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Southern Miss SLIS Report
Teresa S. Welsh, Ph.D., Professor and Director

It was a wonderfully busy fall/winter semester at Southern Miss School of Library and Information Science. Below are a few highlights and upcoming events – for more detailed information, see this issue of *SLIS Connecting* for fall and winter 2017.

Selected Highlights:

- SLIS is using a new online platform, Canvas, for course materials and a new virtual classroom, AdobeConnect.
- Dr. Cunningham is the new graduate faculty advisor and Mrs. Whipple the new undergraduate for the LIS Student Association (LISSA)
- Dr. Yu is the new faculty advisor for the Southern Miss Student Archivists (SMSA)
- Council on Community Literacy & Reading (CCLR), led by Dr. Bomhold, participated in USM Homecoming Parade and El Grito Latin Festival
- Dr. Griffis presented “Making Voices Heard: Collecting and Sharing Oral Histories from Users of Segregated Libraries in the South” at the Oral History Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, October 4-7.
- Dr. Cunningham chaired a panel “Digital Liaisons Virtual Uncommons: Connecting Information and People to Enhance Lives via Digital Librarianship” at ASIS&T Conference, Crystal City, VA, Oct. 27 – Nov. 1.
- Curriculum Committee Chair Dr. Creel and Undergraduate Coordinator & Advisor Mr. Pace proposed revising the LIS Bachelor of Science degree to 120 credit hours, which was approved by the College, University, and Provost.

Upcoming Events:

- CCLR event for Read Across America Day, Chain Park, March 3, *The Places You Will Go*
- Fay B. Kaigler Children’s Book Festival (CBF), April 11 - 13 will feature T.A. Barron, Holly Black, Wanda Johnson, Charlotte Jones Voiklis, Renee Watson, Carole Boston Weatherford, Salina Yoon, and Southern Miss Medallion Winner Dav Pilkey
- British Studies LIS class, London, June 2 – July 2.

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There is a great need for more LIS scholarships. If you know someone who would like to donate and name an endowed scholarship (\$25,000 or greater) to honor someone in perpetuity, contact the [USM Foundation](http://www.usmfoundation.com/) at 601-266-5210. An endowed scholarship memorializes someone forever since only the interest is awarded as a scholarship each year and the principle is not touched.

While we remember the many wonderful things that happened in fall/winter 2017, here’s to a great, productive spring 2018!



English High Tea, Bosses Day, SLIS, October 16th

Dr. Teresa S. Welsh earned an MLIS and Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee. She joined the SLIS faculty in 2003, was promoted to Full Professor in 2014 and SLIS Director in 2015.

Thank you SLIS Recruiters and Ambassadors!

LAMP (Library & Media Professionals)
Tupelo, Sept. 25; Batesville, Sept. 26



Karen Rowell and Alex

Mississippi Library Association (MLA)
Hattiesburg, Oct. 17-20



SLIS G.A. Charlotte Mona Roi

LAMP (Library & Media Professionals)
Pearl, Sept. 27; Hattiesburg, Sept. 28



Super Recruiter Alex Working the Crowd at LAMP



SLIS Faculty, Staff, GAs @MLA

Southeastern Library Association (SELA) Conference
White Sulphur Springs, WV, Nov. 8-10

Student Recruitment Event
USM Cook Library, Sept. 26



Alex Brower, Elaine Walker, Charlotte Roi, Rachel McMullen, Jonathan Puckett



SLIS Alums Ashley Dees, Melissa Dennis