Interesting Chapter news as we begin the New Year:

- Four new committee chairs have been appointed: Lindsay Blake, Communications; Amy Purvis, Honors & Awards; Elizabeth Hinton, Hospital Libraries; and Irma Quinones, Research [see page 32 for complete listing].

- Mary-Kate Haver and her committee team from Public Relations set up our Chapter’s first-time blogging posts during the Annual Meeting in October.

- Joshua Brunck, student at the University of South Carolina, School of Library and Information Sciences, Columbia, SC was the first recipient of the Chapter’s newest award, the Library & Information Science (LIS) Student Award.

- Kim Meeks, chair of the Membership Committee, we received 21 new members and 8 new student members this past year.

- 42% of our membership have AHIP status.

- Alison Howard and the Bylaws Committee will be making a recommendation for a new quorum for the Executive Board. A membership vote will be required.

- Do you realize how generous a Chapter we are? Over the past couple of years, we have donated over $2,000 each year toward our Scholarship Fund.
Committee work is the strength of our Chapter. This year some projects from our committees include selecting new candidates for oral history interviews. The History of the Chapter Committee, chaired by Kay Smith, has come up with some great new ideas for conducting interviews. The Public Relations Committee has established contact with library school programs with the intention of promoting the profession. With 19 total student members, it is important to advocate for medical librarianship.

The Program Committee, previous Vice-Chair/Chair Elect, Jane Bridges, has announced this year’s program theme, “Making a Difference in Health”. The meeting will be held in the beautiful port city of Mobile, Alabama with Judy Burnham as Conference Chair. Hear about the things they are planning for you [see page 25-26].

Putting on my Database Manager hat, the 2014 membership renewal notices have been sent out. I included 43 members from 2012 that did not renew in 2013 encouraging these librarians to rejoin the Chapter for 2014. As you renew your membership, please indicate committee(s) on which you are willing to serve and consider donating to one of the nine scholarships available from the Chapter.

It is all important to recognize those that have served before you, preparing you to lead ahead. Brenda Fay Green this past year led our Chapter to a successful year, supporting new initiatives in technology, assisting in the creation of a new LIS award for students, and keeping each committee on top of things by making sure committee procedure manuals were updated. She quoted the Bylaws during email discussions, followed timelines to keep all committees informed and on task, and deservedly showed all of us that she is a proud Chapter Chair by informing Chapter members of new and important issues.
Around the South: Florida

Florida Health Sciences Library Association (FHSLA) Update

Annual Meeting Logo Contest: Congratulations go to Shuchun (Susan) Liang, Head of Science Research Center Library at Florida A&M University, for winning the FHSLA Annual Meeting Logo Contest. Her submission was selected to be used for the FHSLA 2014 Meeting that will be held April 3-4, 2014 at the Rosen College of Hospitality Management in Orlando. The Two CC’s in the logo symbolize the meeting’s theme of ”The Challenge of Change,” while the four small charts indicate health, sciences, and the unknown challenges we face in the future.

Other News: The Florida Health Sciences Library Association became a member of the NN/LM SE/A Region this year, qualifying and receiving an Express Training Award. This award is being used to subsidize the cost of offering the continuing education course, “The Evolving Librarian: Responding to Changes in the Workplace and Healthcare” taught by Michelle Kraft, at our annual meeting in April 2014. More information about our annual meeting can be found on our website (http://www.fhsla.org/annual-meetings.htm).

If you are a health sciences librarian in Florida, or are engaged in or are concerned about health sciences librarianship in Florida, please consider joining FHSLA. To find out more and access the membership form, (http://www.fhsla.org/membership-mentor-form.pdf), and check out the FHSLA website – http://www.fhsla.org.
Southeast Florida Health Sciences Library Consortium

The Miami Health Sciences Library Consortium, which is the local home for many Southern Chapter members, has changed its name. The new name, Southeast Florida Health Sciences Library Consortium, better reflects a constituency that ranges the coast from Homestead to Boca Raton. The consortium has fifteen institutional members representing academic, hospital, clinic, and special libraries. New executive officers were elected this past December and include John Reynolds (Baptist Health South Florida) as President, Todd Puccio (Nova Southeastern University) as Vice-President/President-Elect, Luda Dolinsky (Florida International University) as Treasurer, and Allison Deluca (Florida Atlantic University) as Secretary. Congratulations to the new executive officers!

