

Congratulations . . .

Spring 2016 Awards go to:

Ashley Hoffman
George Gaumond Award

Jeffrey Lofton
MLIS Merit Scholarship

Josey Lindsay
H. W. Wilson Scholarship

Carlyn Morenus
H. W. Wilson Scholarship

Megan Scopelliti
H. W. Wilson Scholarship

John Willard
*Dorothy Dewar
Service Scholarship*

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MLIS Classmate Appointed to the Georgia Peach Book Award Committee

Kudos to MLIS student, Wendy Knight, who has been chosen to serve on the Georgia Peach Book Award for Teen Readers committee—a group that works to promote reading and literacy skills in teens. The committee members, comprised of school and public librarians, read books for teens and nominate the best 20 titles. Then, teens vote for their favorite books through their high school and public libraries. The books that earn the highest number of readers and ratings become the Peach Book and Honor Books (<http://georgiapeachaward.org>).

Wendy became interested in the Peach committee after attending their presentation at the 2014 GaCOMO conference. She responded to an email sent out by the Peach Award via the GLA listserv seeking new members. Wendy was interviewed for a spot, but not selected.

Wendy describes her next steps this way: “I committed to a lofty reading challenge for 2015 to prove to myself that I could undertake the heavy reading schedule required (which I met and then surpassed) and applied when the email invitation was posted in February 2016.”

This time she made the cut.

“I plan to graduate in May, so the timing was perfect! Now, my days are spent trying to balance my classwork with reading, reading, reading. I can see a shift in how I read YA literature. As a patron of YA books, I reacted to them with my own experiences and preferences. However, now I am constantly reminding myself to evaluate the story from the perspective of a young adult, and sometimes that makes quite a difference in how I regard a book. I am excited and proud to have been chosen to represent public YA librarianship alongside a great group of LIS professionals who are dedicated to an oftentimes overlooked patronage.”



Wendy Knight is the YA collection developer and manager for the Troup-Harris Regional Library System.

Meet Chereese Cadet!



Imagine having an author in your midst. Well, many of you have that pleasure.

Meet your classmate, author Chereese Cadet.

Chereese entered the MLIS program here at Valdosta State University in spring 2015. SOLIS colleagues asked her to tell us about herself and her writing.

Chereese traveled throughout the United States as an Army brat during her formative years. Her experiences in diverse locales and her love of reading led her to pen her first story, *Battle for Triumph*, at age 12.

Although she never published this first book, Chereese continued to write and read.

She wrote another story on her lunch breaks during her freshman year of high school. But it was not until 10 years later, (2001) writing under her pen name Chereese A. Vines, that she self-published her first novella, a YA science fiction–fantasy entitled *Countercharm*, with Infinity Publishing. It was the beginning of the print-on-demand publishing era, and Chereese was one of many first-time authors taking advantage of this new publishing outlet. It took another nine years before she completed and published a sequel: *Countercharm 2: Of Stars and Dreams* (Infinity Publishing, 2009).

Since then, Chereese has published a paranormal romance, *Three Weeks in May* (Smashwords.com and Amazon's CreateSpace, 2012), and a tech-thriller *Cords of the Ascendant* (Smashwords.com and Amazon's CreateSpace, 2014).

In her spare time, she writes reviews on books, movies, restaurants, etc. on her blog Chereese Vines Charming Words on Wordpress.com. She enjoys reading history, fiction books with stories that are out of the ordinary, and genres that include fantasy, science fiction, and mystery. Her favorite authors include Octavia Butler, Ursula LeGuin, and Douglas Adams. She participates in the National Novel Writing Month annually.

Visit these websites for more on Chereese A. Vines:

http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/4247595.Chereese_A_Vines
www.chereesevinescharmingwords.wordpress.com
www.goodreads.com/ChereeseVines
www.smashwords.com/profile/view/chereesevines
www.amazon.com/Chereese-A.-Vines/e/B00CR4H82U/ref=sr_ntt_srch_lnk_2?qid=1458668548&sr=8-2.

GLA Scholarships

The Georgia Library Association sponsors two scholarships for which MLIS students living in Georgia qualify.

The Hubbard Scholarship, a \$3,000 award, is intended to recruit excellent candidates for librarianship in Georgia and defray some of the costs of their education.

The Beard Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,500, is targeted for applicants of excellence who show strong potential for leadership in the library profession.

The deadline to apply for the 2014 scholarships is May 21.

See the Georgia Library Association website for details: <http://gla.georgialibraries.org/scholarship.htm>



ALA Registration

Are you planning to attend ALA in Orlando? If so, you are eligible for reimbursement for your registration fee (up to \$160) through SOLIS.

SOLIS funds two student registrations for full ALA registration which covers any and all conference dates between June 24 and June 28 and all sessions except for pre-conferences and optional ticketed events.

Both Georgia residents and out-of-state students are eligible for all SOLIS awards. The first two students to apply receive the reimbursements.

Apply by sending an email to Dr. Ondrusek with your receipt for ALA registration attached by Friday, June 3rd.

We will be participating in the shared joint reunion for MLIS schools at ALA. Look for dates and locations in the April-May SOLIS newsletter.

For more information on the conference, visit the site at <http://2016.alaannual.org/>.



SOLIS T-Shirt Campaign!

Support the Student Organization of Library and Information Science (SOLIS) by ordering your own T-shirt with the VSU and MLIS insignias!

The 2016-2017 year marks the 15th anniversary of the MLIS program, and the T-shirt shows our founding date of 2001 as an open entry.

Proceeds from sales have funded student registrations to the ALA convention, expenses for the new student peer advising panels (when needed), a breakfast reunion at GaCOMO, and a reception for the travelling rare books exhibit on loan from the Hathi Trust.

SOLIS T-Shirt Order Form

Yes, I want to support SOLIS! Please send me _____ (number) of shirts.

Please indicate the quantity for each size:

Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ X-Large _____ XX-Large _____ XXX-Large _____

Order of one (1) shirt is \$20 (includes processing and shipping via USPS)

Order of 2 or more shirts is \$15 per shirt (processing and shipping included)

Total enclosed: _____

Check payment only.

Make check payable to MLIS Foundation and write **Account Number 70248** on the memo line.

Allow two to four weeks to receive your t-shirt(s).