

## MLIS STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

March 11, 2008

### Publications include:

**Dick Kawooya.** "Information and Professional Ethics in Sub-Saharan Africa." *Information Development*, June 2004. (Ranked among the 50 most frequently read articles from the journal in January 2008. Most-read rankings are recalculated at the beginning of the month and are based on full-text and PDF views.)

**Chris Carroll.** "A Peek inside the Personal Library of a Librarian" (under the feature column called "My Own Private Library") *Georgia Library Quarterly* 44, 4 (Winter 2008): 4.

**Leann Boyd.** "If I were in Charge: Fourteen Tips for Improving Management and Leadership." *Library Worklife* 4, 7: unp.

**Wendy Wilmoth.** "The Effect of Smart Cards on Library Use: The Griffin Technical College Case." *Georgia Library Quarterly* 44, 2 (Summer 2007): 15-21.

**Alan Bernstein.** "Expectations and Excitations: The Library as a Happening Place." *The Georgia Library Quarterly* 44, 2: 10-14.

**Harikleia Sirmans.** "Storyteller Dori Chaconas." *The Valdosta Voice*. September 2006. 15.

**Valerie Blanchard.** "History of Georgia Southwestern State University, Part VI, 1960-1979." *Check It Out! Newsletter of the James Earl Carter Library*, 6, 1: 1. (Retrieved May 31, 2006, from <http://www.gsw.edu/~library/SPRING2006.pdf/>)

**Valerie Blanchard Stroyls.** "History of Georgia Southwestern State University, Part VII, 1980-1999." *Check It Out! Newsletter of the James Earl Carter Library*, 6, 2: 1. (Retrieved May 31, 2006, from <http://www.gsw.edu/~library/Fall05Newsletter.pdf/>)

**Allan Bernstein.** "Library Ethics 101." *The Georgia Library Quarterly* 40, 4: 5-7. The author also presented his paper at the Georgia Conference on Media Organizations, Jekyll Island, Georgia, October 2003.

**Eva Waldrup, Carol Bishop, and Lee Ann Cline.** "Not Your Mother's Library School." *The Georgia Library Quarterly* 39, 3: 7-13. The authors also presented their findings at the Poster Sessions, Annual Conference of the American Library Association, Atlanta, Georgia, June 2002.

Charles Batambuze and **Dick Kawooya.** "Librarianship and Professional Ethics: The Case for Uganda." (Robert Vaagan, ed.). *The Ethics of Librarianship: An International Survey*. Munich: K.G. Saur.

**Dick Kawooya.** "Management Prospects and Challenges of Library Allocations in Africa: The Case of the Uganda Library Association and the Library and Information Association of South Africa". *World Libraries* 11, 1 & 2: 39-54.

### Publications – Book deals in progress:

Neal-Schuman has shown strong interest in a book on libraries serving patrons with special needs in progress under joint authorship of **Vera Blair** (a summer 2006 MLIS graduate) and Ravonne Green (MLIS faculty member).

**Richard Gillert**, current student, is seeking a publisher for his book containing his art and poetry dealing with the challenges and disappointments of life.

**Conference presentations include:**

**Alan Bernstein** presented his research entitled, “The Sounds and the Furies: Managing an Active Library in a New Generation of Learners,” at the juried paper session, Georgia Council of Media Organizations, October 18, 2007, Jekyll Island, Georgia.

**Wendy Wilmoth** presented her research entitled, “Serving Sexual Assault Survivors in the Academic Library,” at the juried paper session, Georgia Council of Media Organizations, October 18, 2007, Jekyll Island, Georgia.

**Alan Bernstein** presented his research entitled, “Expectations and Excitations: An Ethnographic Study of Changing Library Usage,” at the juried paper session, Georgia Council of Media Organizations, September 21, 2006, Athens, Georgia.

**Wendy Wilmoth** presented her research entitled, “The Effect of Smart Cards on Library Use: The Griffin Technical College Case,” at the juried paper session, Georgia Council of Media Organizations, September 21, 2006, Athens, Georgia.

**Colleen Knight** and **Sandra Hester** were co-presenters at the conference session, “Collection Evaluation in Public Libraries.” Georgia Council of Media Organizations, September 22, 2006, Athens, Georgia.

**Laura Herndon** and **Terese Scheiderich** were panelists at the conference session, “Surviving Your First Year at Library School.” Georgia Council of Media Organizations, September 21, 2006, Athens, Georgia.

**Brian Jones** was a presenter at the conference session, “Graphic Novels are Not (entirely) a Joke!” Georgia Council of Media Organizations, September 21, 2006, Athens, Georgia.

**Joan Osborne** was a presenter at the conference session, “Be Careful What You Wish For: Licensing Agreements and the ILL.” September 21, 2006, Athens, Georgia.

**Miguel Vicente** was a presenter at the conference session, “Reaching Out to Your Hispanic Population.” September 21, 2006, Athens, Georgia.

**Vera Blair**, “Johann David Kohler’s *Anweisung fur reisende Gelerte, Bibliothechken, Munz-Cabeinette, Antiquitaten-Zimmer, Bilder-Sale, Naturalien- und Kunst-Kammern u.d.m.mit Nutzen zubesehe*: Inferred Ethical Concern in Eighteenth Century Library Practice and Lessons for the Twenty-first Century.” Ethics of Information in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Conference, 12-14 October 2005, Memphis, Tennessee.

**Laura Herndon** was co-presenter of the conference session, “Reality ‘Jeopardy’ – A Game Show Brought to You by the GLA Paraprofessional Division.” Georgia Council of Media Organizations, October 12-13, 2005, Columbus, Georgia.

