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## From the GA's



SLIS GAs Alex Brower, Charlotte Roi, Elaine Walker, Daniel Shemwell, Rachel McMullen

In fall 2017, SLIS welcomed back returning GAs Alex Brower and Charlotte Roi. Alex represents SLIS on the Graduate Student Senate and Charlotte is President of LISSA, the LIS Student Association. SLIS also welcomed three new GAs:

Rachel McMullen has a BA in English and a Master of Education degree from the University of South Alabama. She has taught English and creative writing in the Mobile County Public School System and is managing editor of *Random Sample Review* e-journal <http://randomsamplereview.com>. Rachel teaches LIS 201, an information literacy course and serves as President of the Southern Miss Student Archivists (SMSA) and Vice-President of LISSA.

Daniel Shemwell has a BA in history from Delta State University, where he processed, digitized, and created a finding aid for a collection of photographs and documents related to Martha "Matsy" Wynn Richards. He curated the exhibit *Matsy: A Force in Focus* and the digital photos are now part of the [Mississippi Digital Library](#).

Elaine Barreras Walker has a BS in professional health sciences with a concentration in emergency management from the University of South Alabama. Elaine volunteers at the Moorer Branch Public Library in Mobile and the Mobile Area Education Foundation-Reading Buddy Program. She serves as Vice-President of SMSA and represents the Graduate School on the Southern Miss Student Government Senate.

## Congratulations SLIS MLIS Students

At the Mississippi Library Association Conference in Hattiesburg, October 17-20, Brenette Nichols was awarded the Virgia Brock-Shedd Scholarship and Alex Brower was awarded the Peggy May Scholarship.

The MLA Conference Program, which features many SLIS alums, is on the [misslib.org](http://misslib.org) website.

Candace Burkett's short film *Shaped by God* won Best Documentary at AfterGlow Film Festival, Grenada, MS, Oct. 6-7, was a finalist at Southern States Indie Fan Film Fest, Biloxi, Jan. 2-5, and won second place in the National Religious Broadcasters (NRB) annual film contest to be awarded in Nashville in February.

Kimberly Carver is Electronic Resources Access Coordinator, Hunter Library, Western Carolina University.

Letha Finley is Branch Manager of the Ina Thompson Moss Point Public Library, Moss Point, MS.



Charlotte, Rachel, Elaine, Alex, and Daniel

## Congratulations SLIS Alums

Sarah Aucoin (British Studies, 2015; MLIS 2017) is Reference Librarian, St. Tammany Parish Library Causeway Branch, Mandeville, LA.

Brianna Barnard (MLIS & Archival Certificate, 2015) is Automation/Technical Services Librarian, Fasken Learning Resource Center, Midland College, TX.

LaTrisha Blunt (MLIS, 2016) is Walbrook Branch Manager, Enoch Pratt Free Library System, Baltimore, MD.

Patrick Corcoran (British Studies, 2014; MLIS & Archival Certificate, 2016) is Reference Librarian, Concord University, Athens, WV.



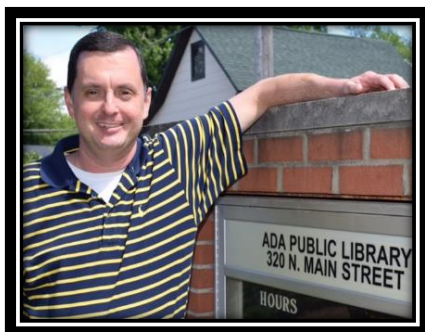
Amed Demirhan (MLIS, 2004), General Manager/Director of Barzani National Memorial Library, Barzan, Kurdistan, Iraq, was the 2017 recipient of the ALA International Relations Committee's John Ames Humphry/

OCLC/Forest Press Award, for significant contributions to international librarianship. In a 2014 [Library Journal](#) article, Amed talked about his time at Southern Miss.

Joy DuBose (MLIS, 2008) is Special Collections Cataloger, Mississippi State University Libraries, Starkville, MS.

Mary Katherine Dugan (British Studies, 2014; MLIS & Archival Certificate, 2016) is Librarian I, Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, NY.

Rhett Grant (MLIS, 2000) is Director, Ada Public Library, Ada, Ohio.



Lauren Ashley Howell (MLIS & Archival Certificate, 2017), Metadata Librarian, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, was selected for the American Library Association Emerging Leaders Program for 2018. She is sponsored by the Association of College & Research Libraries – European Studies Section (ACRL-ESS).

Tekla Johnson, Ph.D. (MLIS, 2015) is History Assistant Professor/Archivist, Harris-Stowe State University, St. Louis, MO.

Vanessa Jones (MLIS, 2012) is Cataloging and Instruction Librarian, Jackson State Community College, Jackson, TN.

Corinne Rebecca Kennedy (MLIS, 2013) is Humanities Librarian, Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS.

