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Notes From Your SOLIS Officers

SOLIS President Stacey Wright has attended monthly MLIS faculty meetings on campus since September 2016. Your Vice President Kailyn Middleton has been able to attend the monthly MLIS curriculum committee meetings in person too. The following are their reports.

From your SOLIS President ...

Hello MLIS students!

I hope that the spring semester is treating you well. In this article I wanted to briefly touch on some of the current issues and goals your SOLIS representatives are working on.

One of the difficulties that students encounter while enrolled in an online program is the lack of face to face interaction. What we would like to do to effectively address this is by creating 'meet-ups' whether they be in person or online. So please keep an eye out on social media and your school email accounts as we will be sending out more information as this project grows. If you already know people in your area please make a point of reaching out to one another, and if you do please let us know how it went by posting your experiences to the VSU MLIS Facebook page.

For those of us serving as SOLIS officers the main topic of discussion at the moment is fundraising. We are currently in the process of coming up with creative ideas to help raise money for the SOLIS account. Keep in mind that SOLIS funds are typically used as a way to provide funding for students to attend conferences and workshops. Typically the bulk of funds come from T-shirt sales during orientations. And while we will still be selling shirts, we want to introduce new fundraising opportunities. Currently several SOLIS representatives have agreed to help work on a fundraising task group to brainstorm ideas. If you have an idea you would like to share please email us at solis@valdosta.edu!

Please remember that as President of SOLIS I attend the monthly MLIS faculty meeting on campus. During these meetings I serve as your voice in matters that you want the faculty to hear. If you have any questions or concerns you would like to have me forward to the faculty please feel free to email me through slwright@valdosta.edu.

I hope everyone has a wonderful semester and I look forward to hearing from you.

From your SOLIS Vice President ...

As we reach the halfway mark of the semester, I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying their courses!

Here is a summary of the Curriculum Committee meetings during the fall 2016 semester:

The reference track has been under review in 2016. Dr. Ren has conducted surveys and focus groups to gather information to better guide the Curriculum Committee members on what changes should be made. The largest proposed change to the track that students will notice is the increase from 12 required hours to 15.

The management track will be the next analyzed for updates and possible improvement though it has not yet been discussed at length.

The catalog description for MLIS 7960 Field Study was analyzed to determine if changes should be made to allow for summer internships such as the Library of Congress Junior Fellowship. Internships were ultimately defined as advertised, competitive, and not in connection with the MLIS program. Fieldwork was defined as located by the student in connection with the MLIS program. Therefore it was proposed to create a course (MLIS 7965 Internship) specifically for these competitive programs.

As your representative in the Curriculum Committee, questions and feedback are encouraged and highly valued. Feel free to contact me at kmiddleton@valdosta.edu so that I may better represent you in these meetings.

MLIS Student Reflects on ALA Volunteering Experiences

In January 2017, MLIS student Marie Day volunteered at the ALA Midwinter Meeting & Exhibits in Atlanta, Georgia. Here is her reflection on this experience.

I offered to be a booth greeter at the NMRT Resume Review Service Booth for two hours. It is part of the [ALA Placement Center](#). The [New Members Round Table \(NMRT\)](#) group is a section of the American Library Association.

I had wanted to go to this ALA conference since it was near me in Atlanta, but since I hadn't been to one before and I didn't have an employer to represent or specific topic to investigate, I wasn't sure what a graduate student would want to do at the conference. In the end I easily filled up a whole day by visiting a session and the exhibition hall along with volunteering and catching up with former coworkers.

I found that the Resume Review Service is well organized. Resume review is an ongoing service of NMRT and, in fact, some of their reviewers have been with them over ten years. I had a chance to meet veteran and new librarians who had offered to be available for half-hour sessions during the conference. The Saturday slots were almost all taken ahead of time, but Sunday had a lot of openings for walk-ins. The only problem I had was finding the location because it was behind a set of doors off the exhibition hall and not marked on the map. Fortunately, the Georgia World Congress Center employees were helpful in directing me to where I wanted to go.

If you haven't already taken advantage of the student membership rate to join ALA, I encourage you to consider it and add membership in the New Members Round Table for only \$10 extra. Their resume review service is available year-round to members. The atmosphere of the conference was bright, purposeful, and cheerful. I enjoyed the experience, and I would recommend it to anyone who has yet to visit an ALA convention.

MLIS Graduate Presented at the TIES Conference at VSU

Denise Dimsdale earned her MLIS degree here at VSU in 2010. She presented at the TIES Conference at VSU on February 23. The TIES Conference stands for the Conference on Technologies, Innovations, and Educational Strategies. This year's conference theme was Re-Envisioning the Academy: Explorations in Technology, Curriculum, and Pedagogy.

Denise is the Education Librarian and Assistant Professor at Georgia State University in Atlanta. Her research interests include the expanding role of open educational resources in higher education. The title of her presentation at the TIES Conference was Using Creative Commons Licenses.

In her presentation, Denise talked about how creative commons licenses are designed to provide options for sharing original content and other openly licensed content that users may want to remix.



She recently published *Publication Trends in Library Reserves: A Quantitative Content Analysis*.

Congratulations...

Marissa L Guidara
ALSC Bound to Stay Bound Books Scholarship
 2016-2017 recipient



ALA Registration

Are you planning to attend ALA in Chicago this summer? If so, you are eligible for reimbursement for your registration fee through SOLIS.

SOLIS funds two to three student registrations for full ALA registration which covers any and all conference dates between June 22 and June 27 and all sessions except for preconferences and optional ticketed events. Both Georgia residents and out-of-state students are eligible for all SOLIS awards.

Apply by sending an email to Dr. Ren with your receipt for ALA registration attached by Friday, June 2nd. For more information on the conference, visit the site at <http://2017.alaannual.org/>.

SOLIS Calls for News Items

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

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

SOLIS Financials

SOLIS has an account managed by the VSU Foundations, Inc. Our source of income is mainly from T-shirt sales.

T-shirt sales at the January 2017 orientation brought in \$326.

Our current balance is \$1394.11.

NASIG Student Mentoring Program

The NASIG (formerly the North American Serials Interest Group, Inc.) [Student Outreach Committee](#) and the [Mentoring Group](#) are pleased to announce a new initiative: [The NASIG Student Mentoring Program](#). This pilot program is designed to provide a yearlong opportunity for networking and professional development between NASIG regular members and its student members.

Any current NASIG student member is eligible to participate the initial group of NASIG student mentees. Don't forget that NASIG membership is free for students!

2017-18 applications will be accepted until April 1st, 2017. Applications and inquiries may be sent to:

studentmentoring@nasig.org

[Mentee application](#)

Additional information can be found here:

http://www.nasig.org/site_page.cfm?pk_association_webpage_menu=1346&pk_association_webpage=9539

Summer-Fall Registration

Early Registration

- Advising week starts March 27
- Early registration opens on Monday April 3

Registration End Dates

- Maymester: May 12
- 11-week courses: May 12
- Summer II: June 9

Semester Dates

- Maymester: May 11 - June 2
- 11-week courses: May 11 - July 27
- Summer II: June 7 - July 27
- Fall begins: August 14



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

The 2016-2017 year marks the 15th anniversary of the MLIS program!

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 events such as GA COMO conferences and 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 _____ XX-Large _____ XXX-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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