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From the GAs: Congratulations, Publications, Presentations

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From the Grad Assistants



SLIS GAs Denise Saucier, Emma Fontenot, Stevie Evans, Mary Dugan, and Charlotte Roi

Congratulations to Graduate Teaching Assistant Mary Dugan, who is graduating in December with a MLIS degree and Archival Certificate. Mary has served as a GTA for British Studies and also taught sections of LIS 201: Information Literacy.

SLIS is happy to welcome 4 new GAs this fall: Stevie Evans is a dual Anthro/MLIS major also earning Archival Certificate and Youth Services Certificate. Stevie has a BA in Art from Univ. of West Florida.

Emma Fontenot has a BA in Government from McNeese State University and a MA in political science at USM. She worked previously as a Grad Research Assistant and is currently teaching an information literacy class as a Grad Teaching Assistant while earning her MLIS.

Denise Saucier is a dual Anthro/MLIS major also earning an Archival Certificate. Denise has a BS in Health, Phys Ed & Recreation from USM, has experience working as a school library media specialist, and will teach LIS 201 as a GTA in spring.

Charlotte Mona Roi earned a BA degree in Anthropology & Journalism from the University of Mississippi. While at Ole Miss, she worked as a reporter/video editor for the *Meek School of Journalism Weekend Reporter* and served as a producer for the award-winning documentary *Casinos in Mississippi: Worth the Gamble?*

Congratulations SLIS Students

Honors College LIS senior **Alex Brower** completed her honors thesis, "Gender Roles and Gender Stereotypes in Four Newbery Award-Winning Books," with the mentorship of Dr. Stacy Creel. Alex has been accepted into the USM MLIS program in spring.



Dr. Stacy Creel presented Alex Brower with her Honors College Medallion, Honors Banquet

Zupuriuh Harrington, Reference/Instructional Librarian, Miss. Valley State University, awarded 2016 MLA Virginia Brocks-Shedd Scholarship.

Leah Moore is District Librarian, West Tallahatchie School District, Webb, MS.

Nathan Morris is Adult Education Instructor, Oconee Fall Line Technical College, Helena, GA.



**Happy Holidays from the SLIS GAs!
Denise, Mary, Charlotte, Emma, and Stevie**

Ann Smith Rushing is Branch Manager, East Central Public Library, Hurley, MS.

Lakesha Smith, acting Administrative Librarian for Hinds Community College's Jackson Academic and Technical Center, awarded Mississippi Library Association 2016 Peggy May Scholarship.

Angela Thompson is Branch Manager, Kathleen McIlwain Public Library, Gautier, MS.

Brittany Tibbett, General Services Librarian, Hattiesburg Public Library, awarded 2016 Central Mississippi Library Council Scholarship.

Fall Welcome Breakfast for SLIS Faculty, Staff, GAs



**Pancakes, bacon and eggs for all
Hosted by Chef Griffis**

Congratulations SLIS Alums

Emilie Aplin (MLIS, Archival Certificate, 2016), USM Libraries Access Services, and Elizabeth La Beaud, (MLIS, Archival Certificate, 2015), USM Digital Lab Manager, were inducted into Beta Psi Chapter of Beta Phi Mu, the International LIS Honor Society at Mississippi Library Association Annual Conference, Vicksburg, October 18-21.

LaTrisha Blunt (MLIS, 2016) is Youth Services Librarian, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, MD.



Justine Burcham (MLIS, 2014) is Public Services Coordinator, Pulaski County Library System, Pulaski, Virginia.

Stephen Cunetto (MLIS, 2006) is Associate Dean, Mississippi State University Libraries, Starkville, MS, as well as head of the Golden Triangle Regional Library Consortium and the Mississippi Academic Library Consortium.



Melissa Dennis (MLIS, 2006), Head of Research and Instruction Services, Miss. State Libraries, was elected Secretary of SELA, Southeastern Library Association.

Angie Manfredi (MLIS, 2007), Head of Youth Services for Los Alamos County Library System in New Mexico, elected to serve on the 2018 Newbery Committee.

Sarah Mangrum (MLIS, 2011), USM Libraries Access Services Librarian, was elected Mississippi Library Association 2017 Vice President/President-Elect.

Brenda Minter (MLIS, 2004), School Librarian/Media Specialist, is Teacher of the Year at Magee High School, Magee, MS.

Jody Perkins (MLIS, 2005) is Acquisitions and Serials Librarian, Millsaps College Library, Jackson, MS.

Jackie Quinn (MLIS, 2003) is Director, Copiah Lincoln Community College Library.

Tiffany Riggins (MLIS, Archival Certificate, Youth Services Certificate, 2016) is Teen Librarian, Helen Hall Public Library, League City, TX.

Laura Savage (MLIS, 2016) is Librarian, Miss. Gulf Coast Community College, Perkinston, MS.

Elizabeth Simmons (MLIS, 2011) is Staff Officer III, Mississippi Department of Education Office of Elementary Education and Reading, Jackson, MS.

Jennifer Stephenson (MLIS, 2010), Director, Greenwood-Leflore Public Library System, is 2017 President of Mississippi Library Association, and Adjunct Faculty for USM School of Library & Information Science.

