



## Farewell and Welcoming

*Let's congratulate 2023-2024 SOLIS officers for a job very well done and wish them great success in the future. And let's welcome the 2024-2025 SOLIS officers:*

### **SOLIS President:**

**Bio: Jules Ray** (she/they) is a library assistant at a public library in Greenville, SC. They created the first (and only) LGBTQ+ program at their library, a monthly queer book club. In addition, she was a founding member of the Freedom in Libraries Advocacy Group, an organization in Greenville dedicated to the principles of diversity, equity, inclusion, and the freedom to read. In their free time, Jules loves Dungeons and Dragons, reality tv, and reading truly terrible romance novels.



**Election Statement:** I have a passion for organizing around librarianship and for serving as an advocate for DEI initiatives, particularly in relation to queer and neurodivergent people. I have had a difficult education journey and would love to be able to support students who may also struggle with school. Eyes on the prize, but it can still be tough sometimes!

### **SOLIS Vice President:**

**Bio: Will Wood** works full time as a library associate in coastal Georgia and currently serves as a member of SOLIS Advisory Board. He earned his MA in History with a Public History focus in 2018 and is getting his MLIS for a career in archives and to better help the public he serves.

**Election Statement:** I'm running to return to SOLIS as the Vice President because I want to support the program in all endeavors and foster a sense of comradery among our remote learning student body. If chosen, my emails are always open to listen to activity ideas that help us better connect with each other.



### **SOLIS Communications Officer:**

**Bio: Adrianna Waters** currently works in higher education with plans to return to youth services in public libraries soon. She is finishing her first semester in the MLIS program, and she received her BA in English from Western Kentucky University in 2021. She has an avid interest in children's/teen literature. Outside of reading and writing, she enjoys watching theatre, listening to music, playing games, watching social competitive reality TV, and cuddling with her cat.

**Election Statement:** With the MLIS program being fully remote and asynchronous and many students living outside of Georgia, including myself, it can be challenging to stay connected with other students. As the Communications Officer, I would love the opportunity to help engage students by helping with social events and the newsletter. During my undergraduate degree, I participated in numerous writing and editing projects for social media, news/magazine articles, blog posts, and more, and I have furthered improved my communication skills in the professional workplace.



## 2024-2025 SOLIS Advisory Board Members

**Bio:** **Niké Shimobi-Obijuru** is the Regional Circulation Services Coordinator for the Athens-Clarke County Library, a position which she has held for three years. She first began working for the library in 2019 following her graduation from Spelman College, where she earned a B.A. in English and minored in both Spanish and Computer Science. Niké hopes to graduate in the spring of 2025 with her concentration in Library Management.

**Election Statement:** I am running to return to a position on the Advisory Board because I would like to stay involved with the MLIS Program at Valdosta. I am also passionate about advocacy, and as a representative of SOLIS, I would seek to support my fellow students. Given my experience on similar leadership teams in academic, professional, and civic settings, I believe I am well-equipped with the skills needed to serve as a board member.

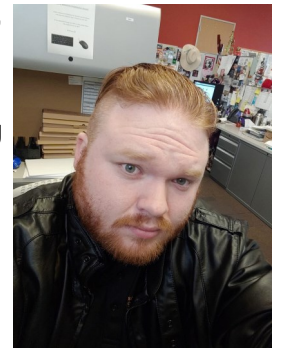


**Bio:** **Annabelle Ho** is a current SOLIS Advisory Board Member, and a Library Assistant at the Dedham, Wellesley, and Westwood Public Libraries in Massachusetts. She has been working in public libraries for three years, and is in her second semester at VSU. She enjoys playing music, including playing the fiddle and ukulele. Annabelle is also a registered dietitian nutritionist with a M.S. in Food and Nutrition.



**Election Statement:** I am interested in running for the advisory board again for SOLIS, because I enjoyed being on the advisory board this past year. It is a great way to make connections with students in this online program. By being on the advisory board, I hope to help create a feeling of community, inclusion, support, and fun for students in the MLIS program.

**Bio:** **Sean Doyle** is a Senior Library Specialist at South Mountain Community College in Phoenix, Arizona, where he leads the technology support services team. With a Bachelor's degree in Business - IT Management, Sean combines his expertise in technology with solid leadership skills to mentor and train team members. Since discovering his passion for librarianship in 2016, Sean has been committed to introducing and demystifying technology for the community while fostering educational advancements in computer literacy. His goal-driven and analytical approach empowers him to spearhead initiatives that drive libraries toward a future, enriched with emerging technologies. Outside of work, Sean enjoys attending library conferences for continuous learning and working at community events, such as comic conventions.



**Election Statement:** As a candidate for the SOLIS advisory board, I am committed to leveraging my background in technology and leadership to enhance our organization's impact on the MLIS program and its students. With experience as a Senior Library Specialist and a focus on technology integration and team leadership, I am positioned to help SOLIS navigate the evolving technological landscape in libraries. I aim to foster a supportive and innovative environment that encourages active participation and professional growth among our members. I plan to introduce more tech-based learning opportunities and community-building events that align with the needs and interests of our diverse student body. By driving initiatives that connect and empower, I aim to ensure that SOLIS remains at the forefront of advancing our field and supporting our members' aspirations.

## Congratulations!!

*Congratulations to all our graduates! Keep doing great things, making differences and making us proud!*



*Congratulations to Megan J. Morgan who has been selected as an intern for the Summer Remote Program: Creative Digital Publications through the Law Library of Congress.*



This summer, I am thrilled to have been selected as an intern for the Summer Remote Program: Creative Digital Publications through the Law Library of Congress! This remote, unpaid internship will include weekly webinars on librarianship and LOC topics, training in how to write for government, library, and legal settings, and metadata and image use in public-facing creative publications. The goal is to create an accessible, informative project for potential publication on the Law Library's blog, *In Custodia Legis*.

This is my first internship since starting the MLIS in Spring 2022. I may have had an advantage in applying because the MLIS is my third graduate degree (I have an MA and PhD in English Language and Literature from the University of Georgia) and I have work experience in writing and editing. I think that the most important element of my application, however, was not my resume but my cover letter. In it, I made sure to tie my work experience and skills very clearly to the requirements and qualifications stated in the internship description. I also allowed my writing to express some of my personality, such as mentioning that my only experience with coding for the web is the GeoCities websites I had as a teenager in the mid-1990s! Finally, I shared details not only about what I brought to the internship in terms of experience but what I hoped to learn from it that I could take forward into my library career. I'm so excited to embark on this adventure this summer!

*We love to celebrate your achievements. Keep sending your news about recently awarded scholarships, a conference presentation, a paid internship opportunity, or other exciting news of your scholarly and/or professional achievements to [xren@valdosta.edu](mailto:xren@valdosta.edu) as they happen. Thank you!*



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

Proceeds of sales in years have funded ALA conference registrations for 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, a 15th anniversary celebration in downtown Valdosta, and many SOLIS activities such as virtual 5k, and t-shirt design contest. The proceeds of sales will be the main funding source for a newly created SOLIS scholarship starting from Fall 2021.

Shirts are sold at \$10 each at face-to-face events such as GLA conferences and previous New Student Orientations.

### SOLIS T-Shirt Order Form

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