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"Summertime...and the livin' is easy..."

Hello, Southern Chapter friends! I just finished reading *Folly Beach: A Lowcountry Tale* by Dorothea Benton Frank (one of my all-time favorite authors!) and was reminded once again how lucky I am to live in the beautiful South! Sure, it's hot sometimes, and muggy, and I spend the summer with one long perpetual "bad-frizzy-hair" day, but still - I love it! This sentiment was reinforced a few weeks ago after spending five days in Seattle

at MLA's annual meeting. Seattle was pretty cool - fish market, Space Needle, evergreen trees, and all that - but it was *rainy, drizzly, and super muggy*. The whole time. Talk about bad hair days! I'll take the Sunny South anytime!

Speaking of MLA, we had a productive Southern Chapter Board meeting on May 21st in Seattle. I'd like to share with you some of the items we discussed:

Sandra Bandy, the Membership Database Manager, is exploring options for paying membership dues online. She surveyed other chapters and collected information on how they handle the payment of membership dues, and it looks like there are a few viable options for us. Sandra will be sending a survey to the Southern Chapter listserv to get feedback regarding this issue, so be on the lookout for that and be sure to respond.

There will be some changes to the website in the coming months. Scott Denlinger is resigning his position as Website Administrator, and we are looking into options for administration and for changing the website's infrastructure. I will keep you updated on this process via the listserv. I'd like to thank Scott Denlinger and Neal Smith (who resigned earlier in the year) for their diligent work on the website! It's a time-consuming task and the job doesn't really pay that well. ☺

Here is some good news for those of you considering running for Chapter Council in the future: the Board is currently discussing providing funding for the Chapter Council Representative and the Chapter Council Alternate to attend annual MLA meetings. Since MLA attendance is required for these two positions, and since the Chapter Council stint lasts for 6 years (3 years as Alternate, then 3 years as Rep), the Board feels that some financial support is in order. The Chapter Council Rep and Alternate are key representatives of our great chapter at the national level, and we truly appreciate their commitment. The Board will continue the discussion and then vote on this issue; my sense is that it will go through without a hitch.

Planning is well under way for "Connections," the MLA Quad Chapter Meeting in Baltimore (October 13-16, 2012). I met with the Steering Committee as well as some of the Committee Chairs, and I am very excited about the upcoming meeting! We will be having some fantastic speakers and rich programming, and I know from personal experience that Baltimore is a very cool place to spend a couple of days. It's easy to fly into the area, and for many of us there is also the option of driving. The meeting

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will be held at the [Tremont Plaza Hotel](#), and room rates are very reasonable, especially for those sharing a room. The meeting [website](#) is up now, and information is being added as soon as it becomes available. Please mark your calendars and plan on coming to Baltimore in October! This is a wonderful opportunity for us to network with our “more northern” fellow medical librarians.

If you’re wondering where our Chapter meetings will be held in the next few years, I have the answer! The 2013 meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites in Ridgeland, Mississippi. Susan Clark, Director of Rowland Medical Library at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, graciously offered to host the meeting in October 2013. Thanks, Susan! In 2014 we will likely be in Alabama, hosted by Judy Burnham, Director, Biomedical Library, University of South Alabama. The membership will vote to approve this invitation at our Business Meeting (during the Quad Chapter meeting). Thanks, Judy!

Finally, I want to remind you that the Executive Board always welcomes your feedback and guidance on how we can improve the Chapter to serve you better. Feel free to contact us at any time. I look forward to seeing many of you in Baltimore!

HAPPY SUMMER!

Around the South: News from Our Regional Libraries

ALABAMA



Health Sciences Library, University of Alabama, AL

Digitizing Historical Materials

We have started a new digitizing project here in the Health Sciences Library at the College of Community Health Sciences (CCHS), University of Alabama since this spring semester. The project aims at digitizing the CCHS historical materials and institutional archives, and making them available online for the UA community.

Since CCHS first began, many historical documents and items have been produced by the college or received as donations. These historical materials include documents about the college, personal medical equipment, manuscripts, inventions, and creative works from current and former faculty members, alumni, and local physicians. Documents came in different formats such as doctors’ surgeon kits, dairies, drawings, photos, video clips, music, correspondences, office memos, books, and yearbooks. These items have been saved in various departments and areas around the college, but there is currently no established collection. Now the Health Sciences Library is excited to start the digitizing project to make a difference. We will establish a digital library for the history of the CCHS as well as collecting and storing these historical items in an organized manner in the CCHS building.

In addition, we are collaborating with the School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Alabama. We offer opportunities of internship and volunteering for the SLIS students who are interested in archiving and digital libraries to gain hands-on experiences. We are glad to learn that one of the students who volunteered in the project this past semester thought she learned a lot and had fun working on digitizing.

On our CCHS 40th Anniversary on April 20-21, 2012, we had a mini exhibit to showcase the historical collections we were digitizing to our guests as a sweet surprise during the celebration. It was encouraging to receive all the positive feedbacks from our alumni and community members. The project is funded by one of our generous donors. It will be our ongoing effort to preserve archives and collections that represent the history of the college. This project will increase the accessibility of our collection, which is unique to the College of Community Health Sciences and our community. Our alumni, medical students, residents, and faculty, as well as other interested individuals, will have easy access to these materials.

Lister Hill Library, University Of Alabama Birmingham, AL

The Edge of Chaos at UAB from Director T.Scott Pluchak

When I accepted the request from the UAB Dean of Public Health to be the interim director of The Edge of Chaos, I joked that it made a lot of sense because, “librarians have been living on the edge of chaos for years.”

After several months of renovation, a new space has taken shape on the 4th floor of the Lister Hill Library building. Along with an accompanying website, it is designed as a place to foster innovation and to bring people from different disciplines, as well as the wider community, together to work on developing solutions to “wicked problems.” The phrase “wicked problems” has been around for a number of years, and it refers to those problems that are tough to define, that require expertise from different and often unrelated disciplines, and for which it is difficult to acquire all of the information necessary to develop solutions. The physical space is modeled after a number of spaces around the country that have become famous as “innovation centers” and the thinking behind it is informed by some of the recent scholarship on innovation. The phrase, “Edge of Chaos”, comes from Steven Johnson’s recent bestseller, [“Where Good Ideas Come From.”](#)

The website is being designed as a collaborative space that will gather ideas and support discussion, and the physical space is part café, part conference center, part presentation space, and part informal gathering space. We’re taking it for a test run this summer, and the formal grand opening (including a presentation by Steven Johnson) will take place in late October.

We see great opportunities for integrating Edge of Chaos activities with the other things we’re working on at the Lister Hill Library, and expect that there will be a great deal of productive chaos in this building for years to come.

Biomedical Library, University Of South Alabama, AL

USA Biomedical Library Participates in Medical Curriculum Development

The University of South Alabama College of Medicine will switch Fall 2012 from a discipline-based curriculum to an organ/system-based curriculum. The curriculum will also incorporate more active learning and less lecture/didactic instruction. The USA Biomedical Library has been actively involved in the design of the new curriculum with Judy Burnham, Director, serving on the Curriculum Committee. She is also serving as a Thread Leader for the Medical Informatics/Evidence Based Medicine (MI/EBM) Thread. Threads are topics that are woven through the four-year curriculum. The MI/EBM thread will be delivered as independent learning session (via online delivery) or as team based learning exercises. All assignments included in the thread topics are mandatory and for credit in the individual modules.

