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*VSU Graduate Student Travel Fund
 Fall 2017*

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Calls for Update

Please share with us your news about 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. Thank you!

VSU MLIS at GA Libraries Conference

(MLIS students/alumni/faculty in bold)

Hyun Chu Kim co-presented: “Collaborative workflows using Spiceworks and Google forms”

Rosemary Humphrey, Jessica Garner, Mary Poland et al. co presented: “Resource Sharing Different by Design: Lessons Learned with Alma.”

Emily Williams, Emily Crews, Denise Farley, Lauren Mullins et al. co-presented: “Toto, We’re Not in Kansas Anymore: Experiences from First-year Professionals.”

Julia Simpson co-presented: “ADULTING 101- How to Have a Life After High School!”

Susan Clay co-presented: “Everyday is a Winding Road: Navigating Services and Expectations at the UGA Map and Government Information Library.”

Karen Manning presented: “GLA Paraprofessional Division Business Meeting.”

Rita Spisak presented: “Georgia Library Trustees, Friends, and Advocates Association Business Meeting.”

Chelsea Kovalevskiy co-presented: “Say Yes!: How Innovation Strengthens the Library’s Relevance In the Community.”

Jessica Garner, Jessica Williams et al. co presented: “Right under Their Noses: Helping Patrons Identify the Resources at Their Fingertips.”

Christopher Moffat co-presented: “Service Different by Design-Moving to a Single Service Point.”

Joye Cauthen presented: “Storytelling, Civilization’s Oldest Oral Art Form: It is Value in the Public Library.”

Karen Manning co-presented: “Cultivating Team and Project Management: A Hybrid Mix.”

Hyun Chu Kim, Emily Williams co-presented: “Faculty Status of Librarians in Georgia: A Snapshot.”

Beverly Williams presented: “Creative Programming for the Under-served.”

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Rosemary Humphrey, Jessica Garner co-presented: “Interlibrary Interest Group.”

John Mack Freeman presented: “Intellectual Freedom Interest Group”.

Justin Nobles, Samantha Paul co-presented: “Continuing Education: PACE Business Meeting.”

Laurie Aycock presented: “Government Information Interest Group.”

Vivian Bynoe presented: “Thinking Outside the Box: Librarians and Faculty Developing Critical Literacy Skills in Pre-service Teachers.”

Ashley Pearson co-presented: “Scissors, Stories, & STEAM.”

Stephanie Irvin presented: “Edutainment with Authors.”

Jalesia Horton co-presented: “Event Ideas for the Library: From Collaborative Planning and Promotion to Execution.”

Virginia Feher presented: “Georgia Library Quarterly Informational Session.”

Chris Sharpe presented: “Composing a Library Professional Writing Group.”

Jennifer Lautzenheiser, Catie Tierney presented: “Designed to Serve: Designing Physical Space to Deliver Superior Service.”

Jessica Garner co-presented: “Game, Set, Match: Conquer Your Library’s Content Management Needs with Lib-Guides CMS.”

Bokshim Fox: “Creating a digital Library and How to do Web Cataloging: Using Omega, an open-source software.”

Karen Manning, Linda Most co-presented: “Embarking on a Career in Librarianship: Are You Ready for Take-Off.”

John Wilson presented: “Websites and Information Literacy Concepts.”

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SOLIS Fundraising Event

This holiday season, SOLIS wants to make a difference in the lives of incarcerated youth by fundraising for Liberation Library. Liberation Library is a non-profit organization based in Illinois and works to ensure that imprisoned youth have access to books to “encourage literacy, imagination, self-determination and connection.” You can learn more about Liberation Library at liberationlib.com.

If you wish to donate, please make your tax-deductible donation by December 15th at <http://tinyurl.com/liblibrary> (Tax ID number is 204735643). Please use your VSU e-mail address when making your donation so we can track our progress. Liberation Library will use the funds collected to send new books and holiday cards to youth across four juvenile justice centers.

Thank you for your participation and support!

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Access to books is a right, not a privilege.
Donate by 12/15 and help SOLIS make a difference. Go to the link below to
donate. Make sure to use your VSU email!
<http://tinyurl.com/liblibrary>

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Jessica Garner, Lisa Smith presented: “Zach’s Ladder: Librarians Helping Future Librarians Climb to New Heights.”

A. Carey Huddleston presented: “Just Tell Me What You Want.”

Kelli McDaniel co-presented: “The Barrow Book Partnership: An Innovative, Dual-approach to Building Partnerships and Early Literacy Across our Country.”

Kara Mullen co-presented: “Designing with Accessibility in Mind.”

Beth Ratliff co-presented: “Friends Groups and Their Libraries: A Special Relationship.”

Justin Nobles co-presented: “Not the ConEd You’re Used to : Staff Driven Training for Today.”

Kristin Gwin co-presented: “The Magic of Muggle Quid-ditch: Engaging Teens and Community Groups outside the Library.”

Emily Williams co-presented: “From selection to Shelf: A Turnaround Time Assessment.”

Eli Arnold, Micki Waldrop, Ariel Turner, Kat Greer, Rosemary Humphrey served on *GA Libraries Conference 2017 Planning Committee*.

Eli Arnold and **Justin Nobles** served on *Conference Committee Advisory Task Force*.



ALA Student-to-Staff Reflections

By Jennifer Putnam

This past June, I participated in the American Library Association (ALA) Student-to-Staff program for the 2017 annual ALA Conference (June 2017, Chicago, IL.). This program grants travel, registration, and accommodation for forty students who are currently pursuing a master’s in library and information science. In addition to attending the Conference, recipients gain experience working alongside a department of ALA. I reported on conference sessions for *American Libraries Magazine* and their blog, *The Scoop* (<https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/blogs/the-scoop>).

