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Spotlights: Faculty, Alum, and Courses

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Spotlight Faculty – Mrs. Jessica Whipple

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Undergraduate Instructor and Advisor Jessica Whipple earned a B.A. in Biology from Southern Virginia University and an MLIS degree and Graduate Certificate in Youth Services and Literature from The University of Southern Mississippi. She was awarded the Warren Tracy Award for Professionalism, Scholarship, and Service from SLIS in 2016 and joined the Southern Miss SLIS faculty in January 2017.

According to Jessica, she has "an assortment of teaching experience ranging from teaching private piano lessons (12 years), early childhood education in the Montessori setting, teaching English abroad in China and instructing at the college level both collaboratively online as well as in person. I have a deep love for learning as well as for teaching and facilitating an environment where students are able to develop the skills necessary to become lifelong learners and scholars."

At SLIS, Jessica has taught a variety of courses in the online Bachelor of Science in Library and Information Science degree program: courses in information literacy, reference, and cataloging in fall 2017; and in spring 2018, she is scheduled to teach courses in information literacy, collection development, and information ethics.

Jessica is originally from Virginia and "is a mountain girl at heart"; she lives in Hattiesburg with her husband, two little boys, and a cat. She enjoys listening to and playing all kinds of music and spending time with her family.

Spotlight Alum – Nadia Nasr

Nadia Nasr (MLIS, 2005) has worked with archival, special, and digital collections in academic and public libraries, beginning as a digitization assistant at the Southern Miss McCain Library and Archives while a student in the MLIS program. Today she is the Head of Archives & Special Collections at the Santa Clara University Library in Santa Clara, California.

In the interim between Hattiesburg and Santa Clara Nadia acquired increasing responsibility managing all aspects of archival, special, and digital collections. As the Digitization Supervisor at the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore, Maryland (2005 – 2007), she coordinated digital projects for the Library and its statewide collaborative digitization program known as Digital Maryland. As the University Archivist & Digital Collections Librarian at Towson University in Towson, Maryland (2007 – 2015), she built an active and engaging archival and digital collections program from the ground up. In 2007, *Library Journal* named Nadia one of the profession's Movers & Shakers; in 2016, the Council for Advancement and Support of Education conferred a Silver Award for *Towson University: The First 150 Years*.

Nadia's scholarship includes numerous presentations, publications, scholarly exhibits, and blog articles focused on such topics as digitization, special collections, university history, outreach, and management. She is a current member of the Society of American Archivists, the Society of California Archivists, and the American Printing History Association. http://works.bepress.com/nadia-nasr/

Spotlight Courses -
Bachelor of Science in Library and Information Science Degree Program

The bachelor's degree in LIS is all online and is a vital, growing program. Recent revisions to the Bachelor of Science in LIS degree include more flexibility and choice in required courses and reduction of the total required hours to 120 credit hours so students can "Finish in Four" (see http://catalog.usm.edu/).

An exciting new option that was approved for fall 2017 is the **Accelerated Master's Option (AMO)**

The Accelerated Master's Option allows senior undergrads in the LIS program with a GPA of 3.5 or higher to take up to 9 credit hours of graduate credit in the following cross-listed elective courses during their senior year:

LIS 406/506 – Cataloging Multimedia Objects
LIS 416/516 – Technology in the School Library
LIS 433/533 – History of the Book
LIS 417/517 – Children's Literature
LIS 418/518 – Young Adult Literature
LIS 419/519 – Programs and Services for Youth
LIS 428/528 - Storytelling
LIS 440/540 – Information Ethics
LIS 445/545 – Sources of Information for a Multicultural Society
LIS 457/557 – Information Technology and Libraries
LIS 458/558 – Web Design and Evaluation

AMO students pay undergraduate tuition for up to 9 credit hours of graduate courses and the credit will count toward both their undergraduate degree and toward the MLIS degree at Southern Miss.
- AMO students are charged the undergraduate tuition rate for graduate credit
- AMO students retain their eligibility for financial aid at the undergrad level provided they maintain full-time student classification.
- AMO students are limited to 15 hours of combined undergraduate/graduate coursework during a semester.
- Students may opt out of an AMO at any time and complete the required undergraduate degree plan.

AMO students retain their undergraduate classification until they have completed all the requirements of their undergraduate degree plan. It is expected that a student will complete the undergraduate degree within two years of being accepted into an Accelerated Master's Option. Completion of the AMO does not automatically result in admission to the graduate program. Students completing the AMO are required to complete the same graduate application process as all applicants - an application fee will be required upon completion of the undergraduate degree and prior to being enrolled as a graduate, degree-seeking student.