USA Libraries Book Drive Collects Over 2400 Books for Children’s Clinic

Along with the other University Libraries, the USA Biomedical Library recently organized a book drive to celebrate National Library Week, collecting over 2400 books for the USA Children’s Medical Center. The books will be distributed to children and teens at well-child and sick visits to supplement the center’s Reach Out and Read program to encourage literacy and reading.

USA Biomedical Library Participates in Scholarship Benefit

The Biomedical Library Jagbarians again participated in the College of Medicine Gumbo/Chili Showdown to benefit the scholarship created in the memory of Regan Robinson, a medical student at USA who was diagnosed with advanced colon cancer in 2003 at the age of 23. The scholarship provides assistance to a rising senior medical student who embodies Regan’s spirit and character. The Jagbarians prepared a great dish of white bean chicken chili as this year’s entry.

FLORIDA



Harriet F. Ginsburg Health Sciences Library, University of Central Florida College of Medicine, FL

Hitting it Out of the Park at MLA

Nadine Dexter, Deedra Walton, and Michael Garner presented a poster titled, “The iPad: A Game-Changer for Accessing Library e-Resources” at this year’s annual meeting of the Medical Library Association in Seattle, Washington. The poster played on the conference’s baseball theme and showcased the progress the library has made in its two-year study of mobile technology, including how an increasing number of users are accessing the library’s website using the iPad.



Nadine Dexter presenting the library’s team poster at the MLA conference in Seattle. Absent: Michael Garner, Deedra Walton, Shalu Gillum.

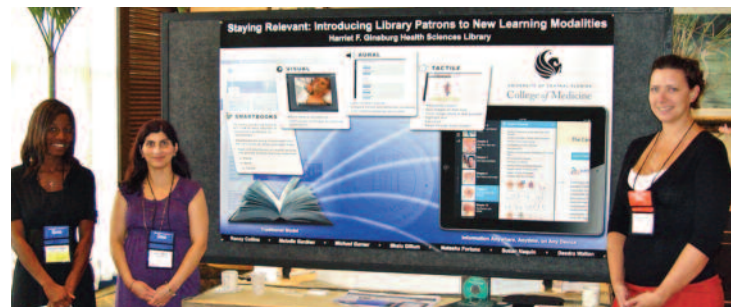
Back-to-Back Conferences

The library team has had yet another busy conference season! Just before the MLA ’12 conference various team members attended the AAMC’s Southern Group on Education Affairs (SGEA) meeting in Lexington, Kentucky, and the Florida Library’s Association (FLA) annual meeting in Orlando, Florida. At SGEA, Nadine Dexter and Michael Garner presented a poster titled, “Best Practices: Using the Library as the Center of Deployment of Tablet Technology in a U.S. Medical School.” The poster described how the Harriet F. Ginsburg Health Sciences Library had taken the lead in integrating mobile technology into the curriculum, keeping students and faculty at the UCF College of Medicine on the cutting edge of medical education.

At the FLA annual meeting, Shalu Gillum, Natasha Fortune, Melodie Gardner, and Raney Collins presented a poster titled, “Staying Relevant: Introducing Library Patrons to New Learning Modalities.” The poster described the library’s pilot project with providing medical students with interactive e-textbooks (“smartbooks”) on the Inkling mobile platform.



Michael Garner presenting the library team’s poster at the SGEA conference in Kentucky.



Natasha Fortune, Shalu Gillum, and Raney Collins (absent: Melodie Gardner), presenting the library team’s poster at the FLA conference in Orlando

Around the South

Natasha Fortune Received Library School Scholarship

Natasha Fortune, Sr. Library Technical Assistant, recently received \$2000 Minority Award by the Florida Library Association's (FLA) 2012. Natasha handles all of the library's interlibrary loan requests and is working on her master's in library science from Florida State University. She expects to graduate by December 2013.

Congratulations Natasha!



Natasha Fortune (center), Sr. LTA, receiving the FLA Minority Award.

Library Reveals New iMac Stations

In keeping with its mission of being a premier 21st century health sciences library, the library recently replaced the PC terminals in its Information Commons area with six new dazzling iMacs. The eye-catching iMacs have 27-inch screens and run both Mac and Windows operating systems, making them easy to use for both seasoned Mac lovers and PC users. The library held a fun ribbon-cutting event in May that was attended by over 40 students, faculty, and staff. After a pizza and apples lunch, library Director Nadine Dexter cut the ribbons at the two hubs, allowing attendees to explore the software on the iMacs, including iBooks Author and iMovie. Four lucky winners received a \$25 iTunes gift card in a raffle, and one hungry attendee won a voucher for a "VIP" extra-large bag of popcorn during the library's weekly Popcorn Day promotions.



Nadine Dexter, Director, proudly cuts the ribbon at the grand opening of the library's new iMac Stations as Deedra Walton, Electronic Resources Librarian, looks on.



Michael Garner, Medical Informatics Librarian, demonstrates use of one of the library's new iMacs.

Baptist Health of Northeast Florida, Jacksonville, FL

Susan Lyon McCullough, MLS, AHIP, Distinguished member, retired on June 15, 2012 after 28 years in health sciences libraries, a career she loved. Beginning at the UNC-Chapel Hill as Head of Circulation and Interlibrary and continuing at Emory University Health Science Center Library, she spent the last 17 years in Jacksonville, Florida. First at the Borland Library, University of Florida Health Science Center-Jacksonville then at Baptist Health of Northeast Florida as a nearly solo hospital librarian since 2001. Susan's professional involvement included MLA Liaison to the ALA Interlibrary Loan Committee; Southern Chapter of MLA; the Association of North Carolina Health and Science Libraries (ANCHASL); Georgia Health Science Library Association; and the Florida Health Science Library Association. At Baptist Health of Northeast Florida, she was coordinator of continuing education for several years. She served two terms on the board of the Northeast Florida Library Information Network. The contribution of which she is most proud is being involved in the "Magnet Journey" at Baptist Health, helping to teach nurses and other staff the skills needed for research and evidence-based practice.

In retirement, Susan and her husband, Barry, a Physician Assistant, plan to travel in their RV to see family and friends. However, her iPad will be with her, and she plans to stay always curious and connected!

Librarian of the Year Award

On June 8, 2012 Susan Lyon McCullough received the Florida Health Sciences Library Association “Librarian of the Year” award at Florida Health Sciences Library Association (FHSLA) Orlando, FL.



