

SOLIS—Student Organization of Library and Information Science

Valdosta State University

ALA comes to VSU!



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Don't miss your chance to talk with the ALA External Review Panel! Representatives will be on the VSU campus February 19th and 20th to talk with students, alumni, and faculty. Current MLIS students and all alumni are encouraged to come and talk with ALA panel members Monday February 19th, in Odum Library, Room 1604. Snacks and refreshments will be provided from 8 a.m. to noon by SOLIS and the MLIS Alumni Association.



SOLIS Donates Books to Valdosta Homeless Shelter

Thanks to all the MLIS students who donated books for the SOLIS book sale! The book sale was posted on Half.com for approximately two months. Books not sold at the end of the sale period were donated to the Valdosta homeless shelter and soup kitchen. MLIS students Jean Arambula and Leann Boyd gathered more books in addition to those leftover from the book sale. Leann Boyd and Cordelia Riley delivered the donated books to the homeless shelter and soup kitchen on December 8th. Thanks also to the VSU Archives, who provided storage for the books throughout the collection and sale.



Cordelia Riley helps deliver books to the homeless shelter.

Congratulations to the following Fall 2006 MLIS graduates:

Lynn Cahoon

Lee Ann Cline

Leah Dasher

David Fry

Christie Paulk

Mary Ann Upchurch

Eva Wardrup

Lynn Wyche

Join GLA & ALA!

The Georgia Library Association and the American Library Association are offering MLIS students a discounted membership rate for both organizations.



For a total of \$25, you can become a member of both the ALA and GLA. The membership form is available online at:

[http://gla.georgialibraries.org/membership_Georgia%20Student 20Application.htm](http://gla.georgialibraries.org/membership_Georgia%20Student%20Application.htm)

For more information on SOLIS, please visit our website! You'll find past newsletters, a listing of officers, bylaws, information on MLIS alumni and more!

<http://www.valdosta.edu/mlis/solis/>

2006-07 SOLIS Officers:

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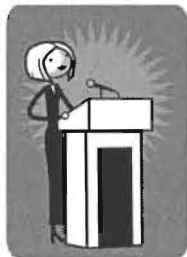
John Henderson

International Student:

Bernard Bulemu

MLIS Students at COMO 2006

Several MLIS students participated in panels or presentations at the Georgia COMO meeting held in Athens during September 2006. Participants included Wendy Wilmoth, Colleen Knight, Sandra Hester, Laura Herndon, Terese Scheiderich, Brian Jones, Joan Osborne, and Miguel Vicente. In addition, Rita Spisak received the 2006 Georgia Library Association's Paraprofessional Award. Congratulations to Rita and all the presenters!



MLIS Students Present at GLA

Stacy Brown and Steven Burton co-presented with VSU's Dr. Ravonne Green at the Georgia Library Association's 2006 annual conference, which was held September 20-22 in Athens, Georgia. Stacy and Steve are current MLIS students who expect to graduate in May 2007. The presentation, titled "Academic Library Management Using An ACRL Standards Approach," discussed the importance of incorporating ACRL standards in academic library management practices.

Student News

Wondering what your fellow MLIS students and alumni are doing these days? Find out here!

Current Students

Leann Boyd - hired by the South Georgia College Library as a full-time Information Services Librarian

David Fry - hired as a full-time Electronic Services Librarian at Darton College Library in Albany

Hyun (Leah) Kim - hired by the Southern Polytechnic State University as a part-time Reference Librarian

Amy King - hired as a part-time Children's Librarian by the Hampton Public Library in Hampton, Virginia

Nicol Lewis - hired as a Help Desk Technical Consultant by the Georgia State Library

Kenneth McCullers - promoted to a Senior Library Specialist position at the DeKalb County Public Library

Alumni

Carolyn Atono - completed a 6 month internship at the International Criminal Court in The Hague, The Netherlands and has begun a PhD program at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville

Jewel Eller - serving as Director of the public library in Rabun County, Georgia; she recently received her 5(b) public library certification from the State Library Board. She also co-taught MLIS 7240 in Spring 2006.

Chandra Jackson - working as Serials Librarian at the University of Georgia and was recently appointed to the editorial board of the Association of College and Research Libraries' peer-reviewed journal, *College & Research Libraries*

Dick Kawooya, the first VSU MLIS graduate, joined the faculty of the LIS program at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, on a part-time basis. Mr. Kawooya will soon receive his doctorate from University of Tennessee and has been granted a fellowship with the Open Society Institute in Budapest, Hungary, for 2006-2007.

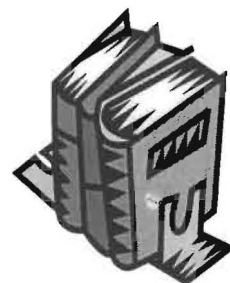
Colleen Knight - promoted to Adult Services Coordinator for the Bartow County Public Library

Parker Owen - received an appointment as Librarian at the Dekalb Technical College

Christie Paulk - hired by the South Georgia Regional Library as the Youth Services Librarian

Hongying Song - employed as a part-time Library Associate in the Jacksonville, Florida public library system and as an Adjunct Instructor for the Florida Community College English for Academic Purpose and ESOL program

Mary Ann Upchurch - hired by Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare, headquartered in Waterloo, Iowa as a full-time Medical Librarian



Please send any suggestions for items you would like to see included in subsequent newsletters to Leann Boyd (lsprinkl@valdosta.edu) or Angela Henderson (aselder@valdosta.edu).