To apply, send a request to Undergrad Advisor Mr. J. Edmand Pace (johnnie.pace@usm.edu).

Undergraduate Minor
A minor in LIS is offered to students in other majors. Required courses include:

- LIS 201 - Introduction to Information Literacy (available face-to-face on campus or online)
- LIS 401 - Reference and Information Services
- LIS 416 - Technology in School Libraries or LIS 457 - Information Technology and Libraries or LIS 458 - Web Design and Evaluation
- 3 additional LIS electives for a total of 18 credit hours.

All courses required for the LIS major and minor are available online.

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LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE BS
Degree Plan (LISBS)

GENERAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM

GEC 01. Written Communication (6 hours)
- 01. ENG 101
- 02. ENG 102

GEC 02. Natural Science and Mathematics (11 hours minimum)
Science Requirement (8 hours minimum)
- 01. Select 2 courses with labs:
  - AST 111/L
  - AST 112/L
  - BSC 103/L◇
  - BSC 110/L◇
  - BSC 111/L◇
  - BSC 250/L
  - BSC 251/L
  - CHE 104/L
  - CHE 106/L
  - CHE 107/L
  - GHY 104/L
  - GHY 105/L
  - GLY 101/L
  - GLY 103/L
  - MAR 151/L
  - PHY 103/L
  - PHY 111/L
  - PHY 112/L
  - PHY 201/L
  - PHY 202/L
  - PSC 190/L

GEC 03. Humanities (9 hours)
- 01. ENG 203
- 02. Select 2 courses, 1 History required
  - HIS 101
  - HIS 102
  - PHI 151
  - PHI 171
  - REL 131

GEC 04. Aesthetic Values (3 hours)
- 01. Select 1 course:
  - ART 130
  - DAN 130
  - MUS 165
  - THE 100

GEC 05. Social and Behavioral Sciences (6 hours)
- 01. Select 2 courses:
  - ANT 101
  - COH 100
  - ECO 101
  - GHY 101
  - PS 101
  - PSY 110
  - SOC 101

GEC 06. Mathematics (3 hours)
- 01. Select 1 course:
  - MAT 100***
  - MAT 101
  - Higher-level MAT course

GEC 07. Writing-Intensive Requirement (3 hours)
- 01. IT 380 or ENG 333 (WI)
  ENG 101 & ENG 102 prerequisites

GEC 08. Speaking-Intensive Requirement (Major Area)
- 01. LIS 491 (SI)

GEC 09. Capstone Requirement (Major Area)
- 01. LIS 489* (Capstone)
  Must be taken Senior Year; ENG 101 & ENG 102 prerequisites

*This course satisfies both the GEC requirement and a program requirement for this major.
***This course does not satisfy prerequisites for any other math course.
◇ GEC restrictions apply; see page XXX.
GEC 07 - GEC 09 courses are specific to the major.
For full description of the GEC, see page XXX.

PROGRAM CURRICULUM

DEG 01. Major Area of Study Requirements (45 hours)
Minimum grade of "C" required in all Major Area of Study courses.
- 01. LIS 201
- 02. LIS 401
- 03. LIS 405
- 04. LIS 408
- 05. LIS 411
- 06. LIS 415
- 07. LIS 416 or LIS 457 or LIS 458
- 08. LIS 417 or LIS 418
- 09. LIS 440 or LIS 445
- 10. LIS 489 (Capstone)
- 11. LIS 491 (SI)
- 12. Select 12 additional hours from the School of Library and Information Science or 45 total hours of LIS courses

DEG 02. Additional Requirements
- 01. PSY 110
- 02. PSY 270 or PSY 275

DEG 03. Minor (18 hours)
- 01. A minor in another discipline or 18 hours of courses within the College of Education and Psychology

DEG 04. Electives
- 01. Choose electives as needed with adviser's approval. (See Hours to Degree below.)

HOURS TO DEGREE

120 hours are needed to graduate with a BS in Library and Information Science. At least 50 percent of the hours applied to a degree at The University of Southern Mississippi must be earned from a senior college, and 45 of these hours must be in courses numbered 300 or above. The last 25 percent of course work must be earned from Southern Miss. The student must earn at least 12 hours in the major area of study from Southern Miss.