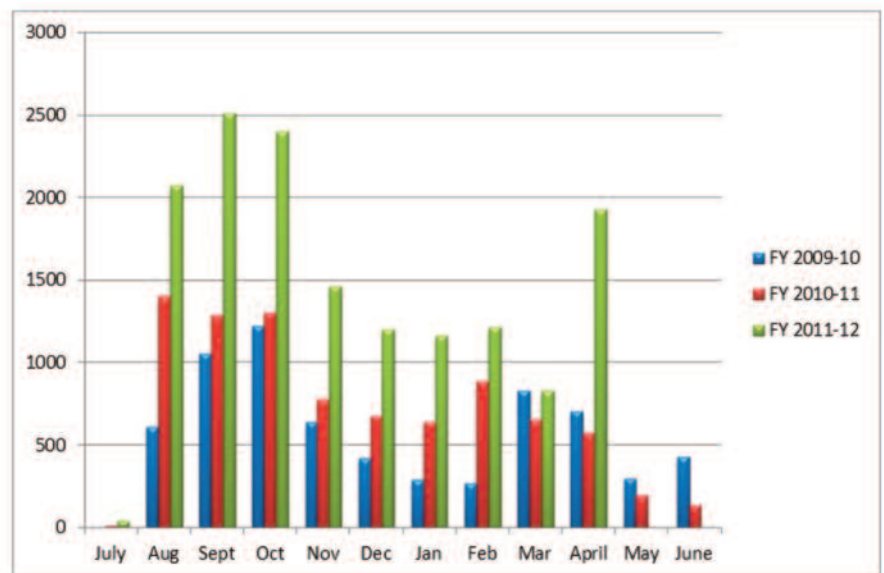
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Medical Library, Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, Florida International University, Miami, FL

Library use by medical students is rising dramatically at FIU Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine (HWCOC). Data from its opening day on July 2009 through April 2012 showed that use of the medical library has increased 119% compared to the 100% proportionate increase in the student body. By the end of this fiscal year, the total increase is projected to be 125%.

What is interesting is that the medical library is exclusively a “quiet zone,” with small group study rooms being situated in a different building. Survey data indicates that the majority of HWCOC students prefer having both quiet and group study options available, and feedback shows that they are strongly protective of the library’s quiet ambience. Given this, the library is planning a mini-renovation to augment seating for the arrival of 120 students in each of the next two classes.

The chart illustrates cumulative usage by all students for each month over nearly three fiscal years. At HWCOC, the academic periods changes in April.



Staff News

Congratulations to Francisco Fajardo, Access Services Supervisor, who has attained a Master’s degree in Library and Information Science from Florida State University!

Luda Dolinsky, Head of Knowledge Resource Development, has been appointed to MLA’s Colaianni Award for Excellence and Achievement in Hospital Librarianship Jury for 2012-2013. She has also assumed a two-year position of Treasurer for the Miami Health Science Library Consortium.

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Bohyun Kim, Digital Access Librarian, contributed a book chapter "Becoming a Zen Master of Technology" to *The New Professional's Toolkit* by Bethan Ruddock, Facet, 2012: 76-79. She also had two presentations for the Amigos 2012 Online Conference: "The Mobile Web and Libraries' Mobile Websites: How They Changed from Two Years Ago" and "Access by Touch: Delivering Library Services Through Mobile Technologies."

Bohyun was elected Outreach Director for ALA's New Members Roundtable Board in 2012.

She was awarded a \$3,617.28 grant from the NN/LM SE/A Regional Medical Library Program for a research project involving the loan of Kindle Touches to medical students.

David W. Boilard, Director, is the new Chairperson of the Miami Health Science Library Consortium for 2012 - 2013. Louis Calder Memorial Library, Miller School of Medicine, University of Miami, Miami, FL

Calder Librarians at MLA '12

Dr. Mary Moore, Chair, Department of Health Informatics and Executive Director, Medical Libraries and Biomedical Communications, was awarded the Donald A. B. Lindberg Research Fellowship for her research proposal "The Investment in Health Sciences Libraries in relation to U.S. National Rankings for Medical Education and Research." This study explores the correlation between statistics of academic institutional investment in and use of health library information resources, and national measures of institutional rank in medical education and health sciences research funding. The award was presented to Dr. Moore on May 21st at the 2012 Medical Library Association annual meeting in Seattle, Washington.



Dr. Mary Moore

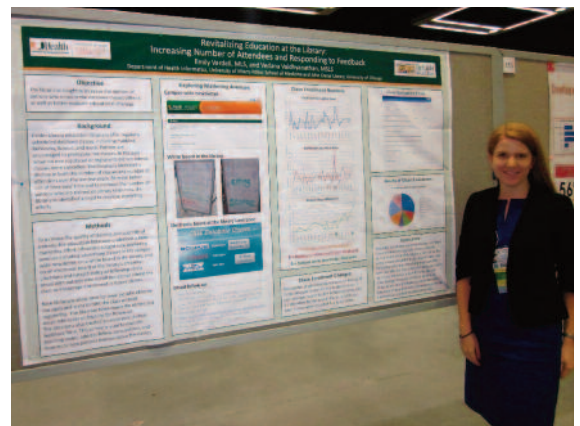
The MLA's Lindberg Research Fellowship is awarded to one recipient each year for the purpose of funding research that explores the relationship between librarian-provided information services and the quality of health care and biomedical research.

Posters and Presentations at MLA'12

Dr. Mary Moore and Kimberly Loper, Vice Chair for Administration and Special Projects and Digital Initiatives Librarian, taught the class "U.S. Response to Disaster and Public Health Emergencies" at the University of Washington in Seattle as part of a series of courses for the Disaster Information Specialization.

Emily Vardell, Director for Reference and Education, presented the poster "Revitalizing Education at the Library: Increasing Number of Attendees and Responding to Feedback".

Emily Vardell also presented the paper "Stepping Out of the Library: Use of iPads for Patient Care" co-authored with Jenny Garcia-Barcena, Senior Librarian of Reference and Education Services.



Emily Vardell at MLA '12

Staff News and Publications

Barbara A. Wood joined the Calder Library in April as the new Education Librarian for the Department of Health Informatics.



Barbara A. Wood

Ms. Wood brings to the library extensive experience in instruction, outreach, public relations, grant writing, and the promotion of library services. Prior to working at the Calder Library, Ms. Wood served as the Instructor Librarian at the University of South Florida (USF) Shimborg Health Sciences Library and engaged in community outreach as part of the USF Health Services Corps. Ms. Wood is a member of the Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association and served as president of the Florida Health Sciences Library Association from 2008 to 2009. In her position at the Calder Library, she serves as an instructor in the Health Informatics and Information Management module in the Doctoring curriculum for first-year medical students, provides reference services, and contributes to the library's [blog](#).

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Vedana Vaidhyanathan, Dr. Mary Moore, Kimberly A. Loper, JoAnn Van Schaik, Vice Chair, Department of Health Informatics and Director, Medical Libraries Operations, and David Goolabsingh, Director of Information Technologies, published the article [“Making Bibliographic Researchers More Efficient: Tools for Organizing and Downloading PDFs, Part 1: iCyte, Mendeley Desktop, Papers, PDF Stacks, PubGet PaperPlane, WizFolio, and Zotero”](#) in the *Journal of Electronic Resources in Medical Libraries* (volume 9, issue 1, 47-55).

Dr. Mary Moore, Kimberly A. Loper, David Goolabsingh, and JoAnn Van Schaik published the article [“Making Bibliographic Researchers More Efficient: Tools for Organizing and Downloading PDFs, Part 2: QUOSA”](#) in the *Journal of Electronic Resources in Medical Libraries* (volume 9, issue 2, pages 114-125).

Emily Vardell published the article [“Chemical Hazards Emergency Medical Management \(CHEMM\)”](#) in *Medical Reference Services Quarterly* (volume 31, issue 1, pages 73-83).

