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One more MLIS scholarship available
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SOLIS Calls for News Items

SOLIS is calling for content for articles from its members. Please share with us news on a 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, we will be checking that email for news items all year round.

VSU MLIS Presenters at GaCOMO

(MLIS students/alumni in bold)

Kelly Ansley, Laurie Aycock “An Introvert and an Extrovert Walk Into a Classroom: How Personality Type Affects Teaching Styles.”

Kelly Ansley, Chris Sharpe, Amanda Nash, Ben Mullis, Sarah Kirkley, Leslie Madden, Patricia Ziebart “Consolidating Instruction Programs: How did You Do That?”

Kimberly Boyd, John Mack Freeman “ALA Forum”

Amanda Roper, **Kimberley Boyd** “Fantastic Student-Employees and Where to Find Them: Using Gamification and the World of Harry Potter to Engage Student Employees.”

Steve Burton, Ashley Hoffman, Christina Holm “Resume Review Workshop.”

Carolann Curry, Anna Kramp “Revitalizing Your Library’s Health Information Services: An Overview of National Library of Medicine Consumer Health Resources.”

Denise Dimsdale “Using Creative Commons Licenses.”

Andrea Faulk “Language Learning in the Library.”

Rebecca Rose, Sofia Slutskaia, Camille McCutcheon, **Virginia Feher, Cheryl Stiles** “GLA Academic Library Division Paper Presentation & Panel Discussion on Scholarly Writing and Publishing.”

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Virgina Feher “Reinventing a Small Library Space.”

Angela Stanley, Muriel Jackson, **Debra Fennell** “First Meeting of the Local History & Genealogy Interest Group.”

John Mack Freeman “Creating Curiosity: How Five Libraries Brought Creativity Education to Their Tweens (and how you can too!).”

Jessica Garner “Well, That Took A While: An Anecdotal Comparison of the Job Application Process Between Public and Academic Libraries.”

Jessica Garner “Brave New World: Observations During the Early Transition Between Public and Academic Librarians.”

Jeffrey Mortimore, **Jessica Garner**, Jermaine Bryant, **Jessica Williams** “A Bird in the Hand: Leveraging ILL Requests to Improve Electronic Resource Access.”

Franklin Robers, **Kathryn Greer**, Lydia Hofstetter “Connecting with Your Campus through Collaborative Library Marketing.”

Emily Thorton, Cristina Trotter, **Michael Holt**, Louise Lowe “Surveying the State of Library Assessment.”

Brandy Horne “What Drives and Guides Us: The Importance of Developing a Personal Philosophy of Librarianship.”

Julie Huprich “Invigorate Your Library’s Learning Culture: Tips and Free Tools.”

Stephanie Irvin “GLASS Update – New Tools, New Tips.”

Stephanie Irvin “Library Services for Patrons with Disabilities Interest Group Meeting.”

Stephanie Irvin “Serving Patrons with Disabilities”

John Mack Freeman “Intellectual Freedom Interest Group Meeting.”

Julia Huprich “PACE (Professional and Continuing Education) Interest Group Meeting.”

SOLIS in the VSU Heart Walk Again

The “Walking Read” is back!

The three SOLIS students who walked last year raised \$250 for this year’s American Heart Association in the November 12th Heart Walk on the VSU campus. Pictured left to right: Danielle Costello, Meghan Crews, Stacey Wright, and SOLIS advisor Dr. Ren. Community building at its finest!



SOLIS Financials

SOLIS funding is supported through T-shirt sales and donations. In Fall 2016, our starting balance was \$406.11.

We earned \$260 in T-shirt sales:

\$220 from Fall 2016 MLIS Orientation
\$40 from GACOMO Conference

We earned \$103.94 from donations.

Our current balance is \$770.05.

Thanks, T-shirt wearers!

Heads Up: Scholarships, Awards, and Travel Funds

We are pleased to announce the availability of the \$1,000 **Baker Family MLIS Scholarship** to students currently enrolled in the VSU MLIS program with at least a 3.0 GPA. The scholarship is awarded once per academic year in the spring. Preferential consideration will be given to students from the counties including and contiguous to Lowndes County, Georgia (**Lowndes, Brooks, Cook, Berrien, Lanier, Echols**). If no students from the preferred counties apply for the Baker Family Scholarship, then applications from students who reside within the State of Georgia will be considered. The scholarship will be applied to the student's tuition and fees for one course and the students must pay any remaining amounts not covered by the scholarship.