Writing for *American Libraries*, I learned the process of covering such a large event. Everyone was scheduled to cover sessions by a leading editor. After attending a session, you had a day to get your piece in to the copy editors for them to post. Sometimes they would have follow up questions, but often times they just made their edits and posted. A ton of emails were exchanged during these four days for coordination which was a little overwhelming but also exciting to be a part of! I attended sessions on library outreach programs, intellectual freedom and open access, as well as many guest speaker programs. I was even able to sit in the front row for speakers like Reshma Saujani (*Girls Who Code* founder), Sarah Jessica Parker, Ron Chernow, and Andy Weir.

The best part about attending ALA and participating in this program was meeting so many different people. We were able to do a lot of things together like going out to eat and exploring the city when we weren’t working. The incoming ALA president, Jim Neal, even had an elaborate reception that included us, which was very nice. I made several contacts and friends that I look forward to seeing at future conferences.

SOLIS Financials

SOLIS funding is supported through T-shirt sales and donations.

Our current balance is \$1086.30.

- \$366 from T-Shirt sales
- \$753 from donations and gifts

Thanks, T-shirt wearers and SOLIS donors!

We’re on  facebook.



Black Caucus ALA Conference Highlights

The 10th National Conference of African American Librarians was hosted in Atlanta, August 9-13, and VSU MLIS was well represented. The conference is an annual event sponsored by the Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA). This professional group has a rich history, starting with its founding in 1971 under the leadership of E. J. Jolley. Its mission is to serve as an advocate for the development, promotion, and improvement of library services and re-



sources to the nation's African American community; and to provide leadership for the recruitment and professional development of African American librarians. Besides the conference, BCALA sponsors a scholarship, recognition awards, literary awards, and a variety of programs. You need not be a member of ALA to join BCALA, and student membership is an affordable \$10. For more information, visit the website at: <http://bcala.org/>.

VSU MLIS conference volunteers: Shannon Glover, Graduate (left) and Karen Manning, Student (right).

LinkedIn for Optimal MLIS Networking

SOLIS is developing a new initiative to revitalize our LinkedIn group in order to provide a platform for students, alums, and faculty to network and grow within the profession. Students can create a free account at www.linkedin.com. Once your account is created, you may request to join the **Valdosta State University MLIS LinkedIn group** at <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4874360>.

The mission of the group is to, "connect with our growing network of VSU library and information professionals." In addition to being a crucial asset for networking and connecting to the profession, the group will also contain content on careers, innovations in the profession, conference announcements and professional development opportunities. The group is moderated by SOLIS faculty advisor Dr. Ren and Amanda Addison Roper, SOLIS Communications Officer for 2017-2018.

LinkedIn is an innovative and essential social media platform for burgeoning librarians. In addition to connecting with others in the field, LinkedIn showcases your professional worth by allowing you to display professional memberships, projects, and career milestones. Colleagues and future employers will be able to review items in your professional portfolio and this increases your chance of landing a post-graduation librarian career; it also elevates the visibility of librarianship as a vital and dynamic profession.

Join in today!

Heads Up: Scholarships, Awards, and Travel Funds

VSU FY 18 Graduate Student Conference Travel Fund

<https://www.valdosta.edu/academics/graduate-school/student-resources.php>

These \$500 grants are available for GRADUATE students enrolled in degree -seeking programs and in good standing at Valdosta State University. Applications must be received at least three weeks before travel dates.

Scholarship for all Graduate students in COEHS

- **Dorothy Dewar Service Scholarship** - Deadline: February 15

<https://www.valdosta.edu/colleges/education/deans-office/coehs-scholarships/#a1>

MLIS Awards and Scholarships

<https://www.valdosta.edu/colleges/education/master-of-library-and-information-science/student-resources/scholarships.php>

- **Baker Family MLIS Scholarship** - Deadline: February 12
- **George Gaumond Award** - Deadline: February 12
- **H.W. Wilson Scholarships** - Deadline: February 12
- **H.W. Wilson Foundation Travel Scholarship** – Deadline: February 12
- **MLIS Merit Scholarship** - Deadline for spring semester: December 1; for summer-fall semester: February 12

NASIG Student Opportunities

The 33rd NASIG (formerly the North American Serials Interest Group, Inc.) Annual Conference will be in Atlanta, Georgia on June 8 -11, 2018.

- NASIG membership is free for students in Library and Information Science programs
- Student members are encouraged to volunteer for NASIG committees

There are several awards that students can apply for.

The award information can be found here: <https://nasig.wordpress.com/2017/11/15/2018-nasig-grants-awards-and-scholarships/>.

PINNACLE Class of 2016-2017

Georgia Public Library Service (GPLS) has selected 23 Georgia librarians to participate in the 2016-2017 class of PINNACLE. The curriculum will guide them through leadership training which includes a self-directed learning project.

These VSU graduates are among those selected for the PINNACLE class of 2016-2017:

- Cameron Asbell (Ochoopee, Director)
- Stacy Brown (Conyers Rockdale, Director)
- Wanda Brown (Dougherty, Assistant Director)
- Mack Freeman (West Georgia, Marketing & Programming)
- Stephanie Irvin (GLASS, Outreach Librarian)
- Delana Knight (Northeast Georgia, Director)
- Andrew Vickers (Peach, Assistant Director)
- Mary Young (Uncle Remus, Admin Services Librarian)

For more on the PINNACLE institute, go to: <http://www.georgialibraries.org/news/articles.php?searchid=194>



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 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 face-to-face events such as GLA conferences and previous 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 _____

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: _____

Please mail this form with your check to :

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