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Call for Updates

Please share with us your news about recently awarded scholarships, a conference presentation, a paid internship opportunity, or other exciting news of your scholarly and/or professional achievements.

Please send your news items to xren@valdosta.edu as they happen. Thank you!

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VSU MLIS at 2021 GA Libraries Conference

(MLIS students/alumni in bold)

A New Start: Promising Practices for Small Business and Entrepreneurship Programs - Presented by **Adam Pitts** and Atlas Logan

Amplify the Message: Navigating the Advocacy Landscape - Presented by Angela Glowcheski, Wendy Cornelisen, Nan Brown, and **Stacy Brown**

Approach to IDEA: Multiple Agency Initiatives - Presented by Wendy Cornelisen, Deborah Jackson, Angela Stanley, **Robert Taylor**, and **Chaun Campos**

Building New Connections: Libraries and Undergrad Research - Presented by **Danielle Costello**

Evolution at Warp Speed: How to Transform a Library in 3 Months! - Presented by **Caroline Askew**, Laura Gargis

Fines Free @ Your Library: A Pilot Project - Presented by **Jennifer Golden**, **Sandy Hester**, and **Kim Spencer**

How We Have Endured and Evolved: Stories from the Front Lines - Presented by **Chris Sharpe**, Denise Funk, Austina M. Jordan, Teva Sweet

Impact of Federal Pandemic Funding on Georgia's Public Libraries - Presented by **Shannan Furlow**

Innovated Approaches to Developing and Implementing Reference & Instructional Programs - Presented by **Leslie Drost**, Jean Cook, Mary Margaret Cornwell, **A. Carey Huddleston**, Catherine Bowers, and **Tara Kunesh**

Learn Anywhere: Maximizing the Effectiveness of Virtual Programming with Google Classroom - Presented by **Katharine Russell** and Sarah Martin

Let's go Virtual Tomorrow! How one day changed Online Services in Libraries - Presented by **Chris Morris**

Let's PLAY! PINES Library Access for Youth: Eliminating barriers by providing students free access to public library materials and online resources to help them succeed in school and beyond - Presented by **Stacy Brown**, **Susan Morrison**, Colby Hunter, and Kathi Edwards

Library Outreach: The Importance of Engaging Your Community - Presented by **Christopher Evans**, Sherry Spell Tanner, Natorra Moody, Mark Bohnstedt, **Kelli McDaniel**, and Sarah Reynolds

Process Before Technology: The Story of UGA Law Library's Surprisingly Simple Item Request Webform - Presented by Rachel Evans, Marie Mize, and **Szilvia Somodi**

Promoting Libraries' Role in Participatory Science Programming Through Citizen Science - Presented by **Jessica Varsa**

All recordings can be accessed here: https://whova.com/web/glc_202110/Agenda

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Revitalizing Library Instruction: The Benefits of Getting out of the Classroom - Presented by Shannon Gibson, Leigh Hall, and Colin Eade

Taking care of Business and Student Employees during the Pandemic - Presented by Szilvia Somodi and Marie Mize

To Endure, Your Paper Must Evolve: Turn Your MLIS Paper into a Published Article - Presented by Ashley Hoffman, Chelsee Dickson, and Virginia Feher

Your Voice Matters!: Getting Involved in Professional Library Associations - Presented by Angiah Davis, Tamika Barnes, Angela Dixon, Karen Manning, and Priscilla Dickerson

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Showing Off: Promoting Student Engagement and Research through Collaborative and Interactive Exhibits - Poster presented by Kristina S. Lang

SOLIS Study Buddy

If you have a furry (or feathery, or scaly) friend who's keeping you company while you cram for exams, we'd love for you to share them with us! Share your pets by posting their pics on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#), tagging our brand new accounts (both are [@VSU_SOLIS](#)) and using the hashtag [#SOLISStudyBuddy](#) to be featured on our feeds!

You can also submit your pet pic with a short blurb about your study buddy to our email (valdosta.solis@gmail.com) to be featured on our social media feeds.



SOLIS STUDY BUDDY

Want to show off your pet?
Tag us on Instagram and Twitter
[@VSU_SOLIS](#) to have your pet featured!

Event Dates: November 15th through December 10th

[#SOLISStudyBuddy](#)

3rd Annual Virtual 5K

Everyone is invited to participate in this year's 3rd Annual Virtual 5K! Each participant is invited to run, walk, bike--or any activity that racks up a total of 5K--in this year's 5K (Your Way) and to donate to a charity of their choice.

After the event is concluded, participants will be entered into a drawing for the chance of winning a \$15 gift card (3 winners) & a SOLIS t-shirt (3 winners).

SOLIS presents



VIRTUAL 5K YOUR WAY



RUN, WALK, OR BIKE YOUR WAY TO PRIZES

Enter for a chance to win giftcards and a MLIS t-shirt

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SIGN UP BEFORE DEC 6TH AND PARTICIPATE THROUGH DECEMBER

Alumni Spotlight: Sarah Shelton Yawn

Short Professional Biography: Sarah Shelton Yawn graduated from the MLIS Program in 2020. While in the program, Yawn served in SOLIS in various ways, including as SOLIS President, and was awarded the George Gaumond Award. She is currently working as a Library Assistant at the Margaret Jones Public Library in Sylvester, Georgia and was named a 2021 Georgia Public Library Service Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research Scholarship recipient. Yawn will start serving in the capacity of Instructional Services Librarian at the Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, Georgia in January of 2022.



What were your favorite classes while in the MLIS program?

To be honest, I enjoyed most if not all of my classes, but I really enjoyed the reference related classes with Dr. Ren and the cataloging classes with Dr. Choi.

What was your favorite course project while receiving your MLIS degree?

My favorite project was when I was able to create a LibGuide on a specific topic for users in the Information Architecture Course (MLIS 7570). This project allowed me to combine my love of historical research and assisting patrons in a digital format.

How has what you learned while getting your MLIS degree directly affected or been applied to your work?

I use the things that I learned in the MLIS Program on a daily basis whether it be the steps in the reference transaction/interview or searching tactics in general. Not only have the things that I learned in the program been applied to my current job, but I was able to apply skills and ways of presenting my qualifications (my ePortfolio) in a precise form that helped me land my new job.

Do you have any advice for upcoming graduates on how to navigate the job search and/or the field?

Don't give up! All good things take time and that includes landing that awesome librarian job. Also, actively check job sites, library Facebook pages, and individual library and college job postings. Having a print copy of your portfolio and access to your ePortfolio will impress those interviewing you as well. Good luck!

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

Yes, I want to support SOLIS! Please send me _____ (number) of shirts.

Please fill in the oval next to your preferred t-shirt design:



Please indicate the quantity for each size:

Small_____ Medium_____ Large_____ X-Large_____ 2X-Large* _____ 3X-Large* _____

*sizes not available for white t-shirt

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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