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

Library Receives CONBLS Distinguished Library Award: The Harriet F. Ginsburg Health Sciences Library team was recently honored with the 2013 CONBLS Distinguished Library Award for their project, "Library-centered Tablet Technology Deployment." Library Director Nadine Dexter, along with Medical Informatics Librarian Michael Garner and Electronic Resources Librarian Pamela Herring, attended the CONBLS annual meeting in Ridgeland, Mississippi on October 19, 2013 to receive the award.

Nadine Dexter receiving the 2013 CONBLS Distinguished Library Award from Judy Burnham.
Fall Conferences: Nadine Dexter, Michael Garner, and Pamela Herring attended the SC/MLA annual meeting in Ridgeland, Mississippi, where they presented a poster (also authored by Deedra Walton, Shalu Gillum, and Kerry McKee) titled, “Reviewing Multimedia Resources from Peer Medical Libraries to Enhance a Medical Library Collection: A How-To Guide.”

Library Director Nadine Dexter attended the AAMC Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from November 1-6, 2013.

Kerry McKee, Instructional Medical Librarian, attended the 2013 Charleston Conference in Charleston, South Carolina from November 6-9, 2013.

Michael Garner, Medical Informatics Librarian, attended the American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) Annual Symposium in Washington, D.C., from November 16-20, 2013.

Investigating Wearable Technology for Workplace Wellness: The health sciences library has embarked on a new study to explore the new world of wearable technology. In May 2013 the library received a $3,000 training award from the NN/LM Southeastern Atlantic region in order to purchase 30 “Fitbit One” personal fitness trackers. The library team, along with UCF COM faculty and staff from various departments, have been meeting monthly to attend healthy lunch and learn sessions, with guest speakers on a variety of health and wellness topics. Participants are competing in three teams to see which team accumulates the most steps each month. The winning team each month gets bragging rights and their name on a trophy, displayed in the health sciences library. The first winning team, the “A-Team,” averaged 240,218 steps per person in the first month. The other two teams are the “Pegasus Fit Flyers” and “C-Ya!” The study will conclude in April 2014.
The first monthly winning team, the “A-Team”, of the Health Sciences Library’s Fitbit study, had their name displayed on a trophy in the library.

Meet Our New Coordinator! Denise Suits joined the health sciences library team as the new Coordinator for Library Services on December 6, 2013. Denise was previously a Sr. Library Technical Assistant, and was hired as Coordinator after the position was vacated by one of the library’s original staff member, Faith Schafer-Moody. Faith left the library on October 3, 2013 to move to Tallahassee to be with her family. Denise’s primary responsibility as Coordinator is to assist in managing the library budget, including procurement, travel, and events. Welcome Denise!
Health Science Center Libraries, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Personnel: Linda C. Butson retired from the Health Science Center Library effective December 5th. Ms. Butson has been with the HSC library since 1995. While at the HSC Library she filled various positions including, Head of Reference, Head of Access Services, Director of Outreach and Distance Education and Consumer Health Liaison. As director of Outreach Services, she also served as the AHEC Librarian for the Big Bend, Northeast Florida, Suwannee River and West Florida AHECs. She was active in the Public Services Section of MLA.

Awards, Honors and Appointments: Rae Jesano was appointed to a three year term on the American Pharmacists Association Books and Electronic Products Editorial Board.

Grants: An application is being made to continue funding for the University of Florida Women’s Health/Sex and Gender Differences Outreach Project. The funding for the initial grant has ended and the final report was submitted to NLM & the NIH Office of Research on Women’s Health. This grant funded additions to the collection including monographs and journal backfiles. Publication fees for seven articles submitted to open access journals were also paid through the grant.

Hannah Norton is now working in the Internal Medicine Clinic to provide information for patients at the point of care one day a week as part of grant with an Internal Medicine faculty member.

Publications:
Holmes KL, Lyon JA, Johnson JM, Sarli CC, Tennant MR. 2013. Library-based clinical and translational science support. Journal of the Medical Library Association,


Travel: From November 20th through the 24th Mary Edwards attended the ACRL Information Literacy Immersion Program: Assessment Track in Nashville, TN.

Hannah Norton, Jennifer Lyon, and Mary Edwards attended the MLA/SC Annual meeting in Ridgeland MS.

From September 30th through October 2nd Michele Tennant attended the AAHSL/NLM Leadership Fellowship Capstone event in Washington, DC.

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

Bohyun Kim, Digital Access Librarian at Florida International University Medical Library has presented "Take Better Care of Library Data and Spreadsheets with Google Visualization API Query Language" at the 2013 Library Information Technology Association conference in November. (Slides: http://www.slideshare.net/bohyunkim/lita2013-b-kim).