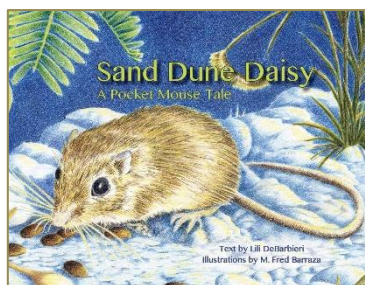
Jennifer Nabzdyk Todd (MLIS, 2012) is Circulation Librarian, Hinds Community College, Raymond, MS.

Lynn Valetutti (MLIS, 2015) is Manager of Digital Services, Arkansas State Library Little Rock.

Alum Publications

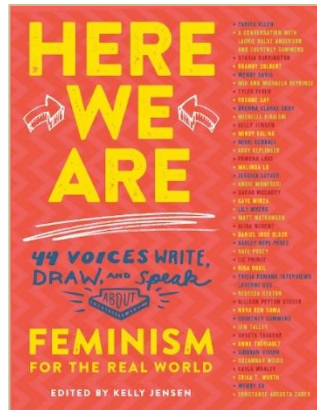
Jennifer Brannock, USM Rare Books & Special Collections Curator and Greg Johnson (MLIS, 2002), University of Miss. Libraries Blues Curator, co-authored "Exploring Civil Rights through Mississippi Collections," *Urban Library Journal* 22, 2016.

Lili DeBarbieri (MLIS, 2013) *Sand Dune Daisy: A Pocket Mouse Tale* (Westcliff, 2015) is Pima County Public Library Southwest Book of the Year, Top Pick for Children.



Debbie Estrella (British Studies, 2015) published her British Studies research paper "No Fixed Abode: Library Services for the Homeless and Economically Disadvantaged in the U.K." in *Current Studies in Librarianship* 32, 2016.

Peter Klubek (MLIS, 2011), Reference Librarian, Baton Rouge Community College, authored "Librarians Applying Information Literacy Standards as Evaluators of Peer-to-Peer Course Content in a First-Year College Success Course in *Reference and User Services Quarterly* 56, 2016.



Angie Manfredi (MLIS, 2007) contributed "The Big Blue Ocean & My Big Fat Body" to *Here We Are: 44 Voices Write, Draw, and Speak about Feminism for the Real World*, edited by Kelly Jensen (Algonquin Young Readers, 2017).

Daniel E. Wilson (MLIS, 2012), Library Director, South Univ., Montgomery, AL, authored "Managing an Information Literacy Needs Assessment over Multiple Campuses," *Library Leadership & Management*, 2016.

Publication Highlighting USM Student

SMSA Vice-President Jonathan Puckett was the subject of *Wall Street Journal* article, "When Searching Your Ancestry Means a Sense of Possibility: An 18-year-old Genealogist Discovered 25,000 Connections and a New Community" www.wsj.com/articles/when-searching-your-ancestry-means-finding-a-sense-of-possibility-1474999867

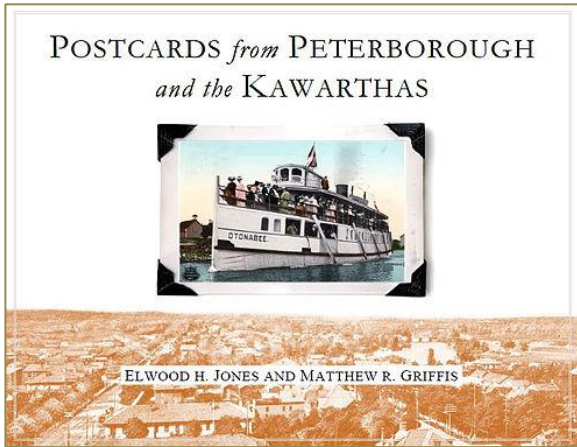
Faculty Publications, Presentations

Dr. Catharine Bomhold & Dr. Angela Westbrook co-authored "The Shared Reading and Children's Home Library Project: A Pilot Study to Increase Book Ownership and Shared Reading Experiences in Low Income Families" in *Delta Journal of Education*, 6(1).

Dr. Chris Cunningham chaired a panel "Creating Knowledge, Enhancing Lives via Digital Libraries" at 2016 Annual Meeting of the Association for Information Science & Technology (ASIST), Oct. 18, Copenhagen, Denmark. The international conference included 423 attendees from 36 countries.

Dr. Matthew Griffis presented "Roving Reference Service and User-Centeredness: Findings from Public and Academic Libraries" at *American Library Association Annual Conference: Library Research Roundtable 'Connecting Research and Practice' Forum*, Orlando, FL, June 23-28.

Dr. Elwood Jones and Dr. Matthew Griffis co-authored *Peterborough and the Kawarthas: A History in Vintage Postcards*, Peterborough, ON: Trent Valley Archives, 2016.



Maria Schroeter, New England Library Association
October 16-18, Danvers, MA

**SLIS Ambassadors
at 2016 Professional Conferences**



Ashley Dees (right) & **Melissa Dennis** (not pictured)
Southeastern Library Association Conference,
October 5-7, Athens, GA



Kathy Barco, New Mexico Library Association
Conference, November 2-4, Albuquerque



Southern Miss British Studies LIS Class of 2015 alum **Debbie Estrella** at NELA 2016 Conference



Laurie & Roberta, SLIS alums at NMLA