Tiwari Goins McLain (MLIS, 2008) is Program Coordinator, Mississippi Department of Education, Jackson, MS.

Nadia Nasr (MLIS, 2005), Head of Archives & Special Collections, Santa Clara University, was featured in a [C-Span video](#) at c-span.org.

Lisa Nunn (MLIS, 2011), Teacher/Librarian at Weston High School, Jonesboro, LA, was awarded a Lowes Toolbox Grant of \$4500 for new carpet, tables, chairs.

Tiffany R. Paige, J.D. (MLIS, 2010) is Assistant Dean for Student Services, Mississippi College School of Law, Jackson.



Emmie Hillman Powell (MLIS, 2016) is Children's Librarian, West Regional Branch, Mobile Public Library, AL.

Annie Watkins (MLIS, 2017) is Collection Management Librarian, Mississippi Library Commission, Jackson, MS.

Gary Pysznik (MLIS, 2017) is Supervisor, Borrowers' Services, Springfield City Library, Springfield, MA.

Denise LoPresto Saucier (Archival Certificate, 2017; MLIS/MA in Anthropology, 2018) is Director, Long Beach Public Library, Long Beach, MS.

## SLIS Alum Testified before Congressional Committee

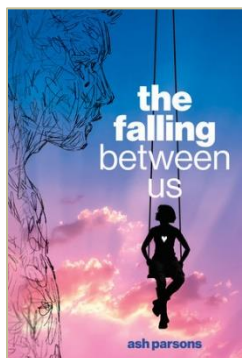
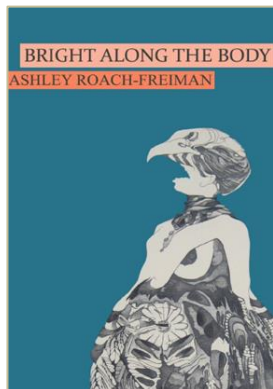
State Law Librarian of Mississippi Stephen Parks, JD (MLIS, 2013) testified before the Congressional Committee on House Administration Tuesday, September 26, 2017, at the hearing, *Transforming GPO for the 21st Century and Beyond: Part 3 – Federal Depository Library Program* at the request of the Committee Chairman, Mississippi Representative Gregg Harper.



Stephen Park's testimony may be viewed on YouTube <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l43nulqEf-E> beginning at point 1:01:22

## Student and Alum Publications

Ashley Roach-Freiman (MLIS, 2008), Research/Instructional Librarian, University of Memphis, and host of the *Impossible Language* poetry reading series, authored *Bright Along the Body*, a poetry chapbook, published by Dancing Girl Press (Nov. 2017). <http://ashleyroachfreiman.com/>



Ash Parsons' (MLIS, 1998) newest young adult book *The Falling Between Us* (Penguin Random House, 2018) is a Junior Library Guild Selection.

"Social Media and Information Behavior: A Citation Analysis of Current Research from 2008–2015," a research paper by Carrie Mastley for LIS 651, was published in *Serials Librarian*, 73(3/4), 339-351.

Janine Whitecotton Smith (MLIS, Archival Certificate, 2015), "Web Content and Digitization Patterns of Tribal College Libraries Within the Great Plains Region," master's research project, published in *QQML Journal*, 5, 677-694.

## Faculty Publications – Presentations

Archivist Jennifer Brannock and Dr. Griffis, "Open These Hallowed Doors: The Desegregation of Public Libraries in the South," a special event featuring distinguished scholar Dr. Wayne Wiegand, Friends of the University Libraries event grant, \$890.00.

Dr. Chris Cunningham et al., "Digital Liaisons Virtual Uncommons: Connecting Information and People in Order to Enhance Lives via Digital Librarianship." *Proceedings of The Association for Information Science & Technology*, 54(1), 556-558, 2017.

Dr. Griffis, "Making Voices Heard: Collecting and Sharing Oral Histories from Users of Segregated Libraries in the South," presented at Oral History Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, Oct. 4-7.

Dr. Griffis, "A Separate Space: Remembering Meridian's Segregated Carnegie Library, 1913-74," published in *Mississippi Libraries*, 80(3), 39-48, 2017.

Dr. Griffis, "New Online Archive on Racially Segregated Libraries" published in *Africology: The Journal of Pan-African Studies* 10(2), 277-293, 2017.

Mississippi Library Association Annual Conference, Hattiesburg, Oct. 17-20

- Dr. Welsh, "What's New at USM SLIS," presentation, SLIS Alumni Breakfast, Oct. 18
- Dr. Creel, "Technology Tools for Storytelling," Oct. 18
- Dr. Bomhold, "Reading for Pleasure in the School Setting," Oct. 19
- Dr. Yu, "Why Digital Preservation Matters: Access and Sustainability," Oct. 19.