Emily Vardell, Kimberly Loper, and Vedana Vaidhyanathan published the article [“Capturing Every Patron Interaction: The Move from Paper Statistics to an Electronic System to Track the Whole Library”](#) http://scholarlyrepository.miami.edu/health_informatics_research/24/ in *Medical Reference Services Quarterly* (volume 31, issue 2, pages 159-70).

Emily Vardell and Gediminas Paulaitis, Vice Chair of Biomedical Communications and Associate Director, Access Services, published the article [“Nursing Reference Center: A Point-of-Care Resource”](#) in *Medical Reference Services Quarterly* (volume 31, issue 2, pages 202-11).

Events at the Calder Library

From April 10 to April 13, the Calder Library hosted a high-definition simulcast of TEDMEDLive 2012 attended by students, faculty, and staff members of the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. This year's sessions included “What is the Source of All Life?” and “War on Cancer, Year 40: Who's Winning?”

On April 18, Kimberly Loper organized a presentation at the Calder Library of the Medical Library Association webinar “Leveraging Mobile Technology for Health Sciences Libraries.” The presentation was attended by members of the Miami Health Science Libraries Consortium representing four libraries from the South Florida region.

Health Science Center Libraries, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

February 2012

Mary Edwards has achieved Senior Membership in the Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP), the credentialing body for medical librarians.

Mary Edwards and Rolando Milian have been accepted as Fellows into the prestigious Biomedical Informatics workshop, sponsored by the National Library of Medicine and held in Woods Hole, MA. The National Library of Medicine covers all tuition and travel costs for fellows. Rolando will be part of the May/June cohort, while Mary will attend in September.

Rolando Milian has been chosen as a 2012 Rising Star by the Medical Library Association (MLA). As one of a national cohort of four librarians, Rolando will be partnered with a unit within MLA to work on a project for the coming year. The purpose of the Rising Star program is to develop future MLA leaders.

Linda Butson has completed her travel for her Kronick Fellowship. Linda's fellowship focuses primarily on learning more about library-based consumer health and community outreach services. From December to February, she visited four institutions that provide such services: Lister Hill Health Science Library at the University of Alabama Birmingham, the Health and Human Services Library at the University of Maryland-Baltimore, the Medical University of South Carolina Library, and the Tompkins-McCaw Library for the Health Sciences at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Hannah Norton was elected Treasurer of the Veterinary Medical Libraries Section/MLA.

Around the South

March 2012

The HSCL Harry Potter exhibit planning team (Hannah Norton and Nina Stoyan-Rosenzweig (co-leads), Beth Auten, Matthew Daley, Rae Jesano and Michele Tennant) has been awarded a \$1500 grant from the University of Florida Center for Humanities and the Public Sphere to fund travel and honorarium for speaker Prof. Giselle Anatol, University of Kansas.

Ellie Bushhousen's essay "Medical Libraries, Information Technology, and the African American" has been published in the book *The 21st Century Black Librarian in America: Issues and Challenges*.

As co-PIs, Linda Butson and Jennifer Lyon will be working on a grant through the Department of Medicine's Gatorade fund, Led by Dr. Rebecca Pauly, Associate Vice President for Health Affairs, Equity and Diversity and Professor of Medicine. This project will cover 20% of Linda's salary as of July 1. She will spend 8 hours per week in medical clinics providing information services to patients and helping them formulate questions to ask their doctors.

The HSCL hosted two days of continuing education training related to systematic reviews. HSCL and Borland librarians participated in the 10-hours training through MLA-accredited courses "Searching in Support of Systematic Reviews" and "Advanced Searching in Support of Systematic Reviews". Trainers Jan Glover (Yale) and Karen Odato (Dartmouth) were funded through the NNLM/SEA CTSA Infrastructure grant awarded to Michele Tennant with Cecilia Botero, Jennifer Lyon, Rolando Milian, and Hannah Norton as co-PIs.

Rolando Milian has been accepted into the 2012 Minnesota Institute for Early Career Librarians from Traditionally Underrepresented Groups, to be held July 21-27 at the University of Minnesota.

April 2012

The HSCL Harry Potter exhibit planning team (Hannah Norton and Nina Stoyan-Rosenzweig (co-leads), Beth Auten, Matthew Daley, Rae Jesano and Michele Tennant) was awarded a \$3500 grant from the University of Florida Catalyst fund to cover the expense of external speakers.

By invitation, Michele Tennant participated in the special conference on the future of scientific research libraries, held on April 1-3 at the Banbury Center, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory on Long Island, NY. This international meeting was organized by Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Rockefeller University, Woods Hole Marine Biology Laboratory, and Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. Michele was one of the four medical information professionals invited to participate. He presented "Looking Forward: Challenges And Opportunities With The Library As Partner In Research, Collaboration, And Assessment". The 25 participants are now writing a white paper regarding the future of scientific research libraries.

As part of Cecilia Botero's Faculty Enhancement Opportunity award, Cecilia and Hannah visited the University of Pittsburgh's Health Science Library on April 3-5 (Michele participated on the 4th -5th). The three day visit involved training in bioinformatics tools such as BLAST and CLCBio Workbench, as well as discussions with library administration and staff regarding bioinformatics, biomedical informatics, services to clinical and translational researchers, among other topics of use to the HSCL clientele.

As part of the NNLM/SEA CTSA grant awarded to Michele, Cecilia Botero, Jennifer Lyon, Rolando Milian, and Hannah, five HSCL librarians (Michele, Cecilia, Jennifer, Gretchen Kuntz, Nancy Schaefer) traveled to Becker Medical Library at Washington University's College of Medicine, in St. Louis, for a three-day training (Mar. 27-29) related to assessing and enhancing research impact, bibliometrics, and given tips on how to engage members of UF's Clinical and Translational Science Institute, and assist in the renewal process for this grant. Training was provided by librarian Cathy Sarli and bioinformatician Kristi Holmes.

Nancy Schaefer traveled to St. Louis to visit libraries serving public health programs: Washington University and St. Louis University. These interviews helped clarify her questions and priorities for the official visits she will perform in May, June and November as part of her Faculty Enhancement Opportunity looking at the state of library service to public health users at different types of institutions and levels of government.

The April issue of the peer-reviewed Journal of the Medical Library Association contains the paper "Redesigning a library-based genetics class research project through instructional theory and authentic experience" authored by Michele R. Tennant, Mary Edwards, and Michael Miyamoto (Department of Biology). The case study describes the

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library's role in changing the undergraduate genetics class project from a single-authored paper to a group-authored poster, student perceptions of these changes, and the library as poster session host.

Mary Edwards attended the Fifteenth Distance Library Services Conference (formerly called the Off-Campus Library Services Conference) in Memphis, TN on April 18 - 20. She presented a paper titled: "Instructor-Librarian Case Study Evaluation of an Online Embedded Librarian Implementation."

Ellie Bushhousen was invited to speak at the annual meeting luncheon of the International Administrative Professionals Association. The presentation, given on April 24, covered the topic of Cloud Computing.

Rolando Garcia Milian has earned Provisional Membership in the Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP), the credentialing body for medical librarians.

Linda Butson has been appointed to the 2012 Nominating Committee for the Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association.

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On May 4, the article "The Presence of Academic Health Sciences Libraries on Facebook: The Relationship Between Content and Library Popularity" by Rolando Milian, Hannah Norton, and Michele R. Tennant was published in the peer-reviewed journal *Medical Reference Services Quarterly*. The article will appear in print in volume 31, issue 2.

