



### Award and Scholarship Recipients

Pamela Johnson-Spurlock  
MLIS Merit Scholarship

Katresa Gardner  
Tia N. Morris  
H. W. Wilson Scholarship

Amanda Davis  
George Gaumond Award

Lily Kosmicki  
ALA Student-to-Staff Scholarship

John Wallace  
SOLIS grant for ALA Registration

One more SOLIS grant available  
(see SOLIS Scholarships, p. 2)

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## Remnant Trust Get Together

The Student Organization of Library and Information Science (SOLIS) cordially invites you to attend a showing of the Remnant Trust Collection currently on exhibit at Valdosta State University's Odum Library.

The Remnant Trust is a world class collection of manuscripts, 1st and early edition works, for use in original form. At Remnant Trust events, the works are removed from the glass display cases and may be browsed by the public.

You can literally turn the pages of Aristotle's *Libri Politici* (1543) or scan the volumes of *The History of Woman Suffrage* by Susan B. Anthony et al.

This is an amazing opportunity for bibliophiles to handle some of the rarest books in history from various disciplines!

SOLIS has arranged for the cases to be opened and the books available on the date and times listed below. All VSU MLIS students, MLIS alumni, and your guests are welcome to join us. A reception with light refreshments is included.

**WHEN: Saturday, June 6, 2015**

**TIME: 1:00 – 3:00 pm**

**WHERE: South Lobby in Odum Library**

Free parking nearby

**RSVP by e-mail required no later than Friday, May 24, 2015.**

Contact either Tia Morris [timorris@valdosta.edu](mailto:timorris@valdosta.edu) or Katresa Gardner [kgardner@valdosta.edu](mailto:kgardner@valdosta.edu) State in your email the number of people in your party.

We hope to see you there!

For more information about the Remnant Trust Collection, please visit the blog: <http://blog.valdosta.edu/remnanttrust/>

## Registration Reminders

Classes for Summer and Fall 2015 are filling fast.

Registration will remain open all summer long—no start and stop dates—except for TAP recipients.

TAP registration for all summer sessions, no matter when the class starts takes place on May 13-15.

## Librarians & Staff of West Georgia Regional Library Welcome VSU DLIS Faculty

By Kira Stegner (First-semester MLIS student)

On February 16<sup>th</sup> over 100 staff members of the West Georgia Regional Library System got together for our second annual Staff Development Day. The idea behind this meeting of library minds is to mingle with other librarians and staff in the West Georgia Regional Library—a system that covers five counties. Also at this event the staff goes through some training to help us better assist our patrons.

This year's theme was "Everyday Reference," and our very own MLIS instructors, Dr. Most, Dr. Ondrusek, and Dr. Ren were all present to teach some of the workshops. Dr. Most discussed what types of government-related sources are available to assist patrons. Professors Ren and Ondrusek enacted "sensitive reference" scenarios to elicit audience participation.

Another workshop I attended was Roving Reference, taught by Aaron Wimer from Kennesaw State University, formally Southern Polytechnic. This was a very funny and interesting session on the importance of the reference librarian and how to better assist the patrons by thinking about the job differently. Sometimes it's best to meet the patrons instead of the patrons coming to you.

The fantastic thing about the Staff Development Day was that there was much to be learned, but it was learned in an atmosphere of fun. Our upcoming summer reading theme is superheroes of all types, so we had a costume parade and contest! Nothing was cooler than seeing the creativity being expressed by all of my fellow coworkers. This event does much to inspire cooperation and unity among all the various branches in the West Georgia Regional Library System, and I am so happy to be a part of it.



## SOLIS Scholarships

Are you planning to attend ALA in San Francisco? If so, you are eligible for reimbursement for your registration fee (up to \$150) through SOLIS.

We have awarded one of the two ALA \$150 reimbursements for registration. Funds for a second award are available. Both Georgia residents and out-of-state students are eligible for all SOLIS awards.

If we receive more than one final application, we will have a drawing.

**Apply by sending an email to Dr. Ondrusek by Friday, May 30th.**

The ALA Conference runs from June 25-30. At last year's convention, the VSU MLIS program had a showing of almost 20 faculty, alumni, students, and colleagues from VSU's Odum Library.

Dr. Thiele will be staffing the shared ALISE booth—look for it in the Exhibit Hall and Lily Kosmicki will represent VSU in the Student-to-Staff program.

For more information on the conference, visit the site at <http://alaac15.ala.org/>.

## Graduate Research Symposium

Two poster entries represented the research efforts of the MLIS program in this year's 6th Annual Graduate Research Symposium held on the VSU campus on April 17th. Amanda Burkhead (graduating May 2015) presented her Capstone research project entitled "Gender Roles in Children's Picture Books in 2014: An Analysis of the Acquisitions of the Gwinnett County Public Library" and recent graduate Justin Burnley presented his 2014 Capstone entitled "Current Trends in Adult Services Programming in Georgia Libraries: Comparing Entertainment, Instruction, and Civic Engagement Roles."

Dr. Yang (right) prepared the laptop connection that allowed Justin Burnley to talk with VSU symposium attendees via a web conference program from his office in Athens.

