

Congratulations . . .

Elliott Kueker
LexisNexis Scholarship
 and
*American Association of
 Law Libraries*
2015 Recipient

Kelly Hobby Wells
MLIS Merit Scholarship
Fall 2015 Recipient

Jeanna Allums
ALA Student-to-Staff
Recipient Summer 2016

Award Winners at GaCOMO
Honorees listed on
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MLIS Graduates Where Are They Now?

In preparation for the program's upcoming 15th anniversary, we are updating our alumni records. If you are a grad of the VSU MLIS program, we'd love to hear from you. Here are a few profiles of graduates who are making their marks in the profession.

In 2010-11, Georgia Public Library Service and Valdosta State University co-sponsored the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian scholarship funded by a large grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Forty-three students, admitted in three cohorts, were accepted into the scholarship program that centered upon community building in public libraries. Pictured below are three Laura Bush scholars from the Fall 2011 cohort. Where are they now? **Karin Fulton** (left) is a Public Services Librarian at the Griffin-Spalding Branch of the Flint River system; **Francis Adebola-Wilson** (center) is a branch manager in the Morrow branch of the Clayton County system; and **Darla Rance** (right) is Youth Services Director at the La-Grange Memorial Library in the Troup-Harris Regional system.



Graduates: Where Are They Now (cont'd)



Carolann Curry (Graduate Class of Fall '07) works as a Reference and Document Delivery Librarian at Mercer University's Medical Library & Peyton T. Anderson Learning Resource Center in Macon, GA.



Camille Ann Brewer (Graduate Class of Fall '08) was appointed the Executive Director of the Black Metropolis Research Consortium in Chicago.

Heads Up: Scholarships, Awards, and Travel Funds

All scholarships and awards reviewed by the MLIS faculty have a new spring due date—February 12, 2016. This includes applications for the H. W. Wilson and the Merit Scholarships (that pay tuition for one 2016 course) and the George Gaumond Award (non-monetary honorary award). Instructions for nominations are here: <http://www.valdosta.edu/colleges/education/master-of-library-and-information-science/student-resources/scholarships.php>

MLIS students also qualify for the Dorothy Dewar Service Scholarships (up to 5 awards available to all graduate and undergraduate students in the College of Education and Human Services). Applications will be accepted online after January 11, 2016, here: <https://www.valdosta.edu/colleges/education/deans-office/available-scholarships.php> NOTE: The COEHS is moving its deadline from March 6 to February 12th as well.

If you plan to present your research (paper, poster or creative performances) at an academic conference in the next few months, there are funds available for graduate student travel. The VSU Dean of the Graduate School allocated \$5,000 for at least 10 awards to graduate students.

The details and the application are posted on the VSU Graduate School Student Resources page at: <http://www.valdosta.edu/academics/graduate-school/student-resources.php>.

GaCOMO MLIS Hit Parade Presenters

(VSU MLIS students and alumni in bold)

Two posters displayed:

Jamie Addie and colleague: "Cite This! Using Workshops to Promote Citation Knowledge."

Amanda Burkhead: "Gender Roles in Children's Picture Books in 2014: An Analysis of the Acquisitions of the Gwinnett County Public Library."

Eli Arnold, Kim Mears et al. co-presented: "Growing GKR: Increasing the Undergraduate Research Component" and **Eli Arnold** et al. co-presented "Three Years of First Years: Learning about Information Literacy . . ."

Eli Arnold coordinated the Resume Writing Clinic and, with **Chris Sharpe**, the COMO First Timers.

Charlie Bennett presented: "Librarian Podcaster" and co-presented: "Over a Cup of Coffee: The Library Café."

Steve Burton co-presented: "From Fear to Trust in the Library Organization."

Emy Decker co-presented "Creating a Vertically Integrated Instruction Environment in the Library."

Denise Dimsdale presented "Open Educational Resources and the Future of Learning."

Virginia Feher et al. co-presented: "Adventures in Leadership: The Quest for Success."

John Mack Freeman presented: "Being Who They Say You Are: Personal Branding for the New LIS Professional" and co-presented "Three Approaches to Early Literacy Outreach Programs."

Jessica Garner, Kathleen Holcomb et al. co-presented: "Parallel Universes Converge—Delivery Services in Georgia's Public and Academic Libraries."

Abbie Gettys co-presented: "ID, Please! Anger and Access in Georgia's Public Libraries."

Kathryn Greer, Holly Heitman, et al. co-presented: "Generational Diversity in the Library Workplace."

Michael Holt co-presented in both "Implementing a 3D Printer Program at VSU" and "The Librarian as a Textbook Hero: Affordable Learning Georgia's Library Guarantees."

Award Winners Honored at GaCOMO

The following awards from the Georgia Library Association were bestowed upon VSU MLIS students and alumni at the October 8th GaCOMO All Conference Awards and Induction Ceremony.

McJenkin-Rheay Award

Kimberly Boyd

C. S. Hubbard Scholarship

Rebecca Ballard

Charles Beard Scholarship

Karen Manning

GLA Paraprofessional Division Grants

Elizabeth McKinstry

GLA Team Award

Voyager Consolidation Team, Kennesaw State University, with these VSU MLIS members: **Hyun Chu Kim, Ariel Turner, and Jay Nicoletta**

GA COMO Leadership from VSU Ranks

New GLA officers inducted (VSU MLIS grads in bold):

Cathy Jeffrey—President

Elizabeth McKinney—First Vice-President/President Elect

Mack Freeman—Second Vice-President/Membership Chair

Eli Arnold—Treasurer

2015 Officers:

Karen Manning—2nd Vice-President/Membership

Ariel Turner—Secretary

2015 Conference Planners:

Eli Arnold—Exhibits Co-Chair

Chris Sharpe—Program Committee Chair

Ariel Turner—Publicity Committee Chair

Kara Mullen—Administrative Services

Interest Group Leaders:

Katie Holcomb—Interlibrary Loan Interest Group

Chris Sharpe—Government Information Interest Group

Rita Spisak—ACRL Library Marketing and Outreach Interest Group

Laura Herndon—GAIT Treasurer

Virginia Feher—Editor of *Georgia Library Quarterly*

GaCOMO MLIS Hit Parade

Carrie Huddlestun presented “Puppetry Basics for Story Time.”