**Wendy Wilmoth** presented the conference session, “Information Sources on Violence Against Women.” Columbus, Georgia, Georgia Council of Media Organizations, October 12-13, 2005, Columbus, Georgia.

Wallace Koehler and **Vera Blair**, “Distance Education in Library and Information Science Discipline: The Valdosta State University Case.” Informing Science Conference, Pori, Finland, June 24-27, 2003.

**Awards include:**

**Sarah Miranda Hepler**, a spring 2008 MLIS graduate, received the fourth George Gaumont Award\* in spring 2008.

**Kara Mullen**, current student, received the 2007 Georgia Library Association's Paraprofessional Grant. Georgia Council of Media Organizations, October 18, 2007, Jekyll Island, Georgia.

**Viki Timian**, current student, received the Supervisor of the Year Award from the University of Georgia Libraries Staff Association Awards Committee.  
<http://www.libs.uga.edu/asset/recipients.html#supervisor>

**Miguel Vicente**, current student, received the second Charles Beard Scholarship awarded by the Georgia Library Association in spring 2007. Mr. Vicente heads the Pinewood Library and Community Learning Center (a center providing Spanish-English services and materials) which was selected over thousands of competing libraries to receive the 2007 Highsmith Library Innovation Award.

**Maria Terese Scheiderich**, a spring 2007 MLIS graduate, received the third George Gaumont Award\* in spring 2007.

**Leann Boyd**, current student, was named winner of the Valdosta State University Centennial Essay Contest and awarded a prize of \$250 at the Student Leadership Awards Banquet held April 4, 2007. Her essay was entitled "Library Science in Valdosta: From Humble Beginnings to a Promising Future."

**Chandra Jackson**, a summer 2006 MLIS graduate, received the NASIG Horizon Award, which paid her expenses to the North American Serials Interest Group conference in Louisville, KY, May 31-June 3, 2007. For more information on the NASIG Horizon Award, see <http://www.nasig.org/awards/timedated/horizon.html>.

**Imani Warrick**, accepted into the MLIS Program in January, 2007, is a Spectrum Scholar – an award administered by the American Library Association that provides professional development opportunities to minority students in Master's degree programs of library and information science.

**Rita Spisak**, current student, received the 2006 Georgia Library Association's Paraprofessional Award. Georgia Council of Media Organizations, September 21, 2006, Athens, Georgia.

**Lori Lester**, current student, received the first Charles Beard Scholarship awarded by the Georgia Library Association in spring 2006.

**Wendy Wilmoth**, a spring 2006 MLIS graduate, received the second George Gaumont Award\* in spring 2006.

**Laura Herndon** and **Karen Preston** received the 2005 Georgia Library Association's Paraprofessional Award. Georgia Council of Media Organizations, October 12-13, 2005, Columbus, Georgia.

**Eva Neel Wardrup** received the first George Gaumont Award\* in spring 2005.

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\* An award bestowed each year at the VSU Honors ceremony to a current MLIS student who has demonstrated exemplary scholarship and service.

### **Achievements indicating continuing professional growth include:**

**Dick Kawooya**, the first VSU MLIS graduate, class of 2002, is Assistant Director of The Center for Information Policy Research (CIPR) at the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, School of Information Studies. He will serve as Acting Director during the 2008/09 academic year.

**Patrick Roughen**, a summer 2007 MLIS graduate, was among the first six candidates admitted to the doctoral program at the School of Library and Information Science at the University of South Carolina (<http://www.libsci.sc.edu/picweek/aug20/820.htm>).

**Sandra Hester** (MLIS graduate 2005 and director of the Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County Library), **Colleen Knight** (MLIS graduate 2006 graduate and adult services librarian for the Bartow County Library System), and **Beverly Williams** (current MLIS student and subregional manager for the Georgia Library for Accessible Services in Atlanta) were among the 20 Georgia librarians selected to be part of the PINNACLE Class of 2008. PINNACLE stands for the Public Library Institute for New and Creative Leadership Education and is operated under the auspices of the Georgia Public Library Service. "In the News." *Georgia Library Quarterly* 44, No. 3 (Autumn 2007) : 12-13.

**Joye Cauthen**, a spring 2008 MLIS graduate, performed her program on Caroline Miller, Georgia's first Pulitzer prize winner at The Georgia Center for the Book on October 29, 2007.

**Eva Neel Wardrup** is serving as Vice-Chair of the North Georgia Associated Libraries: <http://www.ngalweb.org/page3.html>

**Julia Huprich**, a spring 2007 MLIS graduate, was accepted into the Master in Public Administration program at the University of Georgia.

**Chandra Jackson**, a summer 2006 MLIS graduate, was appointed to the editorial board of the Association of College and Research Libraries' peer-reviewed journal, *College & Research Libraries*.

**Carolyn Atono**, a spring 2005 MLIS and MPA graduate, was appointed to an internship with the library of the International Criminal Court in The Hague in fall 2005. Upon completion of her internship, Ms. Atono was accepted into the doctoral program at the University of Tennessee.

**William C. Moore**, the fourth VSU MLIS graduate, class of 2004, was promoted to the position of Chief Information Security Officer for Valdosta State University upon receiving his degree. In spring 2006, he completed a second Masters degree from VSU, an M.Ed. in Higher Education Leadership. In 2006, Moore held these positions: chair of the Campus Security Taskforce, member of the Information Technology Executive Committee, and member of the USG Administrative Committee on Information Technology.

**Na Ding**, the third VSU MLIS graduate, class of 2004, was accepted at the University of Alabama as a doctoral student. Ms. Ding transferred to Florida State University (FSU) in 2004. She continued her doctoral work as a graduate research associate and web developer in FSU's Information Use Management and Policy Institute.

### **Employment and promotion news:**

**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 Renfro-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 Wheaton 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.