Louis Calder Memorial Library, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Miami, FL

Staff updates: Carmen Bou-Crick was awarded a certificate from the National Library of Medicine for having attended the online course titled, “NLM Training: Discovering TOXNET®: From Paracelsus to Nanotechnology Module One.” This online course offered 4 MLA CE Contact Hours and was held from October 21 to November 8, 2013.

Carmen Bou-Crick, with fellow faculty librarians Yanira Garcia-Barcena and Kimberly Loper, published MS PowerPoint presentations of their ongoing classes in the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine Scholarly Repository. The
Three Calder Library Reference Librarians—Carmen Bou-Crick, Erica Powell, and Jenny Garcia-Barcena—volunteered at the DOCS Health Fairs in Hialeah, Little Haiti and South Dade. DOCS is a student run, non-profit organization endorsed by the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. Fair volunteers include UM health sciences librarians, and UM medical students and physicians. More than 300 people attended the health fairs, many of whom are disadvantaged and uninsured Haitian and Hispanic immigrants. To many of this medically underserved population, the UM DOCS Health Fairs are their only health screenings during the year. To the many whom lack access to information on health conditions or quality health care, medical librarians offer MedlinePlus brochures in English, Spanish, Creole, and French.

JoAnn Van Schaik was a first-time attendee at the Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries Educational Workshop on current trends and updates in Medical Education. The workshop was held in Philadelphia on November 1, 2013.

Barbara A. Wood was appointed to the Honors Program in Medical Education Committee. The Honors Program in Medicine (HPME) is offered to mature high school seniors with strong academic ability and achievement who seek careers in medicine or medical science. Students can earn both a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) and a Doctor of Medicine Degree (M.D.) in seven or eight years. Students undergo a highly selective screening process by the HPME Committee and are admitted simultaneously to the College of Arts and Sciences and to the School of Medicine. Accepted students are assured of a place in medical school after three or four calendar years of undergraduate work.

Barbara A. Wood was accepted into the Academy of Medical Educators at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. The Academy of Medical Educators supports the educational mission of the University of Miami by fostering excellence in teaching, improving curriculum, advancing educational scholarship, and facilitating appropriate reward, recognition, and academic promotion for faculty educators.

Barbara A. Wood attended the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting in Boston, MA, from November 1st, 2013 to November 4th, 2013, as a recipient of the Sewell Stipend administered by the Medical Library Association.

Barbara A. Wood was recruited to be an abstract reviewer for the 2014 American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC) Southern Group on Educational Affairs conference on “Making the Pieces Fit: Across the Continuum of Medical Education.”
meeting will be held in Miami, Florida, on March 12-15, 2014, and will be co-hosted by the Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, and the Florida Atlantic University Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine. For additional information about this conference, please visit http://medicine.fiu.edu/sgea.

We finish the year with a happy note here at Calder Library…Year-end statistics for the reference and education division at Calder Library showed a 37% increase in attendance at education sessions over the last year. Educators have been working steadily at creating new classes and marketing them. Total attendance in 2013 was 4,377 compared to 3,198 (2012) and 3,010 (2011). Congratulations go to Dr. Mary Moore, Carmen Bou-Crick, Yanira Garcia-Barcena, Kimberly Loper, Erica Powell, and Barbara Wood.

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

Randy Polo: We are pleased to announce Randy Polo’s appointment to the rank of Assistant Librarian effective December 6, 2013. Randy started with the Shimberg Library almost 20 years ago as a circulation assistant on the nights and weekend shift. He earned his M.A. in Library Science while performing a variety of assignments with distinction during his time with us. He has demonstrated a continuing commitment to providing Shimberg Library patrons with the high level of service and quality resources that they deserve. We look forward to working together with Randy as we continue to transform our library into the dynamic educational resource that we all envision.
Shimberg Library Upcoming Renovations: Shimberg Library will be undergoing renovations during the holiday break this year. Our 24/7 study space will be increased from 2,000 sq. ft. to just over 5,000 sq. ft. The space will be divided into quiet only and collaborative space areas with a new bathroom and furniture! The space is scheduled to open in phases in January.

VIP Appreciation Event: The Shimberg Library hosted an appreciation event to thank individuals on the USF campus for their support and assistance over the last year. Individuals from across campus including university police, facilities, USF Library System, development, information technology, faculty affairs, leadership, and faculty who assisted us with our collection review project were invited to the library for this special event which featured Shimberg’s now famous coffee punch!

