



SOLIS Invites You: Tour of Pitts Theology Library



SOLIS would like to invite all interested MLIS students to join us as we tour Emory University's Pitts Theology Library, April 26 at 11 a.m. with lunch to follow. The tour will be led by Pitts Theology Library Director, Dr. Patrick Graham, and will focus on the special collections at Pitts Theology Library. Housed in Emory's original library building, Pitts Theology Library is home to a number of rare books and

materials. This tour is a wonderful opportunity to visit one of the state's largest archival collections of theological works dating back to 1660. The tour is limited to a small group, so sign up early if you are interested. For more information or to sign up for the tour, email Christopher Baker at ckbaker@valdosta.edu. We hope you'll join us for what will surely be a wonderful, educational experience.

SOLIS Becomes Official ALA Student Chapter

In October of 2007, VSU's SOLIS group became the 57th official student chapter of ALA. SOLIS was able to apply to become a Student Chapter of ALA after the accreditation of the MLIS program at VSU. Special thanks goes to former SOLIS President Leann Boyd for her hard work in making SOLIS an official Student Chapter of the ALA.



MLIS Family Among Inaugural Class of the PINNACLE Institute for Public Library Leaders

PINNACLE, a service of the Georgia Public Library Institute for New and Creative Leadership Education, has accepted MLIS Alumni Sandy Hester (2005) and Colleen Knight (2006) as well as current student Beverly Williams into their inaugural class of public library leaders. The goal of the program is to ensure the highest quality of public library leadership within the state of Georgia. The year-long course gives 20 young public library leaders the opportunity to receive training and individual mentorship in a variety of applications, including situational leadership, time management, problem solving, financial management, administrative law, conflict resolution, and ethics.

For more information on SOLIS, please visit our website! You'll find past newsletters, a listing of officers, bylaws, information on MLIS alumni and more!

<http://www.valdosta.edu/mlis/solis/>

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Congratulations to the following Fall 2007

MLIS graduates:

Leann Boyd

Nicol Lewis

Cordelia Riley



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SOLIS Officers:

President:

Christopher Baker

Vice President:

Sarah Hepler

Secretary:

Carolann Curry

Treasurer:

Kurt Stoltz

Webmaster:

John Henderson

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Harikleia Sirmans



2008 ALA Annual Conference



Need a good reason to visit the West Coast? The 2008 ALA Convention will be held June 26—July 2, 2008 in Anaheim, California. Exhibits, meetings and educational programs will be held in The Anaheim Convention Center as well as in various hotels in the surrounding area.

For more information on registration, lodging, and travel for the ALA Annual Conference, visit: <http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferences/annual/2008a/home.htm>

Did you know?

- The MLIS web page now features an RSS feed. Subscribe and stay up to date with library news, job postings, scholarship opportunities, and more! Visit the MLIS page at www.valdosta.edu/mlis and click the RSS Feed button on the left of the page to sign up!
- The MLIS program welcomed 46 new students this Spring Semester! These new students are the first to begin the program in the Spring, and we wish them the best of luck! Overall enrollment for the MLIS program is up 75 % compared to the previous academic year.
- SOLIS is your organization! Visit the SOLIS website at <http://www.valdosta.edu/mlis/solis/> to submit your news or announcements.

Join GLA & ALA!

The Georgia Library Association and the American Library Association are offering MLIS students a discounted membership rate for both organizations.

For a total of \$32, you can become of member of both the ALA and GLA. The membership form is available online at:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/ourassociation/chapters/jointmembership/georgia.pdf>

Future Librarian?



VSU Alum Celebrates New Arrival!

Kate is the daughter of VSU MLIS May 2007 Graduate Terese Scheidrich. Named Katharine Louise Scheiderich, Kate was born on October 9, 2007, tipping the scales at 8lbs. 5oz. There is employed as Acquisitions Librarian for Georgia Gwinnet College. There is says of Kate, "I've already told her she's going to be a librarian when she grows up since she did capstone and graduation 'with' me."

Please send any suggestions for items you would like to see included in subsequent newsletters to Christopher Baker (ckbaker@valdosta.edu) or Carolann Curry (clcurry@valdosta.edu).



Student & Alumni News

Wondering what your fellow MLIS students and alumni are doing these days? Find out here!

(For more SOLIS Member achievements visit The SOLIS site at: www.valdosta.edu/mlis/solis)

Publications:

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

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.

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.)

Conference presentations:

Alan Bernstein presented his research titled, "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 titled, "Serving Sexual Assault Survivors in the Academic Library," at the juried paper session, Georgia Council of Media Organizations, October 18, 2007, Jekyll Island, Georgia.

Awards:

Alisha Blevins, current student, was the recipient of the Fall 2007 MLIS Scholarship.

Sarah Miranda Hepler, a spring 2008 MLIS graduate, received the fourth George Gaumond 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.

Rhiannon Shoults, current student, received the MLIS Scholarship for the 2008 Spring Semester.

Employment:

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

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.

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 part-time Reference Librarian in this same library.

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

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

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.

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

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