



Congratulations . . .

Crystal Vicente

VSU Merit Scholarship recipient

Megan Stephenson

H. W. Wilson Scholarship recipient

Joshua Wallace

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society initiate

Application Deadlines

GLA-sponsored Beard (\$1000) and Hubbard (\$3000) scholarship applications due May 21st.

Lynda Crumley Memorial Internship applications due May 31st (p. 2).

Fieldwork requests due June 30th.

SOLIS nominations due June 30th.

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Desire2Learn Arrives!

At the beginning of the May 2013 semester BlazeVIEW will be using the learning software, Desire2Learn. There will be a tutorial period before the start of the semester for students beginning in the Maymester. The main difference between Desire2Learn and the other system is that Desire2Learn looks more like a traditional website. There are links on the left side of the page as opposed to menus. Here again are the links to some tutorials.

Georgia State University started using Desire2Learn early. If you want a preview of the login procedure, check out the guide created by GSU at <http://technology.gsu.edu/2012/12/18/getting-started-with-desire2learn-as-a-student/>.

You can see what a typical class site looks like by viewing the GSU tutorial at <http://technology.gsu.edu/technology-services/it-services/training-and-learning-resources/desire2learn/taking-courses-in-desire2learn-for-students/>.

You must reset your BlazeVIEW password in order to enter Desire2Learn. See page 4 for instructions.

In Memoriam

Rita Impey-Imes
1954-2013

Librarians throughout Georgia lost a loyal friend and devoted supporter of libraries with the passing of **Rita Impey-Imes** on February 14, 2013. Rita entered the VSU MLIS program in 2007 with considerable experience from her job in the Sturgis Library at Kennesaw State University. She was a superlative student, one who loved learning and had a deep respect for scholarship.

Shortly after graduating in fall 2009, Rita moved into the position as Rare Book Curator in the Bentley Rare Book Gallery. There she carried on a tradition of making that amazing collection of rare books accessible to students and the general public as well as to serious scholars. Visitors were entertained by Rita's stories about the items in the collection and the renovation of the gallery. She was a librarian's librarian—one who will be deeply missed.

Rita is survived by her husband, Tom, and son, Alex. In her honor, her colleagues established the **Rita Impey-Imes Rare Book Conservation Fund**. Donations can be made via the website: <https://community.kennesaw.edu/GiveToRareBookFund>.

Funds will be used for the conservation of books, prints, manuscripts, and leaves in the Bentley Rare Book Gallery, allowing them to be seen, held, studied and treasured by generations to come.

Accreditation Review

The MLIS faculty is preparing a program presenting their accreditation materials to the ALA throughout May, June, July. Input from students, graduates, and other constituents is welcome.

Over the summer the following people representing students and alumni will be reviewing the material. If you have questions or concerns you would like to voice, please contact these people by email.

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Supervised Fieldwork Requests

Supervised fieldwork (MLIS 7960) is an elective that counts as a three-credit course. Since the MLIS Program started in 2001, 150 students have completed fieldwork assignments. The fieldwork concludes with an exit questionnaire. There are two items on the questionnaire in which responses often reflect the value that interns found in their fieldwork.

Here are a few responses to the question: *What part of the fieldwork was most important to your learning?*

- Opportunity for making professional contacts
- Application of library school theory.
- Interview skills and terminology
- Learning what actually happens in a library

Quotes from responses to: *Is there anything else you would like the MLIS faculty to know about fieldwork as a course option ?*

- It should be a course, as it gives real world application
- Feel more prepared for job seeking
- Crowning gem of my graduate school experience

The first step in arranging fieldwork for credit is to consult with your advisor. Once you have approval there, email the faculty member who is handling fieldwork placements – Dr. Most is the coordinator for the fall 2013 semester. She would like requests ASAP, but will be available this summer and is willing to accept requests up until June 30th.