MLA 2012 Presentations

"Around the horn: how the University of Florida successfully fielded a team that integrates health science and university libraries" (BW Keith [presenter], CE Botero, MR Tennant)

"Biomedical librarians as information nodes in community research networks" (R Garcia-Milian [presenter], HF Norton, MR Tennant)

"Building information literacy skills: nurses and librarians advancing research and evidence-based practice at an academic medical center" (Beth Auten [presenter], G Danek)

"Essential skills for biomedical librarians engaging in cross-disciplinary, multi-institutional team projects: experiences from the VIVO Collaboration (R Garcia-Milian, HF Norton [presenter], B Auten, VI Davis, KL Holmes, M Johnson, MR Tennant)

"Hitting a grand slam: the state of the art in library-based bioinformatics support (MR Tennant, M Edwards [presenter], R Garcia-Milian, HF Norton)

"How consortial and other shared e-book patron-driven acquisition plans are contributing significant content to support research, coursework, and distance learning at the University of Florida's Health Science Library" (S Carrico, CE Botero [presenter])

"Illuminating the distinct information needs of brain cancer patients and their caregivers during routine clinical care" (JA Lyon [presenter], J Schumacher, EM Dunbar, J West, M Edwards)

"The Jacksonville Health Literacy Outreach Project" (K Moeller)

"Meeting the unique information needs of clinical and translational researchers: assessment, preparation, and intervention" (MR Tennant, JA Lyon [presenter], R Garcia-Milian, HF Norton, CE Botero)

"Research data needs assessment and program planning" (HF Norton [presenter], R Garcia-Milian, MR Tennant, CE Botero)

MLA 2012 Posters

"Analysis of librarian-mediated literature searches using a clinical electronic data capture system" (JA Lyon [co-presenter], HF Norton, R Garcia-Milian, MR Tennant [co-presenter])

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“Biomedical reference on community research networks: a ResearchGate pilot study”, contributed poster (R Garcia-Milian [presenter], HF Norton, MR Tennant)

“Does using new equipment (tablets) effect the outcome of the game?” (M Edwards [presenter], MR Tennant, L Butson, B Auten)

“Leveraging NLM exhibits for outreach and community engagement” (HF Norton, B Auten, E Bushhousen, M Edwards, N Stoyan-Rosenzweig, MR Tennant, M Daley, R Jesano [presenter])

“Smartphone use at a Health Science Center” (E Bushhousen, B Auten, HF Norton, R Jesano, LC Butson [presenter], K Summey, D David, MR Tennant)

“Use of patron input and student collaboration in library space planning” (HF Norton [presenter], L Butson, MR Tennant, C Botero)

CE Class Instruction

““Doctor Speak” for medical librarians: understanding terminology, tests, and treatments: Part 1: Medical terminology” (K Moeller)

““Doctor Speak” for medical librarians: understanding terminology, tests, and treatments: Part 2: Basic clinical skills: an introduction to laboratory tests, medical imaging, and common drug types” (JA Lyon, L Butson [co-presenters])

June 2012

The 2012 Florida Health Sciences Library Association (FHSLA) annual meeting was held June 7-8, 2012 in Orlando, Florida. Ellie Bushhousen, President; Nancy Schaefer, Chair of the Strategic Planning committee; and Beth Auten, Honors and Awards Chair, attended the meeting.

Ellie Bushhousen presented the continuing education course “Cloud Computing and Medical Libraries” for 2 hours of MLA CE credit at the FHSLA meeting in Orlando, Florida on June 7, 2012.

Shimberg Health Sciences Library, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Beverly Shattuck resigned as Director of the Shimberg Health Sciences Library at the University of South Florida, in February. She had been the Director since 1989. Rose Bland has been appointed as Interim Director of the library. Randy Polo has been appointed as the Acting Assistant Director of Library Operations. John Orriola was promoted to the position of Assistant University Librarian. Danny O’Neal was promoted to the position of University Librarian.

GEORGIA



Morehouse School of Medicine Library, Atlanta GA

Emory University and Morehouse School of Medicine Collaboration

Sandra Franklin, Director Woodruff Health Science Library - Emory University and Tara Douglas-Williams, MSM Library Manager - Information Services, presented at the Georgia Health Sciences Library Association (GHSLA) Annual Meeting held March 9-10, 2012 at the Atlanta Marriott Perimeter Center. Their informative presentation “Essential Connections: Integrating Informatics to Enhance Collaboration” highlighted the essential roles and opportunities for librarians in the areas of Biomedical & Clinical/Health Informatics. It is beneficial for librarians to enhance skills & knowledge-base in this

area, to educate their faculty, researchers, clinicians and students, and to facilitate the establishment of strong interdisciplinary and translational relationships in the academic and clinical settings. Both speakers participated in the NLM/Woods Hole Biomedical Informatics Fellowship program and shared their experience. It is essential for health science librarians to be proactive in building sustainability.

Staff news

Joe Swanson, Jr. , Roland Welmaker, Sr. & Xiomara (SiSi) Arango published an article “Disaster and Emergency Planning Outreach Workshops: National Library of Medicine Consumer Health Databases and Disaster Preparedness in the *Journal of Consumer Health on the Internet*. Volume 16, Issue 2, 2012, pages 170-9.

Joe Swanson, Jr. & Roland B. Welmaker, Sr. attended MLA 2012 in Seattle, WA and presented two (2) posters. “Changing Our Game: Preparing for Success - Evaluating and Gauging the Quality of Service of the MSM Library” by Xiomara (SiSi) Arango, Tara Douglas-Williams, Joe Swanson, and Jr., Roland Welmaker, Sr. “The Game Plan - Databases, Mobile Applications & Social Media for Disasters and Emergencies” by Tara Douglas-Williams, Jerrold Mobley, Joe Swanson, Jr., Roland Welmaker, and Sr., Mary White.

Tara Douglas-Williams recently attended the AABIG (Atlanta Area Bibliographic Group) Conference held at University of West Georgia on May 18, 2012. This conference included sessions on utilizing technology to engage students in Information Literacy, the Life Cycle of Assessment and bringing libraries to patrons in the digital age. She currently serves on the ARCHE (Atlanta Regional Council of Higher Education) - Information Literacy Committee.

Woodruff Health Sciences Center Library, Emory University, Atlanta GA

Librarians presented a poster at MLA 2012 in Seattle: “Instruction by Design: We Build It and They Learn” by Gonghua Liu, Instructional Design Librarian; Kimberly R. Powell, Life Sciences Informationist; Mia S. White, AHIP, Reference Librarian; and Anna Getselman, Associate Director.

Carolyn Brown was an award recipient at the annual Emory University Libraries service awards program. Instructor Development-Community of Practice of Emory Libraries (ID-COP) earned the Leadership Team Award. The team members include Carolyn Brown (Health Sciences), Erica Bruchko, Elizabeth Chase, Matthew Collins (Theology), Erin Mooney, Lee Pasackow & past members Alain St. Pierre and Michael Page.