College of Pharmacy holds First Annual Grant Writing and Clinical Research Poster Session at the Shimberg Library: On December 6, the lobby of the Shimberg Library flooded with third year pharmacy students, for the First Annual Grant Writing and Clinical Research poster session. The posters were the culmination of a semester’s worth of hard work, showcasing the research proposals for each of the ten student teams. It made for a very busy atmosphere in the library for a few hours as students discussed and defended their proposals. Everyone in attendance was invited to evaluate the posters, giving the students the opportunity to experience a variety of valuable feedback.

Shimberg Library Goes to the Dogs: From the minute students walked in the door of the library, it was evident that something was going on at the Shimberg Library. Students exhibiting all the classic signs of Finals Stress suddenly broke into huge grins as they glanced over and saw the “Huggable Healthcare” event. Monday through Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm daily, pet therapy dogs were available for petting, hugs, and even a few kisses. By the end of the week, even students who had completed their final exams were still coming in to the library just the visit the dogs for a few minutes. This was the first time Shimberg Library
sponsored an event like this, and if the students have anything to say about it, it will be a regular occurrence for every finals week.

**Around the South: Georgia**

**Robert B. Greenblatt M.D. Library - Georgia Regents University, Augusta, GA**

Greenblatt Library Tours J. Harold Harrison, M.D. Education Commons: Dr. Brenda Seago, Director of Libraries, and Ms. Kathy Davies, Chair, Research and Education Services, Greenblatt Library had an exciting preview of the new education commons building on December 10, 2013. The new building provides enhanced learning space, technology enhanced classrooms, student study spaces, and an integrated environment for student and faculty teaching and learning. Greenblatt Library will have space on the second floor so that library faculty can provide “just in time” assistance for research projects, patient care informa-
tion, and student information literacy. Check out the building progress online with the live camera feeds. Have you ever seen a librarian wearing a hard hat before?

Picture includes: Dr. Paul Wallach, Vice Dean, Academic Affairs, Medical College of Georgia
Kathy Davies, Chair, Research and Education Services, Greenblatt Library

Building a DREAM and Finding TIME for Assessment: The Directory Repository of Educational Assessment Measures or DREAM has launched on the AAMC MedEdPORTAL. The DREAM database provides easy to locate and publically accessible high quality assessment instruments for health sciences educators, researchers, and program/curriculum evaluators. Greenblatt librarians, Kathy Davies, MLS, and Lindsay Blake, MLIS, AHIP, collaborated with Dr. Christie Palladino and Dr. Lara Stepleman of the Medical College of Georgia’s Educational Innovation Institute (EII) to design customized PubMed searches. The searches are designed to retrieve assessments fulfilling one of eight core competencies including: Systems-Based Practice, Professionalism, Practice-Based Learning and Improvement, Personal and Professional Development, Patient Care, Knowledge for Practice, Interprofessional Collaboration, and Interpersonal and Communication Skills. The librarians were instrumental in creating the item record, developing search indexes, and serve as members of the core DREAM team. The DREAM database is expanding and work will begin in the spring on searching additional health sciences databases assessment literature. Future work will focus on identifying social sciences assessment tools.

Kathy and Lindsay have recently completed a year-long contract project with the EII on finding Transformation in Medical Education (TIME) assessment measures. TIME is a new initiative being developed by the University System of Texas. The project, now being piloted, requires medical students to prove their competency in a series of milestones to move forward in their education. Students advance only when the milestones have been completed, not after a certain time.
period. Kathy and Lindsay developed multilayered searches to identify assessments for over 100 student milestones assigned to 12 subject competency areas. These 12 areas were adapted from the current LCME competency standards.

Greenblatt hosts George Washington Historical Exhibit and Lecture: The Greenblatt Library hosted the National Library of Medicine’s traveling exhibit *Every Necessary Care and Attention: George Washington and Medicine* October 28-December 7. In addition to the everyday demands George Washington faced as the head of his household, plantation owner, Revolutionary War general, and president, Washington focused considerable attention on the health and safety of his family, staff, slaves, and troops. The exhibit was developed and produced by the National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health, and George Washington’s Mount Vernon Estate, Museum and Gardens. It will continue traveling around the United States until 2016.

