattiesburg Zoo Books Box Project, a community service project to help connect children with age appropriate print and online resources about zoo animals.

MLIS student Jessica Whipple was named 2015 Student to Staff SLIS rep to attend the ALA Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, in June.



Callie Wiygul, 2014 Student to Staff, with author Matt de la Pena, ALA Conference, Las Vegas

LISSA broadcasts its meetings via Blackboard and meeting dates are announced via the SLIS listserv. LISSA launched [LISSA Links](#) newsletter featuring news, upcoming events, student spotlights, and more. You are invited to join our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/southernmisslissa>.

Southern Miss Student Archivists (SMSA)

Officers for 2013-14

President: – Colleen Smith

Vice President – Chloe Roberson

Media/Public Relations Coordinator – Mary Dugan

Southern Miss Student Archivists News

By Dr. Teresa Welsh, SMSA Faculty Advisor

October was National Archives Month and to celebrate, SMSA officers created a display of archival materials in the Southern Miss Student Union.



National Archives Month Display, October 2014

Callie Wiygul presented "EAD Legacy Finding Aid Conversion at Smithsonian Archives of American Art" at the Society of American Archivists Conference, Washington, D.C. August 15th. The poster was based on her Smithsonian archival practicum, summer 2013.

On September 24th SMSA President Colleen Smith attended "The Basics of Processing Archival Records Workshop" at the Miss. Department of Archives and History in Jackson sponsored by Miss. Historical Records Advisory Board, Society of Mississippi Archivists, and Archival Training Collaborative. Mona Vance and Derek Webb presented archival methods and best practices to arrange, preserve, and create usable finding aids for various kinds of collections.

Congratulations to Michelle Holloway (British Studies 2013) and five SLIS grads (Callie Wiygul, Jessica Stauffer, Cole Smith, Gaby Kienitz, and Rob Richards), a record number who earned a Graduate Certificate in Archives and Special Collections this summer.

Archival Practicum at the National WWII Museum



By Taylor Benson

I am a recent graduate of the Southern Miss Masters of Library and Information Science program, and I will complete my coursework for a Certificate in Archives and Special Collections at the end of this semester. As part of my studies for the certificate, I participated in a practicum at The National World War II Museum and the Ansel M. Stroud, Jr. Military History and Weapons Museum at Jackson Barracks, both in New Orleans, LA. I completed the practicum in late August and am happy to say that soon after completion I was hired as a Photograph Archives Technician in the WWII Museum's Collections and Exhibits department.

The practicum at both museums provided me with hands-on experiences that allowed me to put into practice the concepts I had learned in classes. At the museum at Jackson Barracks, I had the privilege of working with Civil War-era maps, some of which were hand drawn. I created a basic map inventory using some of the descriptive techniques I had learned over the past couple of years, and then entered the data into a cataloging program. I did the same for a collection of architectural blueprints dating from 1918 to mid-1970s. Being a big fan of maps and of history, I enjoyed this process very much.

At the World War II Museum, I participated in a range of activities and learned much from museum employees. My initial job was to scan original photographs taken by soldiers during the war, to edit and to save them so that they could be displayed online. I also described some of the photographs and entered the data into a collection management program. My current job similarly consists of describing photographs that will be placed online, and I have my practicum -- and USM -- to thank for that.

<http://nationalww2practicum.blogspot.com/>

Upcoming Events

Fay B. Kaigler Children's Book Festival 2015

The 2015 Children's Book Festival, April 8-10, Hattiesburg, MS, will feature Paul Zelinsky, Rita Auerbach, Peter Brown, Carolyn S. Brodie, Nikki Grimes, David Levithan, Steve Sheinkin, Deborah Wiles and Gene Luen Yang as well as a variety of breakout sessions and workshops.

<https://www.usm.edu/childrens-book-festival/>

Society of Mississippi Archivists 2015 Conference

Society of Mississippi Archivists Conference will be at the Southern Miss Gulf Coast Library, Long Beach, April 15-17.

LIS British Studies

The British Studies LIS 2014 class had a wonderful summer and shared many unforgettable experiences in London and Edinburgh. The class of 24 came from LIS programs across the U.S.: Clarion University, Indiana University, Rutgers University, SUNY Albany, SUNY Buffalo, University of Denver, University of Oklahoma, University of South Carolina, University of South Florida, University of Tennessee, University of Texas, University of Wisconsin, Wayne State University, as well as the University of Southern Mississippi.

The large class was led by two faculty members, Dr. Teresa Welsh and Dr. Matt Griffis.



British Studies LIS 2014 Class on Steps of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, U.K.

In addition to the usual on-site lectures and guided tours of St. Paul's Cathedral Library, British Library, British Museum Archives, Royal Maritime Museum Library & Archives, Oxford Bodleian Library, Barbican Library, Middle Temple Law Library, Royal Geographical Society Library & Archive, National Library of Scotland, National Archives/Records of Scotland, Edinburgh Central Library, and University of Edinburgh Library, the 2014 class had the opportunity to visit some additional, unique repositories: Stowe House and School Library, Kew Botanic Gardens Library & Archive, and Westminster Abbey Library.

Dr. Griffis, a Carnegie library scholar, led an optional visit to the first Carnegie Library at Dunfermline, Scotland.



Dunfermline Carnegie Library
Photo courtesy of Fife Council

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 several 3-day weekends to explore U.K. on their own and collect information for their research paper.

Students earn 6 hours of college credit learning about historic libraries, archives, and museums from on-site visits and lectures by British librarians and archivists.

For information about British Studies 2015, visit the British Studies link at: <http://www.usm.edu/slis>