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## Notes from Your SOLIS Officers

SOLIS President, Katresa Gardner has attended monthly MLIS faculty meetings via telephone conferences since October 2014. Your Vice President, Douglas Carlson, works in the VSU Odum Library Archives and has been able to attend the monthly MLIS Curriculum Committee meetings in person. The following are their reports.

From your SOLIS President . . .

Greetings MLIS student body!

I hope your semester and New Year is off to a great start! It has been a privilege to serve as your SOLIS president and I anticipate a productive and successful year.

We are on the move and have implemented new ideas to make our organization more efficient in communication such as establishing a presence on social media. Please take advantage of these avenues and support SOLIS by connecting with us on Twitter and Tumblr (see Social Media, p. 2). I would like to extend a special thanks to Amanda Davis for initiating the launch and serving as a proactive Communications Officer. These avenues of communication will be used to bring important information to you in a timely manner in order to keep you abreast of information that may impact you.

It has been an honor to attend the monthly faculty meetings and I have gained a more in-depth understanding of the role and responsibilities that our professors play in furthering the desired outcomes of the MLIS program. The purpose of my attendance is not only to bring important information and updates back to the student body but also to serve as a “voice” of the students. Please send any concerns and/or questions that you may desire for me to address at the meetings via email before the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month so that I can disclose any issues that necessitate change. I am here to service your needs and help foster a channel of communication between the students and faculty.

Again, I look forward to a fantastic year and it is my desire that our organization continues to thrive! Thank you for your continued support as we strive to make a significant impact by understanding and meeting your needs as you excel in the MLIS program!

Katresa Gardner

### Congratulations . . .

**Kristy Green**  
*MLIS Merit Scholarship  
Recipient*

**Miguel Vicente**  
*Graduating Class of 2006  
New Director of South GA Regional Library*

From your SOLIS Vice President Douglas Carlson . . .

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

Results and analysis of the Employer, Alumni, and Capstone Student surveys were reviewed. Comments from the stakeholder’s meeting held during COMO 2014 were incorporated. There were a few comments about a lack of professional appearance, professional attitude and job interview techniques of graduates. The possibility of including sections on professionalism/ interview techniques in 7800 Capstone was discussed. Survey results can be accessed from the MLIS Department website <http://www.valdosta.edu/colleges/education/master-of-library-and-information-science/our-program/program-outcomes.php>.

A new course syllabus template was developed to meet the College of Education and Human Services (COEHS) requirements.

The technology track is currently under review. A survey was disseminated to alumni who completed the Technology Track, and the results are under review.

Minutes of the MLIS Faculty Department and Annual Stakeholders meeting can be accessed at <http://www.valdosta.edu/colleges/education/master-of-library-and-information-science/Departmental%20Meeting%20Documentation.php>. MLIS students’ comments and concerns about any curriculum or course issues are encouraged. Feel free to contact me [dr Carlson@valdosta.edu](mailto:dr Carlson@valdosta.edu).

## Summer-Fall Registration

### Early Registration

- ◆ Advising Week starts March 16th
- ◆ Early Registration (Summer and Fall) opens April 6th
- ◆ Early registration closes May 1st

### Registration Re-opens

- ◆ Maymester: May 13–May 14
  - ◆ Summer II: June 8–June 9
  - ◆ Fall Registration: July 6– July 13
  - ◆ Fall Registration: Aug. 13– Aug. 17
- (Late registration, drop/add continues to Aug. 21)

### Semester Dates

- ◆ Maymester: May 15 – June 5
- ◆ Core Course 11-Week Term: May 15–July 28
- ◆ Summer II Term: June 10– July 28
- ◆ Fall Term begins: Aug. 17

## SOLIS Financials

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

In Fall 2014, our opening balance was \$655.95. We earned \$300.00 in T-shirt sales.

Our current balance is \$955.00.

Thanks, T-shirt wearers!

## Microsoft Office 2013

Students : You can get the latest version of Microsoft Office for free just because you are a student here at VSU. If you follow the instructions in the link below, they will show you how to find and install the software.