Lynda Crumley Memorial Internship

The Smyrna Public Library is seeking candidates from the VSU MLIS Program for the Lynda Crumley Memorial Internship, a paid internship sponsored by the Friends of Smyrna Library that includes a stipend of \$2500. This is a minimum 10-week internship to be fulfilled in the fall 2013 semester. The selected applicant may register for MLIS 7960 and count the internship as the Supervised Fieldwork course, if desired, not required. To earn fieldwork credit, the intern will have to fulfill at least 120 hours of service. Here are the requirements:

- Interest in public librarianship
- Daytime, weekday availability (you must complete your hours during the day, not weekends)
- Provision of your own transportation to the Smyrna Public Library
- Prior completion of at least 12 hours of MLIS coursework.

Please submit a letter of application and resume to Dr. Koehler by email at wkoehler@valdosta.edu. Deadline: Friday, May 31st. Applicants are vetted and names of those selected will be forwarded to the Smyrna Public Library. A review board appointed through the Smyrna Public Library interviews final candidates for the internship. The Library has specifically requested that you *not* contact personnel in the library directly. Applications *must* be sent to Dr. Koehler.

Readfest 2013

Friday, April 21, saw two hundred fifty plus preschool and primary school children descend on the front lawn of VSU for the 6th annual Readfest. This event is organized by the Odum Library's Reference/Marketing librarian, Michael Holt, an MLIS alumnus.

Activities ranged from sing-a-longs to ice cream and a puppet show narrated by our own Dr. Ondrusek and assisted by Ben Mullis. The teachers, many of whom report they are allotted one field trip a year, always choose Readfest.



Graduate Research Symposium

On Friday, April 12th, two representatives from the MLIS Program, Amy Ellison and Jennifer Lautzenheiser, presented posters on their capstone research projects. Amy's capstone poster (pictured left) was entitled *Overconfident and Overwhelmed: Examining Research Anxiety In Millennial First-Year Undergraduates*. Jennifer's poster (pictured right) was *Services to the Aging at Perry Public Library as Measure by the ALA Guidelines for Services To Older Adults*. These were part of VSU's annual Graduate Research Symposium, which invites entries from graduate students from across disciplines and allows people to see a summation of their research projects.



SOLIS Elections

The current term of office for the SOLIS officers is coming to a close at the end of the semester. Therefore there shall be elections for new officers and advisory board members for the 2013-2014 academic year. Offices include: President, VP, International Representative, and Secretary/Treasurer. Submit nominations by June 30th to Dr. Ondrusek. Self nominations accepted. Many thanks to our outgoing officers, Andrea Coston, Jennifer Lautzenheiser, Stuart Temples, and Dorothy Watkins.

Registration Dates

Registration Re-opens

- ◆ Maymester: May 8-9
- ◆ Summer II: June 5-6
- ◆ Fall Registration: July 8- July 15
- ◆ Fall Registration: Aug. 8– Aug. 12

Semester Dates

- ◆ Maymester begins May 8
- ◆ Summer II begins June 5
- ◆ Fall classes begin: Aug. 12

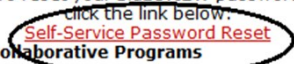
SINGLE SIGN-ON Password Starts in Maymester

A single password that gets you to BlazeVIEW and other VSU accounts is about to happen. All distance students must reset your old BlazeVIEW password. The new password you create becomes your Single Sign-On (SSO) password (also referred to as your Active Directory password). You must reset your password BEFORE you can enter the Desire2Learn courses.

To reset your old BlazeVIEW password to the new SSO password, follow these steps:

1. Go to the BlazeVIEW login page at <http://blazeview.valdosta.edu/webct/entryPageIns.dowebct>.
2. Click into the “Self-Service Password Reset” link (located under the big red Login button).
4. Enter your old BlazeVIEW password. Click “Login.”



To reset your BlazeVIEW password click the link below.


3. Click into “I know my BlazeVIEW password”.



5. Enter your NEW password. Note that it must include at least 1 number, 1 capital letter, and 1 lower case letter. Pick a unique word—it will not accept a common word.

Library Quotes

- “Libraries are our friends”- Neil Gaiman
- “She sounds like someone who spends a lot of time in libraries, which are the best sorts of people.” - Catherynne M. Valente
- “Without libraries what have we? We have no past and no future.” - Ray Bradbury
- “What in the world would we do without our libraries?” - Katherine Hepburn

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