SOLIS—Student Organization of Library and Information Science

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ALA Accreditation

Valdosta State University's Master of Library and Information Science Program was officially accredited by the Committee on Accreditation of the American Library Association during the ALA Annual Conference held in Washington DC in June. This status makes the VSU MLIS program the only ALA accredited program in the state of Georgia. Accreditation was to the VSU MLIS Program for the full term of seven years. The program's next comprehensive review is scheduled for spring 2014. Congratulations to all the faculty, staff and students who helped make this possible!

ALA Conference/Student Travel

VSU MLIS students received $1,000 in student travel funds from VSU's Student Affairs Office to help offset the cost of attending ALA's Annual Conference. This year's conference was held June 21st through June 27th in Washington D.C. Funding from Student Affairs allowed seven MLIS students to attend lectures by filmmaker Ken Burns, authors Judy Blume, Patricia Cornwell, and David Baldacci, as well as conference sessions on a variety of topics. Students were also able to visit the vendor exhibition hall, make contact with librarians from across the nation and attend other ALA sponsored events. Students made the most of their time Washington, visiting the National Archives, Congress, Capitol Hill, the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History, the Air and Space Museum, the National Gallery of Art, and the several momuments including the Washington Monument and the World War II Monument.

The Stacks vendor exhibition area at the ALA Annual Conference. Over 1600 booths were set up to house a variety of vendors ranging from OCLC to DC Comics.

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/

Congratulations to the following new MLIS graduates:

Spring 2007

Stacy Brown
Steven Burton
Christy Cechman
Lisa Dale
Julia Huprich
Hyun Leah Kim
Lori Lester
Kenneth McCullers
Joan Osborne
April Renfroe Warren
Maria Terese Scheiderich
Maradith Sheffield
Rita Spisak

Summer 2007

Bernard Bulemu
Sammy Dees
Alberta Ruth Hayden
Amy King
Tara Moffett
Tonda Morris
Michael Nagy
Karen Preston
Patrick Roughen
Matthew Sunrich

2007 Georgia COMO Convention

Be sure to attend the VSU MLIS 2nd Annual Gathering at the Georgia Council of Media Organizations 2007 convention!

Date: Wednesday October 17, 2007

Time: 8-10 p.m.

Location: Jekyll Island Convention Center, Room 13

Please join us for an opportunity to meet fellow MLIS classmates and alumni!

For more information on this year's convention, please visit http://www.georgiacomo.org/

Did you know?

- You can play a bigger role in SOLIS! See the information below on how to become more involved as a SOLIS officer.
- Be sure to check the Blazenet MLIS group page often! You can chat with other students, email professors, read program announcements, check out job postings, and more! Go to www.valdosta.edu and click on Blazenet to log in!
- The MLIS program is rapidly growing in enrollment! A record breaking sixty-six new students enrolled this semester, bringing total program enrollment to well over 100 students at the beginning of Fall 2007!

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 $28, 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

SOLIS Officer Elections

If you would like to play a bigger role in SOLIS, now is the time! SOLIS officer elections will be held soon: please send nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer to Dr. Yontz at eyontz@valdosta.edu.