ID-COP has successfully supported continuous improvement in library instruction through a structured program of development opportunities and shared learning for Emory University Libraries (EUL) instructors. ID-COP established a working relation with the Center for Faculty Development and Excellence (CFDE). ID-COP has allowed over 200 participants in the past two years from Candler, Law, Health Sciences, Oxford, Business and Woodruff libraries to share best practices and get feedback from colleagues who do not interact with one another on a regular basis. ID-COP was awarded a CFDE classroom mini-grant in 2011 to enhance its programming. ID-COP is working on expanding its relationship with CFDE to further strengthen the bond between faculty and librarians on campus.

Amy Allison presented “Meaningful connections: cultivating partnerships for better Health” at the Georgia Health Sciences Library Association’s annual meeting in Atlanta, on March 9th. Amy also participated on a panel with Todd Prusin, GSU, on the topic “Clinical Librarianship and Department Liaisons - Where are they now?”

Sandra Franklin, WHSC Library director, was among those selected by Provost Earl Lewis to serve on the search committee for the next Vice Provost and Director of Emory University Libraries. This search will replace Rick Luce, who accepted a position as Dean of Libraries at the University of Oklahoma. Rich Mendola, Vice President of Information Technology and CIO, will serve as interim vice provost and director of Emory University Libraries pending the appointment of a successor.

Bonnie Bryan attended the North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG) annual conference held in Nashville, TN, June 7 - 10th, 2012.

MISSISSIPPI



Rowland Medical Library, University of Mississippi Medical Center, MS

David Juergens, head of acquisitions, retired in June 2012 after 44 years at Rowland Medical Library at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. A reception was held for David on June 15, 2012, at the library with former employees John Lucas and Walter Morton in attendance.

Chameka Robinson became head of Access Services at Rowland Medical Library in February 2012. She has been the outreach librarian at Rowland Medical Library since 2007.

Melissa Wright, reference and instructional services librarian, gave a presentation at the 4th annual Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Libraries Conference in Limerick, Ireland, in May 2012.

SOUTH CAROLINA



School of Medicine Library, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

Ruth Riley, Director of Library Services, has been appointed assistant dean for executive affairs at the School of Medicine. She will continue in her role as director of library services, a position she has held since joining the School of Medicine in 2000. Felicia Yeh, Assistant Director for Collections Management, has been appointed Deputy Director.

Karen McMullen, Head of Access Services, Roz McConnaughey, Assistant Director for Education and Outreach, and Victor Jenkinson, Systems Librarian, received a \$29,837 consumer health outreach award from the [National Network of Libraries of Medicine Southeastern/Atlantic Region](#) for their "Linking SC Free Clinics to Quality Health Information: Phase Three" project. During this project, the library will be partnering with the Free Medical Clinic of Darlington and its satellite location in Hartsville, SC, Greater Greenwood United Ministry Free Medical/Dental Clinic and Clinica Gratis Free Clinic, both located in Greenwood, SC. With this award, four free clinics in South Carolina will be able to enhance their patient education efforts by purchasing and installing four desktop computers, two 40" LCD monitors, three portable projectors, four laptops, and three portable screens. Training sessions will be conducted at each clinic to increase awareness and use of [MedlinePlus](#). A link to MedlinePlus content will be added on the patient area of two of the clinic's web sites. The project builds on the work done in the first phase which included clinics in Columbia, Florence, Greenville, and Spartanburg and the second phase which included clinics in Chester, Orangeburg, and Beaufort. Additional information is available on the project [website](#).

Steven Wilson, MLIS, AHIP, was awarded two National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Southeastern Atlantic Region Exhibit Awards to attend and exhibit at a statewide brain injury conference in July, and to attend and exhibit at the South Carolina American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Conference in October.

Sarah Harper, Laura Kane, Assistant Director for Information Services, Karen McMullen, and Felicia Yeh attended the Annual Meeting of the Medical Library Association in Seattle in May 2012. Harper presented the contributed paper, "Double Play Staffing Model: Partnering to Serve Dual Needs." Kane chaired the SC/MLA Executive Board meeting. McMullen and Yeh presented the poster, "Changing Our Game? A Look at Position Descriptions in Health Sciences Libraries."

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Eighteen new historical medical pamphlets are now available on the library's Digital Collections page. This project is funded by the National Network of Libraries of Medicine Southeastern/Atlantic Region via a digitization award to Sarah Harper, Web Services Librarian, and Christine Whitaker, Collection Development Librarian, and is made possible through a collaboration with the University Libraries' Digital Collections Department.

Karen McMullen, Head of Access Services, and Felicia Yeh have authored *Position Descriptions in Health Sciences Libraries: Traditional and Emerging Roles*, a new publication from the Medical Library Association. The publication includes more than 150 job descriptions collected from 33 academic and hospital health sciences libraries. It also features results of a survey they conducted on trends in health sciences libraries positions.

Christine Whitaker published a review of the book, *The Gale Encyclopedia of Medicine*, in *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*, April 2012.

Victor Jenkinson, Systems Librarian, was awarded 2012 Kline Family Foundation Scholarship to attend the Innovative Users Group 2012 Conference in Chicago in April 2012.

Sarah Harper exhibited for the Society of Ultrasound in Medical Education at the Annual Convention of the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine in Phoenix in April 2012.

University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Greenville, SC

In August 2012, a second campus of the USC School of Medicine will open its doors to 50 new, first year medical students at the Greenville Hospital System's campus in Greenville, South Carolina. In keeping with the hospital's mission, "Teach Innovatively," a state-of-the-art facility has been constructed with technology in mind. The building sports an open-concept "Information Commons" area, focused on providing a comfortable, well-equipped environment conducive to accessing and using electronic library resources. Seating options are available with tables for wireless laptops, computers, and printers. At the heart of it all is a centrally located "Information Commons Desk," staffed by both the Library and the Computer Services Department, where students can obtain help locating information or assistance in using their technology.

Since ninety-eight percent of resources will be electronically available, all medical students will be provided a new iPad® and a new laptop computer. All course textbooks will be accessible on each iPad®. Other technology offerings include a self-scheduling system for individual study rooms, group study rooms with large flat panel monitors, and rooms developed to simulate a physician's exam room and an operating room.

Library education will be integrated into the medical student instruction early on, providing a total of 5 hours of course work during the first year. Library electronic resources, advanced search techniques, and reference management using RefWorks will be some of the topics covered. Students will be able to interactively participate in all Library class sessions thanks to their new tools.

The current Library staff will support the new endeavor, but the Library will also hire 2 additional full-time personnel, a Librarian and a Library Technical Assistant. Additional staff will also be hired to cover evening and weekend hours.

These are exciting times for the Greenville Hospital System and for the Library staff! We look forward to continuing our role as Librarians with a bright and hopeful outlook to the future, with full expectations of learning curves and challenges along the way. We greatly appreciate the support, encouragement, and advice that so many of you in the Library Community have provided so far and look forward to continuing this relationship in the future.

Medical University of South Carolina Library, Charleston, SC

PICO Program

The Medical University of South Carolina's Public Information and Community Outreach (PICO) Program had the opportunity to visit Blackville, SC to conduct a Community Leaders Institute (CLI) at Clemson University Edisto Research and Education Center (Experiment Station) Auditorium on July 29-30, 2011. One hundred and six community leaders attended

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this event. The Medical University of South Carolina, South Eastern Virtual Institute for Health Equity and Wellness (SE VIEW - DOD-MUSC), South Carolina State University, the U.S. Department of Energy, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, Lower Savannah Council of Governments, and the Town of Blackville served as sponsors.