Ignore the Faculty/Staff section. You'll just need to login to MyVSU from the main page and go to your VSU Email. Then follow the instructions in the second section. Link to the download here:

[Microsoft Office](#)

## Social Media: MLIS Twitter and Tumblr

If you haven't heard about it yet the MLIS program has gotten with the times and has created Twitter and Tumblr accounts. You can follow to get interesting news and updates. Information is below:

### Twitter

Amanda Davis is our Twitter contact ([amandavis@valdosta.edu](mailto:amandavis@valdosta.edu)) and she has activated the @solisvaldosta Twitter account with GroupTweet to allow multiple contributors to Tweet from this account. She invites you to join her as a Twitter contributor so you can also send Tweets from the @solisvaldosta GroupTweet account.

It is easy to get started as a contributor just follow these steps:

1) Click the following link:

<http://grouptweet.com/gtpages/view/solisvaldosta/110e8aba1ae82e621d1171ae9d1f881b>

2) Login with your personal Twitter account (preferred) or create an account with GroupTweet using your Email address or Facebook account.

3) Proceed to your Group's dashboard and follow the 'Get Started' instructions.

4) If you register with a Twitter account you can also Tweet from @solisvaldosta without visiting the GroupTweet dashboard. You can simply include @solisvaldosta in a Tweet from your personal Twitter account.

5) If you have any questions feel free to email [Support@GroupTweet.com](mailto:Support@GroupTweet.com)

### Tumblr

Note: Use Chrome or Firefox, IE is not supported by Tumblr.

Go to the Tumblr Dashboard at <https://www.tumblr.com/dashboard>

In the "Search" tool (upper right), type in solisvaldosta

You will see a thumbnail of the splash screen. Click on it. That brings it to full size.

Explore what Amanda has posted.

Play with the icons below each post (in the right corner).

The ellipse (. . .) lets you forward to other social media.

The double-arrows icon opens that blog entry and allows you to type in a short comment. The heart lets you "like" the post.

We're on Facebook



Use our QR for quick access . . .



## SCHOLARSHIPS !

**The VSU MLIS Awards and Scholarship Committee is currently accepting applications for the following scholarships/awards . . .**

### George Gaumond

Awarded each spring to an MLIS student who has demonstrated exemplary scholarship and service. Deadline: March 11.

### MLIS Merit Scholarship

Covers the cost of one course at the VSU eTuition rate. Fall awards apply to Spring tuition. Spring awards apply to fall 2015 tuition. Deadline: April 15.

### H.W. Wilson Scholarship

Covers the cost of one course at the VSU eTuition rate. Spring awards apply to fall 2015 tuition. Deadline: April 15.

### H.W. Wilson Travel Award

Defrays expenses for current MLIS students who are presenting at professional meetings or conferences.

**The Georgia Library Association accepts applications for the following . . .**

The Hubbard Scholarship, a \$3,000 award, is intended to recruit excellent candidates for librarianship in Georgia and defray some of the costs of their education.

The Beard Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000, is targeted for applicants of excellence who show strong potential for leadership in the library profession.

The deadline to apply for the 2015 scholarships is May 23. See the Georgia Library Association website for details: <http://gla.georgialibraries.org/scholarship.htm>

Email of all documents, except for school transcripts, is required. Please send to [glascholarships2015@gmail.com](mailto:glascholarships2015@gmail.com) (please note: the email address must be in all lowercase letters or it will not go through) .

## SOLIS Funding for ALA Registration

Are you planning to attend ALA in San Francisco? Are you a student member of ALA? If so, you are eligible for reimbursement for your registration fee through SOLIS.

SOLIS sets aside funds to reimburse up to two MLIS students for ALA Conference registration. **Apply by sending an email to Dr. Ondrusek ASAP.** Early bird registration ends at noon March 16<sup>th</sup> - ALA student member registration is \$125. If you miss that deadline, register before June 20th to get the \$150 ALA student member rate. SOLIS will accept applications for reimbursement up to Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. If we receive more than two applications simultaneously, we will have a drawing.

## ALA Conference Tips

The ALA conference runs from June 25-30. And it's in San Francisco! And it features its usual all-star cast of authors, illustrators, library celebrities, and motivational speakers. The website has lots of information (<http://alaac15.ala.org/>).

Register online at <http://ala14.ala.org/rates>. **While you are registering,** select your hotel –a list of ALA housing rates is at <http://alaac15.ala.org/hotels>. Warning!! If you register and try to reserve a hotel room at conference rates later, you will have to go back to your **online confirmation** and click the link to hotels which is generally at the bottom of your email confirmation.

There is an informative web page on Resources for First-timers (<http://alaac15.ala.org/resources-for-first-timers>) on the ALA website.

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