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Calls for Update

Please share with us your news about recently awarded scholarship, a conference presentation, a paid internship opportunity, and other exciting news on your scholarly and/or professional achievements.

Please send your news items to solis@valdosta.edu as they happen.

Thank you!

We're on facebook.



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VSU MLIS at GA Libraries Conference

(MLIS students/alumni in bold)

Amanda Roper presented at "GLA Paraprofessional Business Meeting."

Amanda Roper, Kimberly Boyd (Grad 2011) presented "Paraprofessional Development: Growing through Mentorship and the Georgia Library Association."

Amy Burger (Grad 2011) co-presented "Blueprint for Engagement: Designing Outreach Experiences."

Amy Stalker presented poster presentation "OPENing the Workplace for FUN: Building Community and Boosting Morale at the Library."

Ann Mills (Grad 2017) co-presented "Making Acquisitions Open to All: Alma interested users as a service for patrons and librarians."

Ariel Turner (Grad 2012) presented "Advocacy for Technical Services in the 21st Century."

Ariel Turner (Grad 2012), Rosemary Humphrey (Grad 2017) co-presented: "Finding Our Strengths"

Ashley Hoffman (Grad 2015) co-presented "Try It! Learn to Improve Guides and Websites Using Design Research Methods."

Ashley Hoffman (Grad 2015) co-presented at "Distance Learning Interest Group (DLIG) Business Meeting."

Aspasia Luster, Jalesia Horton (Grad 2017) co-presented poster presentation "Libraries Going Cashless."

Beth Ratliff co-presented "The Value of "Friends": Building a Friends Group with a Relationship that Works."

Chris Sharpe (Grad 2008) co-presented "GLA Academic Library Division Paper: A Tale of Two Libraries: Lessons Learned from Army Library Consolidation."

Christopher Moffat (Grad 2013), Amy Stalker (Grad 2013) co-presented "Open Sesame: Tapping Academic Librarian Expertise to Reach Community Seniors."

Cordelia Riley (Grad 2007) co-presented "Best Practices in Reference and Instruction Lightning Talks."

Debra Fennell (Grad 2006) presented "Genealogy and Local History IG Discussion: What Should We Do about Our Collections?"

Daniel Klein (Grad 2018) presented "Explore Virtual Reality."

Daricus Larry co-presented "Gotta Catch Them All: How Effective are our Efforts to Market our Programs."

Denise Dimsdale (Grad 2010) co-presented "Open to All: Public Domain."

Emily Williams (Grad 2014) co-presented "Simplifying Cataloging Workflows: Tips and Tools."

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Hyun Chu Kim (Grad 2007) co-presented “Not Your Average Work Order: Managing Shelf-Ready Errors in Alma.”

Jackie Watkins (Grad 2016) presented “GLA Story Project.”

John Mack Freeman (Grad 2013) presented at “Intellectual Freedom Interest Group.”

John Mack Freeman (Grad 2013) presented “Library Services to LGBTQ People.”

Joshua Beasley presented “African American Genealogy.”

Justin Nobles (Grad 2013) presented at “Professional and Continuing Education Interest Group”

Karen Manning (Grad 2017) co-presented “Let’s Get It Started! TRAILBLAZERS wanted!”

Kelli McDaniel (Grad 2013) co-presented “Pop It Like It’s Hot: How Pop-Up Libraries Transformed Our Community Outreach.”

Marie Day (Grad 2018) presented poster presentation “Sitting and Standing in Libraries.”

Meghan Stipe presented “Engaging the Virtual User: Social Media Based Programming”

Melissa Grammont (Grad 2014) co-presented “Listen & Learn: Using Podcasting to Keep Your Staff Informed.”

Rebecca Ballard co-presented at “GPLS Youth Services Preconference.”

Rita Spisak (Grad 2007) co-presented at “Georgia Library Trustees, Friends, and Advocates Association Business Meeting.”