Presenters (partial listing) included Mr. Anton Gunn from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Barnwell #19 School District Superintendent Dr. Teresa L. Pope, Ms. Jeteseya Dennis from the Boys and Girls Club of Southern Carolina, Ms. Vernita F. Dore from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Ms. Lisa Firmender from Generations Unlimited. In addition, thirteen local-area agencies participated in the Information Fair, educating the community about available resources.



PICO also had the chance to conduct a CLI at Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University in Normal, Alabama, on August 26-27, 2011. One hundred community leaders attended. This PICO event was sponsored by the Medical University of South Carolina, South Eastern Virtual Institute for Health Equity and Wellness (SE VIEW - DOD-MUSC), the U.S. Department of Energy, Alabama A&M University, City of Huntsville, Eco-Logic Services, Inc., Project H.E.L.P. and Community Care Network.

Presenters (partial listing) included Mr. Scott Hughes from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, Councilman Johnathan Austin, Ms. Natalia Cales from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Mr. Tracy Doughty from Huntsville Hospital, Ms. Lori Diaz from Holiday Help for Heroes, and Councilman Robert Avery. The Information Fair held at the conclusion of the event included twelve local agencies who participated in educating the attendees about their respective programs.

On February 16, 2012, PICO held a Technical Assistance Workshop (TAW) at the Albert A. Sheen - St. Croix Campus of the University of the Virgin Islands in Kingshill, U.S. Virgin Islands. The event was attended by three community leaders. Sponsors for this event included the Medical University of South Carolina, the Caribbean Exploratory NIMHD Research Center funded by the National Institutes on Minority Health and Health Disparities and the University of the Virgin Islands. Presenters (partial listing) for this event included Grants Administrators: Ms. Deborah N. Blacknall and Ms. Gwendolyn F. Mitchell Ulmer from South Carolina State University.

The very next day, February 17, 2012, PICO held another TAW in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. The event was held at the St. Thomas Campus of the University of the Virgin Islands in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. This event was sponsored by the Medical University of South Carolina, the Caribbean Exploratory NIMHD Research Center funded by the National Institutes on Minority Health and Health Disparities and the University of the Virgin Islands. There were thirteen attendees present at this TAW. Presenters (partial listing) for this event included Ladner Group, L.L.C., President Dr. Robert E. Hill, Ms. Deborah N. Blacknall and Ms. Gwendolyn F. Mitchell Ulmer from South Carolina State University and Ms. Monique Hill from Hands on Health-SC.

In March 2012, PICO had the pleasure of returning to Blackville, SC, to host of TAW at Blackville-Hilda High School. The event, which was held on March 10, 2012, had thirty-six attendees. Sponsors for this TAW included the Medical University of South Carolina, South Eastern Virtual Institute for Health Equity and Wellness (SE VIEW - DOD-MUSC), South Carolina State University, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, U.S. Department of Energy, Blackville-Hilda High School and the Town of Blackville. Presenters (partial listing) included the DOE Savannah River Operations' Office Public Affairs Ms. de'Lisa Carico and Ms. Barbara Smoak from the Savannah River Nuclear Solutions.

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Also in March 2012, PICO traveled to Wadmalaw Island to host a CLI. The CLI was held March 16-17, 2012, at the Wadmalaw Island Community Center on Wadmalaw Island, SC. There were one hundred thirty-three community leaders in attendance. This event was sponsored by the Medical University of South Carolina, South Eastern Virtual Institute for Health Equity and Wellness (SE VIEW - DOD-MUSC), South Carolina State University, the U.S. Department of Energy, Sea Island Comprehensive Health Care Corporation, and the Wadmalaw Island Community Center.

Presenters (partial listing) included Ms. Tami Thomas-Burton from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, South Carolina State Representative Robert L. Brown, Rev. Sidney Charles Frazier from Boys to Men Ministry, Mr. Jesse Timothy Risher from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Dr. Tom C. Whitney from South Carolina State University. Also, eight local-area agencies participated in the Information Fair, educating the community about available resources.

Miles College in Fairfield, AL, was the site of the Birmingham, Alabama CLI on May 18-19, 2012. This PICO event had one hundred fifty-five community leaders as attendees. The Medical University of South Carolina, South Eastern Virtual Institute for Health Equity and Wellness (SE VIEW - DOD-MUSC), the U.S. Department of Energy, the City of Fairfield, Alabama, Eco-Logic, Miles College and the Citizens Advisory Board served as sponsors.

Presenters (partial listing) included Jefferson County Commissioner George Bowman, Dr. Monica Baskin with the University of Alabama, Linden City Schools' Superintendent Dr. Tyrone Smith, Mr. Cedric Sparks with the Division of Youth Services, Ms. Monique Gardner-Witherspoon with Girls, Inc., and Mr. Bob Dickerson with the Birmingham Business Resource Center. At the conclusion of the CLI, an Information Fair featuring eight different organizations provided resources and information about their respective agencies to those in attendance.

PICO is in the process of planning the made-for-tv dialogue entitled: America's Armed Forces Times for a Checkup scheduled to take place on June 16, 2012, at the SCETV Studio in Columbia, SC. PICO is also planning the Sixth Annual National Conference on Health Disparities; President William Jefferson Clinton invited the conference to Little Rock, AR. Please visit www.buildinghealthycommunities2012.com to register.

Under Dr. David Rivers' leadership, Dr. Glenn Fleming, Mr. Richard Jablonski and Ms. Latecia Abraham continue to work toward reducing the burden of health disparities. PICO has taken programs to the community and partnered with local community leaders with the intent of improving the quality of healthcare and life.

Monique Hill Awarded Maralynne Mitcham Interprofessional Fellowship

Monique Hill, Program Manager for Hands on Health-South Carolina has been awarded one of two interprofessional fellowships at the Medical University of South Carolina. This highly competitive award includes a \$5,000 stipend for the fellowship period of July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013.

The purpose of the Maralynne Mitcham Interprofessional Fellowship is to prepare university faculty and staff to successfully assume new roles in interprofessional education, research, practice, and/or administration. The program seeks to foster a new generation of people who demonstrate interprofessional competencies that span multiple disciplines and contexts. Further, the fellowship strives to enrich collaborative learning experiences and scholarship, thereby supporting a deeper level of interprofessional engagement and integration.

Monique's focus is health literacy. During her fellowship year, she will be mentored by Dr. Bonnie Braun, Professor and Faculty Scholar at the University of Maryland's Herschel S. Horowitz Center for Health Literacy. Dr. Braun is an expert and national leader in the field. This mentorship will provide access to the key scholars and researchers spearheading efforts in Maryland, as well as experts who are addressing this issue on a national level.



Monique Hill

Monique is looking forward to this opportunity to improve her knowledge and skill base to serve as a health literacy resource at MUSC and to further health literacy research at the university.

TENNESSEE



St. Jude Children's Research Hospital's Biomedical Library, Memphis, TN

On April 11, 2012, Jan Orick, director of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital's Biomedical Library, and her staff hosted a technology fair as part of their National Library Week (NLW) celebration. Nine vendors participated in the fair, which was held in the Danny Thomas Research Center atrium. In addition to product demos and training sessions, patrons learned how to get the most out of the mobile versions of the Library's resources. Other NLW festivities included the Biomedical Library's annual READ poster unveiling that featured Dr. Martine Roussel holding her cover article from the journal *Cancer Cell*.