On November 19, Dr. Lee Ann Caldwell, Director of the Center for the Study of Georgia History and the GRU Historian-in-Residence, presented a lecture “American Medicine in the Era of George Washington” as part of the Library’s History of the Health Sciences Lecture Series. As evidenced in the life of George Washington, American medicine transitioned from a traditional healer craft to a profession during the late 18th to early 19th Centuries. A LibGuide about the exhibit and available resources regarding this historical era can be accessed here: [http://tinyurl.com/GWMedicineExhibit](http://tinyurl.com/GWMedicineExhibit).
Reflections on the 2013 American Public Health Association Annual Meeting:

The following is an essay written by Darra Ballance, describing her experiences at and perceptions of the 2013 American Public Health Association (APHA) meeting. Mrs. Ballance was awarded a travel stipend by the Sewell Fund, given annually to librarians with an interest in public health.

In late 2013, I applied for and received a travel stipend to attend the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting in Boston, MA. Each year the Sewell Fund awards travel funds to a group of librarians who work with public health professionals, or are interested in public health, in order to expand their knowledge of public health issues and information.

Over 12,000 public health professionals and students attend the APHA meeting every year. Overall, I was struck by both the wide range of public health issues, as evidenced by the size and scope of the meeting, as well as the heart-on-your-sleeve passion and concern evidenced by so many of the attendees and speakers. I felt like I was in the middle of a Three Dog Night song: “especially people who care about strangers/who care about evil and social injustice.” We were told at the Sewell orientation that the meetings could be more political than what we were used to at conferences, but I was touched by the many calls by the keynote speakers for us to do our moral duty to improve life and health for our communities.

My stipend had several requirements, including having a mentor and volunteering at the meeting. I volunteered at the Food and Nutrition section booth and was happy to learn after the meeting that one of the section leaders, Shiriki Kumanyika, was elected President-elect of APHA. Many people who visited our booth saw our promotional picture of her and spoke highly of her as a person and a professional. I also served as assistant moderator at an F&N section paper presentation, “Food Environments: Economic, Social, and Geographic Influence.” The papers were uniformly excellent and covered both urban and rural food envi-
ronments (rural issues are a particular concern of the statewide agency for which I work).

I also had a long conversation at a Medical Section poster session with the author of the poster “Use of a primary care residency program to increase providers in a rural area: a case study from Belle Glade, FL.” Georgia has increased medical school class sizes but lacks sufficient residency slots for all of its graduates; I was particularly interested in the creation of this new residency program and learned much from the presenter.

My mentor was Nannette C. Turner, PhD, MPH, Chair of the Department of Public Health at Mercer University. Dr. Turner and I were able to visit the exhibit hall together at the opening. As we toured the hall we had some interesting discussions about outreach and research projects that we have been involved in. Attending a large conference is always challenging, but I learned a great deal from the papers and posters. I am grateful to the Sewell Fund stipend committee for helping me cover my registration and travel costs to the meeting, as well as the Library and the Statewide AHEC for covering the remainder of my travel.

![Darra Ballance](image)

**Greenblatt staff visits USC School of Medicine Library:** Greenblatt faculty and staff travelled to Columbia, SC to visit the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Library. The trip included a tour of the library, presentations on upcoming developments and projects in both libraries, and discussions on content areas. Librarians and staff on both sides exchanged ideas and discussed future collaborations.

**Georgia Regents Librarians Promote Open Access Week:** The Greenblatt Reese Libraries celebrated Open Access week October 21 – 25th. A new post was placed on the library blog each day covering specific topics informing readers about the importance of open access and its impact. Kim Mears, Lindsay Blake, Ginny Feher, and Peter Shipman taught 30-minute lunch-n-learns over the week on “What is Open Access” and “Research Dissemination in Open Access Jour-
Recently, the Library Faculty Assembly passed unanimously an open access resolution, **Support of Open Access Dissemination of Research Resolution**. Sandra Bandy, Senator for the Libraries, read the adopted resolution during October's University Faculty Senate and a motion was approved by the Senate to form an ad hoc committee to review other university senate resolutions on open access and create and/or recommend that the GRU University Faculty Senate adopt a similar resolution.

**Faculty Publications**


**Mercer Medical Library & Learning Resources Center - Mercer University School of Medicine, Macon, GA**

**Faculty Grant and Exhibition Updates: Carolann Curry**, MLIS, AHIP, library instructor and Reference & Document Delivery Librarian at the School of Medicine Medical Library, exhibited National Medical Library resources at the Georgia Council of Media Organizations (GaCOMO) on Oct. 9-11 at the Macon Centerplex. In September, Carolann received an Exhibiting Award from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine which funded the exhibit registration fees for the GaCOMO conference.

