

## **MLIS STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS**

### **Employment and Promotions**

**March 11, 2008**

**Julia Huprich**, a spring 2007 MLIS graduate, was hired in January 2008 as the children's librarian at the South Cobb Regional Library in Mableton, Georgia.

**Steven Burton**, a spring 2007 MLIS graduate, was hired in January 2008 as a Library Technical Para-professional III at the Kennesaw University Music Library. He was previously a temporary Librarian for Reference/Outreach at the Johnson Library of Southern Polytechnic State University.

**Hyun (Leah) Kim**, a spring 2007 MLIS graduate, was hired in December 2007 as the Catalog/Archives Librarian for the Johnson Library of Southern Polytechnic State University. She was previously a part-time Reference Librarian in this same library.

**Hongying Song**, a fall 2005 MLIS graduate, was hired in December 2007 as a children's librarian for the Jacksonville Public Library system where she was formerly a part-time library associate.

**Wendy Wilmoth**, a spring 2006 MLIS graduate, was selected as the Director of Library and Media Services at Griffin Technical College in November 2007.

**Kenneth McCullers**, a spring 2007 graduate, was promoted from a Senior Library Specialist to a Librarian position at the DeKalb County Public Library.

**Joan Osborne**, a spring 2007 graduate, was hired in November 2007 as a cataloger for Gwinnett County Public Library.

**Stacy Brown**, a spring 2007 graduate, was hired in November 2007 as an Assistant Librarian at Georgia Highlands College.

**Eva Wardrup**, a fall 2006 MLIS graduate, was promoted in Fall 2007 to the position of Cataloging Librarian at Forsyth County Public Library.

**Kristina Peavy**, current student, was promoted in Fall 2007 to the position of Access Services Supervisor at Georgia Southwestern State University.

**Na Ding**, a graduate in 2004, was hired in Fall 2007 as a programmer in the Information Technology/Financial Services department at Valdosta State University.

**Christy Cechman**, a summer 2007 MLIS graduate, who has worked at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for many years, now holds a professional "Librarian" title and works on the Information Reference, Research, and Education Services (IRRES) team. Her position is in the National Center for Public Health Information (NCPHI) in the Division of Knowledge Management Services (DKMS).

**Michael Nagy**, a summer 2007 MLIS graduate, will remain at The Salvation Army Southern Historical Center as the Director and Archivist.

**Karen Preston**, a summer 2007 MLIS graduate, was appointed to the position of Electronic Resources Librarian at Life University.

**April Renfroe-Warren**, a spring 2007 MLIS graduate, accepted the position as Library Manager at the Monroe-Walton County Library, part of the Uncle Remus Regional Library, the summer following her graduation.

**Lindsay White**, a current student, was moved to the position of Assistant Librarian for Collection Development at the Georgia Gwinnett College library.

**John Henderson**, scheduled to graduate in Fall 2007, was hired as a full-time librarian by the Valdosta Technical College in July 2007.

**Maria Terese Scheiderich**, a spring 2007 MLIS graduate, was hired in Fall 2007 as the Library Manager at the Monroe-Walton County Library System, a part of the Uncle Remus Regional Library System..

**Lee Ann Cline**, a fall 2006 graduate, was promoted from Library Associate to Cataloger in July at the Dalton State College library.

**Rita Spisak**, a spring 2007 graduate, was promoted to Librarian in June 2007 and will continue her duties as Assistant Circulation Manager in the Horace W. Sturgis Library at Kennesaw State University.

**Lori Lester**, a spring 2007 graduate, was hired in May by the Georgia Southern University as an Information Services Librarian with responsibilities in maintaining the federal and Georgia state documents reference and depository services.

**Lynn Cahoon**, a fall 2006 MLIS graduate, was hired as the Remote Reference/Distance Learning Librarian for the University of Georgia with a starting date of April 16, 2007.

**Lynn Wyche**, a fall 2006 MLIS graduate, was hired as a full-time Library Technical Assistant and as an adjunct for bibliographic instruction by the North Florida Community College in January 2007.

**Debra Fennell**, a spring 2006 MLIS graduate, was hired as an Assistant Reference Librarian by the East Georgia College Library with a starting date of January 22, 2007.

**Valerie Blanchard Stroyls**, a summer 2006 MLIS graduate, became the new Network Librarian for the Lake Blackshear Regional Library in January 2007.

**Christie Paulk**, a fall 2006 MLIS graduate, was hired by the South Georgia Regional Library as the Youth Services Librarian with a starting date of January 2007.

**Mary Ann Upchurch**, a fall 2006 MLIS graduate, was hired by Wheaten Franciscan Healthcare, headquartered in Waterloo, Iowa as a full-time medical librarian in fall 2006.

**Dick Kawooya**, the first VSU MLIS graduate, class of 2002, joined the faculty of the LIS program at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, on a part-time basis in fall 2006. Mr. Kawooya will soon receive his doctorate from University of Tennessee and was granted a fellowship with the Open Society Institute in Budapest, Hungary, for 2006-2007.

**Leann Boyd**, current student, was hired by the South Georgia College Library as a full-time Information Services Librarian in fall 2006.

**Nicol Lewis**, current student, was hired as a help desk technical consultant by the Georgia State Library in fall 2006.

**Chandra Jackson**, a summer 2006 MLIS graduate, received an appointment as serials librarian at the University of Georgia immediately after her graduation.

**Parker Owen**, a spring 2006 MLIS graduate, received an appointment as librarian at the Dekalb Technical College, July 2006.

**David Fry**, current student, was hired as a full-time electronic services librarian at Darton College Library in Albany, May 2006, with a continuing appointment contingent upon his graduation by the end of 2006. Mr. Fry graduated in fall 2006 and retained his position at Darton College.

**Amy King**, current student, was hired as a part-time children's librarian by the Hampton Public Library in Hampton, Virginia. She reported to the MLIS faculty that her portfolio was a factor in landing her the job. Ms. King graduated in summer 2007 and retained her position at Hampton Public.

**Colleen Knight**, a spring 2006 MLIS graduate, was promoted to Adult Services Coordinator for the Bartow County Public Library.

**Bonnie Parker**, a summer 2005 MLIS graduate, was appointed Cataloging Librarian at Macon State College in 2006.

**Sandra Hester**, a summer 2005 MLIS graduate, was appointed director of the Fitzgerald – Ben Hill County Public Library in Fitzgerald, Georgia. She reported to the MLIS faculty that presentation of her portfolio contributed in a major way to receiving the appointment.

**Jewel Eller**, a spring 2005 MLIS graduate, received her 5(b) public library certification as a professional librarian from the State Library Board. She is director of the public library in Rabun County, Georgia, and in spring 2006, she co-taught the MLIS 7240 *Marketing Library Services* course for the VSU Program.

**William C. Moore**, a fall 2004 MLIS graduate, was promoted to the position of Chief Information Security Officer for Valdosta State University upon receiving his degree.

**Alan Bernstein**, the second VSU MLIS graduate, class of 2003, became the Circulation Librarian at the Odum Library, Valdosta State University, after obtaining his degree. He is currently enrolled as a doctoral candidate in the VSU Curriculum and Instruction program.