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## About SOLIS

In 2001, the Valdosta State University began accepting students into its newly formed Master of Library and Information Science program. It was during those early days that a student group formed, calling itself SOLIS (Student Organization of Library and Information Science). Today, SOLIS is recognized by VSU as a student association and by the American Library Association as an official student chapter.

As an MLIS student, you are automatically a member of SOLIS—no dues or initiation rites. Elections for new officers will be held in a few weeks. Read about each candidate in this Special Issue of the SOLIS newsletter. Look for more newsletters in the months ahead and meet fellow students through SOLIS forums.

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## Candidates for SOLIS Offices

2012-2013

### President

Stuart started the MLIS program in Spring 2011. He decided to pursue the Technology track, and his career goal is to work as a Web Services Librarian. He started as a student assistant at Georgia State University (GSU) Library, and, since 2005, has been employed as has been employed as a Library Assistant. At GSU, he currently serves as Co-Chair for the Library Staff Group. He is also the Staff Representative on the Library's GSU Centennial Celebration Committee. Last year, Stuart served on the SOLIS advisory board.



STUART TEMPLES

### Vice President

Jennifer entered the MLIS program in spring 2010 as a Laura Bush 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholar with the intention of preparing for a career in public librarianship. She has been employed as the Head of Circulation at Perry Public Library in Houston County, Georgia since 2011. She serves as the branch Social Media Representative and coordinator of the Senior Advisory board. She plans to graduate in spring 2013.



JENNIFER LAUTZENHEISER



DOROTHY WATKINS

## Secretary - Treasurer

Dorothy graduated from Valdosta State University with majors in English and Philosophy. She entered the program in spring 2012 with the intention of focusing her MLIS studies on technology. She has worked as a computer lab assistant in the VSU Odum Library and currently works in the Archives.



ANDREA COSTON

## International Student Representative

Andrea came to the MLIS program in the spring of 2010 with an MBA degree and a career in advertising and marketing. Her original plan was to put her degree to use in government service with her sights on working in the Library of Congress. However, her volunteer work at a local elementary school in an enrichment program inspired her to enroll in the dual program—a program of study that allows students to obtain an MLIS degree and certification as a school library media specialist concurrently. She is very near to achieving that goal.

## SOLIS Discussion Forum

### CHECK OUT THE SOLIS DISCUSSION FORUM

Enter the MLIS Village from your BlazeVIEW menu for advising boards,  
general discussions, photos, news, job ads, and a SOLIS Forum!!!!

**MLIS Village**

## Meet Your SOLIS Advisory Board

Robbie entered the MLIS Program Fall 2010 and was awarded the Laura Bush 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholarship in spring 2011. She lives in the heart of Atlanta and works part-time for MARTA as a bus driver. The Atlanta Fulton Public Library System (AFPLS) accepted her as an intern in April 2011. She sometimes feels overwhelmed by all of the opportunities in librarianship. She will be doing fieldwork in the outreach services unit of AFPLS this fall. She is focusing on becoming a manager of one of the newly built AFPLS branches opening in 2013. Her fall 2012 graduation date will make her pursuit of this goal possible.



**ROBBIE HALL**

Sarah currently resides in Marietta with her family. She started the MLIS program at VSU during the spring 2011 semester and anticipates graduating in fall 2012. Her undergraduate degree is in Anthropology and she has a graduate degree in History with an emphasis in museum studies and certification in Public History from UWG. As a student at UWG, she worked, volunteered and interned at the Antonio J. Waring Archaeology Lab. In addition to processing and cataloging prehistoric and historic materials, she was presented with the challenge of archiving print and photographic objects and fell in love with archival studies. Her areas of study at VSU are in archives and special collections, but she is increasingly interested in all forms of LIS. Since her background is in cultural preservation, she tends to view all types of libraries as informative cultural repositories that can adapt to serve their



**SARAH MIDDLEMAST**

Deborah has worked in the Coastal Plain Regional library system since January 1989. She loves computers and computer programs. Her hobbies are knitting, quilting, cross-stitch, embroidery and lace. She loves reading and books and her littlest patrons are her favorites. She has 4 cats, 3 dogs, 2 grown sons and 4 grandchildren. Since 2006, she has been the Library Manager at Irwin County Library.



**DEBORAH MOORMAN**

## We're on Facebook



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Come join the Valdosta State University MLIS Facebook page and meet other students, alumni, faculty and friends of the MLIS program!

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## SOLIS T-Shirt Campaign!

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

The 2012-2013 year marks the 11th anniversary of the MLIS program, and the T-shirt shows our founding date of 2001 as an open entry. Sporting this T-shirt at public events is a great way to show your support for the program.

See the MLIS Village for an order form. T-shirts ordered by mail are \$20 each (shipping and tax included).

Shirts will be sold at a discounted price at the MLIS GA COMO booth October 4-5.

The proceeds from the shirt sales will go towards funding projects such as scholarships.

Visit the SOLIS Website at:

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