Robert Taylor (Grad 2018) presented “Audiences, Creators, and the LCDGT.”

Samantha Paul (Grad 2014) co-presented: “Can We Chat?: A Panel Discussion of Virtual Reference.”

Samantha Paul (Grad 2014) co-presented “Going the Distance: Giving the Research Appointment a “Flipped Classroom” Makeover.”

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SOLIS Event: “Books for Veterans”



This holiday season, SOLIS would like to bring smile to our veterans at Atlanta VA Health Care System by donating books to its patient reading room. Suggested books are history, nature, “Chicken Soup for the Soul” series, improving self-esteem, and more.

Please AVOID violence and gun involving books.

Here’s how to give:

1. Purchase books through Amazon.com .
2. When choosing a shipping address, enter the following information

Atlanta VA Healthcare System

Voluntary Services, #135

1670 Clairmont Rd., Decatur, GA 30033

3. Add a gift note : Sent from VSU MLIS Student. (Happy Holidays!)
4. Send your gift to VA Hospital and let a SOLIS Board member know.

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Sarah Brubaker co-presented “Bilingual Customer Service in the Public Library.”

Shannan Furlow co-presented “GA LitLab: A tour of Technology for Georgia’s Libraries.”

Stephanie Irvin (Grad 2011) co-presented “What Can GLASS Do For You?”

Stephen Houser (Grad 2012) co-presented “Leveraging Libraries for Literacy.”

Susan Clay (Grad 2010) co-presented “You can Ring Our Bell: Services and Resources at the UGA Map and Government Information Library.”

Vikki Doerr co-presented “You Let Them Do WHAT?! Inviting Teens to Take Ownership of Library Programming.”

Virginia Feher (Grad 2011), Kimberly Boyd (Grad 2011) co-presented “Librarianship as a Profession: Scholars or Practitioners.”

Vivian Bynoe (Grad 2010) co-presented “The Secret to Organizing and Maintaining a Successful Networking Group.”

Willis Smith (Grad 2016) presented at “Library Services for People with Disabilities Interest Group.”

Willis Smith (Grad 2016) presented “Conference Workshop on effective GLASS patron usage.”

Congratulations for Awards and Accomplishments

Awards

2018 ALA Spectrum scholarship (NLM/MLA): Jungwon DeVone

2018 Georgia Archives Institute, Sarah O. Dunaway Scholarship: Kristina Lang

2018 GLA C.S. Hubbard Scholarship: Sarah Brubaker

2018 GLA Charles E. Beard Scholarship: Amanda Baldowski

2018 GLA Paraprofessional Grant: Rebecca Ballard and Kaitlin Dotson

2018 GLA McJenkin-Rheay Award: Ariel Turner

Accomplishments

Marissa Guidara’s capstone project “*Rethinking Computational Thinking for Public Libraries’ Youth Programs: Challenges and Recommendations*” was published in the 2018 Fall issue of *Pennsylvania Libraries: Research & Practice*.

SOLIS Financials

SOLIS funding is supported through T-shirt sales and donations. As of November this year, the ending balance of SOLIS account is \$1725.51. In the past, SOLIS funds were used to help pay for ALA early registration fees for MLIS students, or for MLIS meet-ups.

Thanks, T-shirt wearers and SOLIS donors!

Alumni Spotlight: Yolanda Bergstrom-Lynch



Yolanda is a part-time Public Services Librarian at Eastern Connecticut State University and a member of the Connecticut Information Literacy Conference Committee. She was awarded the ALA Spectrum Scholarship in 2016 with the added distinction of being sponsored by the ACRL. She received her MLIS from VSU in 2017 and an MA in Sociology from the University of Michigan in 2006.

What were your favorite classes while in the MLIS program?

My favorite classes were *Information Sources and Services*, and *Collection Development*. I really enjoyed learning how to uncover information needs, to match those needs to library resources, and to build collections to support teaching, learning, and research.