Julia Huprich presented: “Bite-Sized Staff Training” and “Training Unlimited . . . GLEAN!” and “STEM Programs for Girls: Planning Workshops that Rock” with Shannon Tyler.

Ashley Huofman et al. co-presented: “Branching Out: Consolidating an Interlibrary Loan Department across Multiple Campuses with ILLiad.”

Stephanie Irvin and **Beverly Williams** co-presented: “Update on Georgia’s Talking Book Program: Getting the Word Out.”

Hyun Chu Kim, Ariel Turner, Carrie Huddlestun et al. co-presented “Cataloger Life Hacks.”

Hyun Chu Kim, Jay Nicoletta, Ariel Turner et al. co-presented: “Build Organizational Sustainability and Resilience in the Journey of IL Consolidation.”

Elizabeth McKinstry et al. co-presented: “Getting STEAMy in the Library.”

Jessica Miles co-presented: “Summer Reading Outreach.”

Kara Mullen and **Kathryn Greer** co-presented: “EZproxy Adventures: No Passport Required.”

Scott Piepenburg presented: “Presenting and Dressing for Success.”

Mary Poland et al. co-presented: “Build GIL Express: Ten Years In.”

Bel Reynoso et al. co-presented: “Healthy, Wealthy, and Wise: Creating a Culture of Inclusion.”

Rita Spisak co-presented: “Adventures in Marketing Change: Successfully Selling the Academic Library.”

Chris Sharpe et al. co-presented: “Choose Your Own Adventures . . . The ACRL Framework.”

Michael Strong co-presented: “Help! There’s a Genealogist at the Desk.”

Nicole Thorpe et al. co-presented: “How Can a Professional Stay Relevant and Advance at the Same Time.”

Ariel Turner presented: “Establishing Batch Processes.”

Wendy Wilmoth co-presented: “Doctoral Study for Librarians: Is It Right for You?”

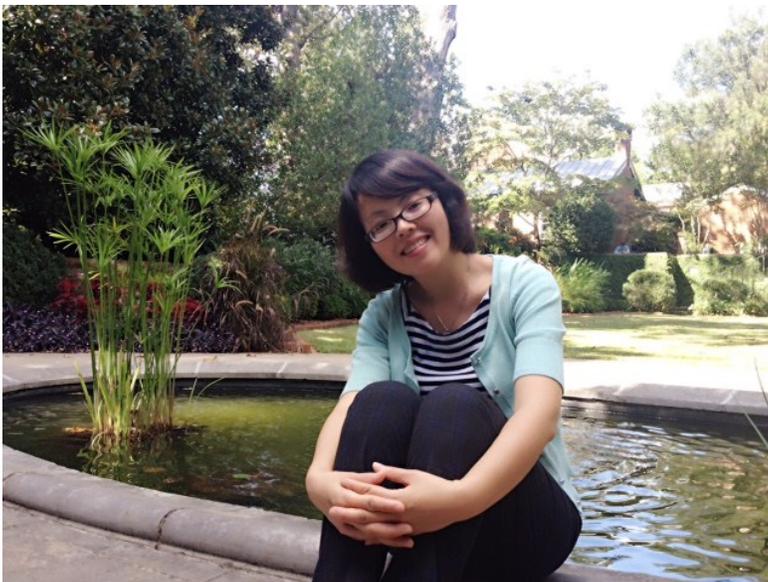
SOLIS in the VSU Heart Walk



They called themselves the “Walking Read” - five intrepid SOLIS students who raised \$300 for the American Heart Association in the November 7th Heart Walk on the VSU campus. Pictured left to right: Danielle Costello, Stacey Wright, Jessie Whitten, Jeanna Allums, and Meghan Crews. Community building at its finest!

Dr. Xiaoi Ren to Help Advise SOLIS

Dr. Ren will become the co-advisor of SOLIS with Dr. Ondrusek starting in 2016. She is in her third year teaching at the VSU MLIS program. Some of you may have had her for Foundations, Information Sources and Services, or Electronic Resources in summer. Dr. Ren said, “I am looking forward to becoming part of the SOLIS community building effort.”



SOLIS T-Shirt Campaign!

We have replenished our supply of t-shirts to gear up for some SOLIS-led activities leading into the celebration of our MLIS program’s 15th anniversary.

Watch for more details in the spring 2016 newsletters. If you don’t have a t-shirt, use the order form on p. 5 to show your support.

We’re on Facebook

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Use our QR for quick access . . .





SOLIS T-Shirt Campaign!

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

The 2015-2016 year marks the 14th anniversary of the MLIS program, and the T-shirt shows our founding date of 2001 as an open entry. Order a shirt now. Proceeds go towards ALA travel awards and other professional activities in which SOLIS members are involved.

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 _____ 2X-Large _____ 3X-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 and write **Account Number 10248** on the memo line.

Allow two to four weeks to receive your t-shirt(s).

Your shipping address:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please mail this form with your check to :

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