



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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Vote by September 13

Candidates for SOLIS Offices

2012-2013

President

Ben entered the MLIS program in Fall 2012. He works as a Graduate Research Assistant for the MLIS department. He would like to work as an academic reference librarian or a librarian at a military base. He will be graduating Spring 2015.



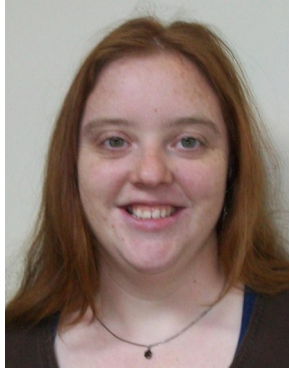
BEN MULLIS

Vice President

I currently work full time in the Circulation Department of the Georgia State University, College of Law Library. I have additional experience in both a community college learning center and a public library. My work experiences are many and varied and they've taken me across the U.S. Along the way I have met some fabulous people who just happened to be Librarians. They are inspiring individuals and I hope to live up to the example they've shown me. So far, I'm really digging the technology courses and am anxiously awaiting the database design course this fall. When it's all said and done, I should graduate the summer of 2014.



EMILY WILLIAMS



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.

Three nominees for:

International Student Representative



DOUGLAS CARLSON

My Name is Douglas Carlson and I am honored to run for the office of International Representative for the VSU chapter of SOLIS. I graduated from VSU in May with a BA in History. I am now a graduate assistant in the Archives at Odum Library. I anticipate graduating from the MLIS program in 2015.

I believe I am uniquely qualified to be an International Representative by the experiences of my life. I was a Navy brat born in Morocco. During my youth, I lived in the Panama Canal Zone and traveled in Central and South America. During my career managing an international travel agency, I traveled to Asia, including China and Japan. I visited Australia and New Zealand. I flew to Europe numerous times for hotel and resort inspections. I truly love the experience of meeting and corresponding with people from diverse cultures.
(See next page for the other two candidates.)

Voting instructions

Vote by filling in the blacks on the e-mail to which this is attached.

Votes will be tabulated by the 13th of September. Election results announced by Monday the 16th.



Jennifer Betts

International Student Representative

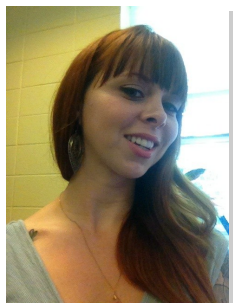
Jennifer came to the MLIS program in Spring of 2013 with a MA degree in English Literature from Valdosta State University. Her focus is on Youth Services Librarianship where she hopes to continue her studies and obtain a doctorate. She has worked with international students for many years and is currently teaching English Composition courses comprised of only international students.



Patrick Spurlock

International Student Representative

Patrick has been in the MLIS program for three semesters. He currently works in the South Georgia Regional Library in Valdosta, GA.



Amy Lee

Advisory board candidates

Amy graduated from Middle Georgia State College with a B.A. in History this past May. Working with primary source texts as an undergrad led her to apply to the MLIS program, which she joined this semester. Amy hopes to focus on special collections and archives while in the program so she can continue working with rare books and manuscripts. As a student worker in the MGSC Library, Amy helped in the archives and circulation, as well as assisted with multiple library awareness events. She currently lives in Milledgeville with her husband and two dogs and works in the Georgia College and State University Library as the Cataloging and Serials Associate.

No biography given for the following:

Ashley Day

Amanda Davis

Wanda Thomas