More detailed instructions on applying for the Baker Family Scholarship are here: http://www.valdosta.edu/colleges/education/master-of-library-and-information-science/student-resources/application_guideline_baker_family_scholarship.php

All [scholarships and awards](#) reviewed by the MLIS faculty are due February 12, 2017. This includes the H. W. Wilson and the Summer-Fall Merit Scholarships and the George Gaumond Award.

Limited Graduate Student Travel Funds are Available for 2017

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 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>. Note that you must present the conference acceptance letters or email confirmations in your application.

VSU MLIS Presenters at GaCOMO

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Hyun Chu Kim, Emily Williams "Subject Headings in a Shared Environment: What's Best For Everyone."

Jonathan Klotz "A Very Specific Type of Geek: Adding Tablet Games To An Academic Library Collection."

Ashley Lowery, Paolo Gujide "Reinventing the Numbers Game: How Traditional Metrics and Altmetrics Work in Your Library."

Karen Manning "You Are Special: Paraprofessional Performance at its Best."

Benjamin Mullis "Re-Imagining Library Relationships."

Justin Nobles "Full Steam Ahead! The First Year of the STEAM Engine at West Georgia Regional Library"

Beatrice Pavlick "Use of Social Media to Build Online Communities in Academic Libraries in Georgia."

Mary Poland, Viki Timian "Re-imagine Patron Services Through User Feedback."

Chris Sharpe "Emergency Management Toolkit for Libraries"

Amy Stalker "A Mobile Solution to Information Literacy Assessment."

Amy Stalker "Let's Play: Library Instruction."

Christopher Stotemyer "What To Do When You're New (at E-Resources!)"

Mary Moore, Stephen Sherman, **Diana Very** "Get that Grant!"

Emily Rogers, **Brett Williams** "Community Patron Access to Academic FDLP Libraries."

Wendy Wilmoth "Technical College Interest Group Meeting."

We're on Facebook



MLIS Students Reflect on Their Conference Experiences

(By Rosemary Bilello Humphrey) In early October I was fortunate to be able to attend the joint conference of **Georgia COMO** and the Southeastern Library Association (SELA) in Athens, GA. Over the course of three days I went to sessions on a variety of topics related to public, academic, and special Libraries. There were many sessions geared towards MLIS students and recent graduates including a resume review workshop, a comparison of the application process for public and academic libraries, developing a personal philosophy of librarianship, and reinventing yourself for the job you want. Also since it was a joint conference with SELA, many speakers were from states throughout the Southeast, not just Georgia, which brought broader perspectives to some of the presentations.

VSU's MLIS program, professors, alumni, and current students could be found throughout the conference. The program had a booth in the vendor area staffed by our professors to attract new students and to catch up with alumni and current students. Many alumni spoke at the conference sessions.

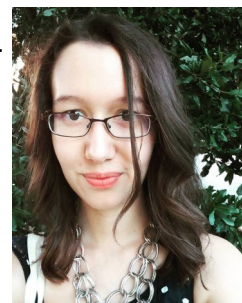
Thursday night VSU's MLIS program had an informal happy hour in the Highwire Lounge at the Trapeze Pub. This was a wonderful time to be able to meet and speak with professors, students, and alumni in person in a relaxed atmosphere. It was wonderful to see how many people have benefited from this program. I especially enjoyed having conversations with professors not related to assignments!

After the Happy Hour, several people carried the merriment over to GLA's New Members Round Table's Mingle at Rook and Pawn Board Game Café for an evening of board games and conversation.



If you have never attended Georgia COMO or any other library conference before, I highly recommend it. Not only are you able to learn new ideas and concepts from the presentations, but you are able to meet new people in the li-

(By Marissa R. Mozek) On September 30 – October 1 I was able to present at the **Georgia International Conference on Information Literacy**. I was able to go because of the work I have done in my job as a Research and Instruction Associate at Savannah College of Art and Design. My topic was ESL in the one-shot instruction session titled “Connect, Assessing and Working with ESL One-Shot Students”. I was able to talk about forming relationships with faculty and students, connecting objectives and frameworks, and best practices in assessing ESL students. During the presentation I had a small number of attendees but the questions were in-depth and started great conversation. I hope to be there again next year!





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: _____

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