Quillen College of Medicine Library, East Tennessee State University, Johnson, TN

Suresh Ponnappa, the director of the medical library, has received the Tennessee Library Association (TLA) Honor Award in recognition of his contributions to librarianship throughout the state.

Ponnappa was chosen for the Honor Award - the organization's equivalent of a lifetime achievement award - for his many years of being a leader among Tennessee librarians. He is a professor and associate dean for Learning Resources and Educational Technology Director for the Medical Library and Biomedical Communications at ETSU.

Citing his involvement in teaching, lecturing, consulting and leadership in local, state and national library associations, the TLA lauded Ponnappa, in particular, for his promotion of new technologies and his willingness to share his technological expertise with other librarians. He developed the first website for the TLA and served as webmaster for four years. He served as president of the organization and also held that office with the Tennessee Health Sciences Library Association and TennShare, a consortium of over 300 libraries and information agencies that promotes sharing of library resources.

One colleague, speaking in support of Ponnappa's TLA nomination, cited his willingness to help and mentor students and young librarians.

"Suresh's vision is not limited to health sciences libraries," the colleague said. "Instead, he steps outside his comfort zone to work for common issues and values for all libraries."

Ponnappa earned his master of library and information science degree from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. In 2002, he was recognized by the University of Tennessee School of Information Sciences as the Distinguished Alumnus for the decade of the 1980s.

Research Corner

Resources to Get You Started

Have you ever performed research or written about it to help expand the knowledge of others? If not, what's holding you back? Is it lack of knowledge with the process, trouble finding an answerable question, or wondering how to make your work reproducible and useful to others? No matter the issue I think it all starts with just...starting.

There are many resources available to help you get started, including online information, journals, CE courses, and books. One of my favorite resources has become the EBL 101 section of the journal *Evidence Based Library and Information Practice (EBLIP)*. Rick Wallace, the previous chair of the Research Committee, introduced this journal to me. The articles are usually 2 pages in length, but cover the basics of evidence-based librarianship and research. The column was started at the end of 2008 and has consistently provided useful information. The content of the column includes showing librarians how to define a problem, gather evidence, use different research methods, and evaluate and apply evidence. If you want to get started with research in library and information science this is a great place to begin.

HYPOTHESIS, the journal of the Research Section of MLA, also has useful information. One of the most helpful resources for starting research was the Research Process Panel series that spanned 3 issues (13.2 - 14.1). I read about this series a few years ago in the Research Corner of *Southern Expressions*. This series was written collaboratively and covered a variety of information, including creating a question and choosing a method of research, creating a presentation based on your research, and analyzing your data. This series is definitely worth reading and using to start your own research.

The followings are the links to the resources:

[Evidence Based Library and Information Practice](#)
[HYPOTHESIS, the journal of the MLA Research Section](#)
[MLA Educational Clearinghouse](#)
[SC/MLA Research Committee](#)
[MLA Continuing Education](#)
[MLA Research Section](#)

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SC/MLA Research Committee Chair

Job Opportunity

Director, Mercer Medical Library & Peyton T. Anderson Learning Resource Center Mercer University School of Medicine, Macon, GA

Mercer Medical School in Macon, GA invites applications for the position of Director, Mercer Medical Library & Peyton T. Anderson Learning Resource Center.

The Director oversees all operations of the Mercer Medical Library and Peyton T. Anderson Learning Resources Center in Macon, the Health Sciences Library at the Mercer Medical School/Memorial University Medical Center in Savannah, and the Georgia Interactive Network for Medical Information (GaIN), with membership throughout Georgia.

He/she provides leadership and vision for the planning and development of these information services, ensuring that they support the Mercer University School of Medicine mission of educating primary care providers for rural and underserved areas of Georgia. The Director understands the Libraries' roles in a problem-based learning setting.

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He/she works closely with the School's administrators, faculty, and technology staff to respond to changes in educational and technological environments. He/she maintains close relationships with other University administrators, faculty, staff and libraries to coordinate and plan information services for the entire University community. Responsibility for budget planning includes seven budgets totaling approximately \$2.5 million. On the Savannah and Macon campuses, Library personnel include 9 FTE faculty; 10.5 FTE staff and 3.5 FTE students.

The position reports to the Dean, Mercer University School of Medicine.

Qualifications: ALA-accredited Masters in Library Science/Information Services required. Academy of Health Information Professionals membership strongly preferred. Must have a minimum of ten years of increasingly responsible health sciences library experience, with five years of demonstrated innovative, effective administrative leadership in an academic health sciences library. Strong service orientation, with understanding of the issues involved in both library technical services and public services, is essential. Must have excellent interpersonal skills, including oral and written communication, sense of humor and ability to interact effectively with diverse constituencies. Experience in planning, implementing, and evaluating library services, including familiarity with integrated library systems (preferably Innovative Interfaces), networked resources, and electronic and print resources. Knowledge of emerging trends in library information services and technology also required.

Mercer University School of Medicine, located one hour south of Atlanta in Macon, Georgia, is a community-based medical school. Our mission is to educate physicians and health professionals to meet the healthcare needs of medically underserved areas of Georgia. To learn more, visit our [website](#).

Faculty appointment with full benefits and responsibilities. Salary based on qualifications and experience.

Interested candidates will need to complete the brief [online application](#) and attach a current resume, letter of application, and the names and contact information of three references.

MLA Quad Chapter Meeting 2012

First Quad Chapter Meeting of MLA in 2012

Not only is Baltimore charming, but it is the City of Firsts! Amazing world-changing firsts regularly happen there, including the first YMCA in 1859; the first synthetic sweetener (saccharine) in 1879; the first Ouija board in 1892; and the first Quad Chapter Meeting of MLA in 2012!



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The MLA Quad Chapter Meeting, Connections, will take place in Baltimore from Oct 13-16, 2012. Come join us for this next great Baltimore first and connect with your colleagues from other chapters in the Charm City!

The historic Tremont Plaza Hotel is hosting the Quad Chapter Meeting and offering very reasonable rates for their comfortable rooms. You can get a Jr. Suite for as little as \$159.00 per night or a Signature 2-Bedroom Suite for only \$389.00 per night. The hotel features complimentary wireless Internet, workout facilities, kitchenettes in every suite! Not only will the meeting be bustling, but the hotel is located right by Baltimore's premier destination, the Inner Harbor, with all the shopping, eating, drinking, and excitement one could want.

Check the conference [web site](#) for full details about what to expect. As more plans are made, the web site will be updated with the latest information.

And don't forget to submit a proposal to present a paper or a poster. The call for papers and posters is already out and the first deadline is quickly approaching.

Papers: Send your paper proposals to [Priscilla Stephenson](#) and [Beverly Murphy](#) by July 16, 2012. (Note: this is different date from poster submissions).

Posters: Send your poster proposals to [Diana Cunningham](#) and [Helen-Ann Brown Epstein](#) by August 1, 2012. (Note: date differs from paper submissions).

For full information on what we're looking for, check out the [Call for Posters and Papers](#).

Be sure to start making your travel plans now!

See you there!

Quad Chapter Printing/Publicity Committee