



Congratulations! Class of 2024

Congratulations to all our graduates! It was great to see those of you who came to the campus and attended the graduation ceremony! We wish you all the best for your future endeavors!



SOLIS Remembers Dr. Linda R. Most

Our beloved Dr. Linda R. Most passed away on Tuesday, November 20, 2024. She served as a strong and fierce advocate and leader for the VSU MLIS program. Her impact on the Valdosta State community and the Georgia library community are immeasurable and her legacy in library advocacy and education will endure. She will be missed tremendously by neighbors, colleagues, beloved friends, and especially her family, and students.

Dr. Most joined the VSU MLIS program in 2009, became the Interim Department Head in 2015, and was the MLIS Department Head from 2015 to 2022. Dr. Most provided full support to SOLIS and the whole student community over the years by making monthly donation to SOLIS Foundations account; writing articles for SOLIS newsletter; supporting SOLIS activities; and supporting the student community. In loving memory of Dr. Most, SOLIS highlighted some of the previously published SOLIS articles and images featuring Dr. Most here:

In [2016](#), the inaugural online student town hall meeting called “Talk to Dr. Most” was held using Blackboard Collaborate inside MLIS Village on the evening of April 13. These online listening sessions offer a chance for students to chase down rumors, ask questions, offer suggestions, or simply share their thoughts about the MLIS degree program. These listening sessions allow both in-state and out-of-state students a chance to talk directly with the department head. Here are the previous reports of the listening sessions: [\[2018\]](#) [\[2020\]](#)[\[2021\]](#)

In [2019](#), Dr. Most wrote an article titled *What is MLIS 7960 Supervised Fieldwork: Everything you need to know about the course!* for SOLIS newsletter to help eliminate the confusions students had about taking MLIS 7960 supervised fieldwork. In [December 2018](#), Dr. Most also joined the effort to promote SOLIS T-shirt marketing campaign by wearing the MLIS T-shirt.



Dr. Most always showed up in events that celebrated or honored our students, whether it was the award ceremony [\[May 2017\]](#), research symposium [\[May 2019\]](#), the graduation ceremony [\[December 2023\]](#), [May 2023](#), [December 2022](#), [May 2022](#), [May 2021](#), [May 2019](#), [May 2018](#)], or the annual Georgia Libraries Conferences [\[2018\]](#) and more [\[May 2018\]](#), [2016a](#), [2016b](#)]. She cared about our students deeply and will be missed deeply by SOLIS and the student community.



SOLIS Winter 5K

SOLIS Winter 5k looks a little different this year! During this last week of the semester, take advantage of the opportunity for some self care. Get some exercise, do some reading, have a healthy meal, drink some water- whatever feels right for you! Share your personal self care activities in the comments of this post or using [#SOLISwinter5k](#). We're almost to the end of the semester- let's finish strong!



SOLIS Coffee Hour

SOLIS hosted a virtual coffee hour on Wednesday, November 13th, at 7:00 pm EST. This was an informal time to hang out, chat, commiserate about schoolwork, and get to know other students in the program. Online school can be lonely- SOLIS is here to help build the community!



Call for updates: Please share your news about recently awarded scholarships, a conference presentation, a paid internship opportunity, or other exciting news of your scholarly and/or professional achievements by sending them to xren@valdosta.edu as they happen. Thank you!

Twitter: https://twitter.com/SOLIS_VState

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/solis_vstate/

Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/136986118569>

Support 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: https://www.valdosta.edu/colleges/education/master-of-library-and-information-science/student-resources/internship_reimburse.php) 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: _____

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City, State, Zip: _____

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