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*People, Libraries
and Agencies* **IN THE NEWS**

Georgia Library Association 2022 GLA Scholarship Winners

The Georgia Library Association (GLA) scholarship committee is excited to announce the 2022 recipients of the Hubbard and Beard scholarships.

The Hubbard Scholarship



Rachel Chandler

Rachel Chandler is this year's C.S. Hubbard Scholarship winner. Rachel currently works for Georgia State University Library as a science and data visualization

librarian. Her path to librarianship began in medical illustration with a desire to convey dense scientific and health information using a visual medium.

Coming from a family of medical professionals, Rachel writes:

[My father and grandfather] nurtured my interest in science from a young age; I learned to draw by studying my father's anatomy textbooks. But I never sought to be a doctor because I am more fascinated with how scientific information is acquired, managed, and communicated. Though a medical illustrator and a librarian may not appear similar, they share many of the same competencies and values. They are stewards of information who support research, cultivate scholarship, and ultimately increase the public good.

As a freelance medical illustrator, Rachel created illustrations for the Piedmont Brain Tumor Center and Emory University. These experiences strengthened her desire to empower individuals who engage with complex concepts through clear science communication and increased access to information. Rachel attends the University of Mississippi's School of Library and Information Science and intends to continue her work in new ways. Rachel writes:

I am honored to receive the Georgia Library Association's Charles Beard Scholarship, and thankful for the support it will lend to my budding career as a science librarian. With the support of this scholarship, I can finish my final year of my master's in library science and work in Georgia as a science librarian. It is especially important for librarians during a major public health crisis like the COVID-19 pandemic to counter misinformation and support all kinds of patrons throughout the state.

The Beard Scholarship

Brady Beard is the 2022 recipient of the Charles Beard Scholarship. Brady works for Pitts Theology Library at Emory University as a reference and instruction librarian. In this role, Brady looks forward to teaching and supporting researchers at the intersection of information studies and religious studies. Brady discussed some of the challenges facing divinity students from many different backgrounds.

As he states:

...our student population comes from multitudes of social backgrounds, students from historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs) studying in a

predominately white institution (PWI) for the first time, students straight out of undergrad, and those who have worked two or three different careers. I engage daily with deeply ingrained strata of religious belief and identity as they interact with the information landscape. Providing reference support in this setting is dynamic. Because of this reality, my role requires that I constantly ask questions related to the structures of power, the library, the learner, and myself. How are my students and patrons accessing the information around them, and how can I help them find and employ reliable and factual information?

Brady began the Library and Information Science program at the University of Alabama in fall 2022. With this scholarship, he intends to continue advancing information literacy. He writes:

I'm so grateful to receive this financial support as I continue to grow as a librarian in the University of Alabama's Master of Library and Information Studies (MLIS) program. I'm currently the reference and instruction librarian at Pitts Theology Library at Emory University, and I plan to focus my training on information literacy. I plan to continue



Brady Beard

thinking about and developing curriculum around information literacy and religious literacy in my career.

Complete information about the scholarships, including application information and how to donate to the scholarship fund, is available on [GLA's website](#).

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