What was your favorite course project while receiving your MLIS degree?

My e-Portfolio and capstone research paper were my two favorite projects. It was both satisfying and rewarding to see all that I learned and accomplished in the program reflected in my portfolio. My capstone paper, which used the principles and practices of instructional design to develop a working set of best practices for designing LibGuides, helped me to identify which fields of librarianship I would like to pursue. I ultimately see myself becoming a UX, Instructional Design, or eLearning Librarian.

How has what you learned while getting your MLIS degree directly affected or been applied to your work?

I often use what I learned in the program to conduct reference interviews, build and maintain collections, form partnerships with faculty and other campus constituents, and teach information literacy skills to students on a one-to-one basis. Recently I even used the presentation skills learned in the program to present about the role of librarians in a civically engaged campus at our in-house Civic Action Conference.

Do you have any advice for upcoming graduates on how to navigate the job search and/or the field as a new graduate?

Be patient and use your time wisely. It may take a little time to find an opening for a professional librarian position. In the interim, volunteer, shadow a seasoned librarian, seek out internships to gain the experience you need to land a professional position and to set yourself apart from other candidates. Once you find a job be sure to continue to pursue every opportunity: answer calls to present your work, seek out professional development opportunities and special projects, serve on committees, and get to know other librarians.

MLIS Get Together at GLC



(Left to right: Sara Cordova, Christopher A. Evans, Susan Elizabeth Cordle, Dr. Alemanne, Rebecca Ballard, Jenni Jacobs, Amanda Addison Roper, and Dr. Most)



(Left to right: Karen Manning, Sarah Brubaker, Joshua Beasley and a classmate.)

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Ariel Turner



Amanda Baldowski



Kaitlin Dotson



Rebecca Ballard



Sarah Brubaker



Marie Day

Scholarships, Awards, and Travel

VSU FY 19 Graduate Student Conference Travel Fund

<https://www.valdosta.edu/academics/graduate-school/student-resources.php>

These \$500 grants are available for GRADUATE students enrolled in degree-seeking programs and in good standing at Valdosta State University. Applications must be received at least three weeks before travel dates.

MLIS Awards and Scholarships - Deadline: February 12

<https://www.valdosta.edu/colleges/education/master-of-library-and-information-science/student-resources/scholarships.php>

Take **unique** pictures in your VSU MLIS t-shirts and send them to SOLIS president Ashley Hedrick through abhedrick@valdosta.edu by 12/17. You don't have a VSU MLIS t-shirt yet? Don't worry. See the ordering form on the next page and order it NOW!



CALLING ALL VSU MLIS STUDENTS!

Wednesday, Dec. 12th is #wearyourMLISshirt day! Show your MLIS Blazer pride by wearing your program t-shirt. Then, take a photo doing something at your library or in the community! Send it to abhedrick@valdosta.edu by Dec. 17th to be featured in a special social media campaign to get the word out about our awesome program! Feel free to post your photo on your own social media, but be sure to use the tag #wearyourMLISshirt!



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

Proceeds of sales in years past have funded ALA conference registrations for several students, travel reimbursements for SOLIS officers representing SOLIS at GLA conferences, a reception for the travelling rare books exhibit on loan from the Remnant Trust, and a 15th anniversary celebration in downtown Valdosta.

Shirts are sold at \$10 each at face-to-face events such as GLA conferences and previous New Student Orientations.

SOLIS T-Shirt Order Form

Yes, I want to support SOLIS! Please send me _____ (number) of shirts.

Please indicate the quantity for each size:

Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ X-Large _____

Order of one (1) shirt is \$20 (includes processing and shipping via USPS).

Order of 2 or more shirts is \$15 per shirt (processing and shipping included)

Total enclosed: _____

Check payment only.

Make check payable to MLIS Foundation . Allow two to four weeks to receive your t-shirt(s).

Your shipping address:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Please mail this form with your check to :

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