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Week-by-Week Planner for October

10/9: Last day to withdraw from a course without academic penalty
10/10: Advising Bulletin with the updated course listings for Spring 2009 published
10/13 & 10/14: Fall Break
10/15 – 10/17: Georgia Conference of Media Organizations (GA COMO) in Athens
10/20 - 10/24: Advising Week – consult with your advisor for Spring 09 courses
10/27 – 11/1: Early Registration (tuition waiver students do not qualify)

Welcome Dr. William Meehan

Assistant Professor Bill Meehan comes to VSU from New York City where he worked for Arader Galleries. He previously taught at several colleges, most recently in the School of Library and Information Science at Indiana University. He graduated from Hampden-Sydney College, has his MA from the University of Delaware, an MLS from Indiana University, and a DA from Middle Tennessee State University.

40 New Students Enter in Fall 2008

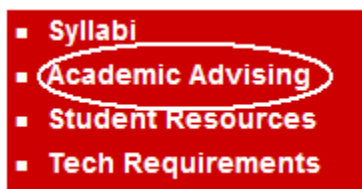
A total of 40 students joined the ranks of VSU MLIS program candidates in Fall 2008. Our fall Foundations class currently has 38 students. Welcome and best wishes from the faculty.

Spring-Summer-Fall 2008 Graduation Applications

For those of you planning to graduate in the Spring, Summer, or Fall terms of 2009, now is the time to submit your graduation applications. The VSU registrar prefers to receive your application two full semesters ahead of your anticipated graduation date.

An early application also helps the MLIS faculty to plan ahead for Capstone sections.

Two documents that explain what you need to file are on the MLIS website. You can get to these forms from the MLIS home page using the link (circled below), or go directly to the Academic Advising page at http://www.valdosta.edu/mlis/student_resources/advising.shtml.



Graduation Application

- [Procedure Document](#) [pdf]
- [Curriculum Checklist](#) [doc]

Atlanta Emerging Librarians Meetup Group

For those of you looking for like-minded people who are entering the library profession, watch for announcements from the Atlanta Emerging Librarians Meetup Group. There is usually a guest speaker or designated discussion topic at each meeting. If you want to join the group or keep track of meeting dates, see the group's Google Group page at <http://groups.google.com/group/atlanta-emerging-librarians/>. The Atlanta Emerging Librarians Meetup Group is an independent group that is not part of the VSU MLIS program.

South of Atlanta Group

If you live south of Atlanta, you might want to connect with a group of MLIS students who meet for mutual support and encouragement. These students live in the vicinity of Jonesboro-Stockbridge-McDonough-Jackson-Griffin. There is a meeting planned for this Saturday, Oct. 4, at 1:00 PM, at San Diego's Mexican Restaurant, in the Ingle's Plaza off I-75, exit 212. The address is 4952 Bill Gardner Pkwy, Locust Grove, GA 30248, 678-583-4003. Again, this is an independent group that is not part of the VSU MLIS department. For more information, contact: Bill Shepherd by e-mail at whshep@gmail.com or whshepherd@valdosta.edu.

Scholarships for Students Planning a Career in Medical Librarianship

The Medical Library Association (MLA) offers a number of grants and scholarships to graduate and post-graduate library students. The following three scholarships and one award are available to students currently enrolled in Master's degree LIS programs:

- MLA Scholarship (deadline 12/1/08)
- MLA Scholarship for Minority Students (deadline 12/1/08)*
- MLA/NLM Spectrum Scholarship (deadline 3/1/09)*
- Rittenhouse Award (non-monetary, deadline (11/1/08)

For more information on scholarships, go to: <http://www.mlanet.org/awards/grants/>.

For more information on the Rittenhouse Award, go to: <http://www.mlanet.org/awards/honors/ritten.html>

* For minority students. You may apply for both, but you can only receive one. MLA suggests that you apply for the MLA Minority scholarship first. If you do not get that one, then submit your application for the MLA/NLM Spectrum Scholarship.

Learn "Basics" Online through VSU Continuing Ed Classes

Are you looking for an introduction to Microsoft Office 2007? Are you still trying to master your 2003 version of Word, Excel, FrontPage or Powerpoint? Do you want to learn medical terminology? The VSU Continuing Education office offers online courses on the basics for these and a number of other software applications. The courses run for about 4 weeks and repeat on a monthly basis. The remaining start dates and run times for the Fall semester are: 10/15-11/21; 11/12-12/19; and 12/10-1/16. The cost is \$85 and online, last-minute registration is no problem.

For more information, see the webpage at: <http://www.valdosta.edu/conted/online.shtml>

Technology Alerts

If you have problems getting into a database through the "Anywhere Access" link on the VSU website, it may be a BlazeNet problem. Try again later in the day or call the IT Help Desk.

Due to budget constraints, the GIL Express service will end 10/1. The CSA (Cambridge) databases in GALILEO will be cancelled effective on 11/1. **This will not affect the VSU subscription to Library and Information Science Abstracts (LISA) which is a CSA product.**