![Carolann Curry](image)

**Anna Krampl**, MLIS, AHIP, Library Assistant Professor at the School of Medicine Medical Library, served as Principal Investigator for a grant reaching out to the Georgia Rural Health Association (GRHA). She received a National Network
of Libraries of Medicine exhibit award which will fund the exhibit registration fees for the annual GRHA conference in January 2014 to promote Mercer as well as National Library of Medicine resources to attendees.

Mercer hosts George Washington Historical Exhibit and Lecture: The Macon campus of the Mercer Medical Libraries was proud to host the National Library of Medicine's travelling exhibit, “George Washington & Medicine: Every Necessary Care and Attention” from November 7th to December 4th. The events included an opening night viewing and reception, including a keynote address given by Dr. Chester J. Fontenot and entitled “A Good Master: George Washington and the Medical Care for His Slaves.” [http://med.mercer.edu/library/GeorgeWashingtonFlyer.pdf](http://med.mercer.edu/library/GeorgeWashingtonFlyer.pdf)

**Around the South: South Carolina**

Library, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC

PICO Looks at the Role of Social Determinants and Reducing Health Disparities in Savannah, GA; Midlands (Columbia), SC; and St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands: The Medical University of South Carolina’s (MUSC) Public Information and Community Outreach (PICO) Program conducted the Savannah, GA, Community Leaders Institute (CLI) on September 6-7, 2013, at Savannah State University in the King-Frazier Student Center (Savannah Room). Savannah is known for its Lowcountry hospitality, cuisine, and riverboat cruises; however, like any other city, poverty exists. The CLI served as a venue to expose community
leaders to available resources from healthcare, government, and economic sectors. Sponsors included the Medical University of South Carolina, Southeastern Virtual Institute for Health Equity and Wellness (SE VIEW-MUSC-DOD), the U.S. Department of Energy, South Carolina State University, and Savannah State University. The CII’s panels included the role of government, youth issues and challenges, economic development, housing, transportation, community development, and health disparities.

Savannah State University’s Provost and VP of Academic Affairs Dr. Reynold Verret welcomed the CLI to the university. Chatham County Commissioner James Holmes, Savannah’s Mayor Edna Jackson, and Georgia Environmental Protection Division’s Abena Ajanaku (partial listing) presented on the Role of Government Panel. In addition, Chatham Savannah Youth Futures Authority’s Edward Chisolm, 100 Black Men of Savannah’s Charles Gilyard, Savannah State University’s Shed Dawson, and Georgia student William Quarterman, Jr., presented on the Youth Issues and Challenges Panel and addressed the peer pressures that young people encounter and programs available for the youth to hone their educational and leadership skills. U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Quinton Robinson and Savannah Technical College’s Brent Stubbs (partial listing) served on the Economic Development/Transportation/Housing/Community Development Panel. Florida Department of Substance Abuse and Mental Health’s Dr. P. Qasimah Boston and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Azania Heyward-James (partial listing) served on the Health Disparities/Health Issues Panel. This event was free to the public, and 145 professionals, community leaders, and students were in attendance.

In addition, MUSC-PICO conducted the Midlands, SC, Technical Assistance Workshop (TAW) at Allen University in the Willie Johnson Campus Mall/Mattie Scott Conference Room on September 28, 2013, and an astounding 91 individuals
attended. The TAW emphasized essential “how-to” skills needed for preparing and managing a “good” grant application. The Medical University of South Carolina, Southeastern Virtual Institute for Health Equity and Wellness (SE VIEW-MUSC-DOD), the U.S. Department of Energy, South Carolina State University, and Allen University sponsored this event. Dr. Lady June Hubbard-Cole, Allen University’s Interim President, welcomed the attendees to the campus. Ms. Deborah N. Blacknall, CRA, Grants Administrator & Assistant Officer, and Ms. Gwendolyn F. Mitchell Ulmer, CRA, Interim Director of Post Award Administration/Grants Administrator, from the Office of Sponsored Programs at South Carolina State University provided the grant-writing fundamentals as well as hands-on training in seeking available grant funding to sustain communities. The novice grant writers posed pertinent questions while the seasoned grant writers shared their experiences with grant seekers. This TAW provided a forum for collaboration. Although 91 individuals attended, others who could not attend but expressed an interest requested that PICO provide another session.

MUSC-PICO conducted the Seventh Annual National Conference on Health Disparities (7th NCHD), which took place at the Sugar Bay Resort and Spa in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands (USVI), on November 13-16, 2013. The Honorable John P. de Jongh, Jr., USVI Governor; The Honorable Donna M. Christensen, MD, U.S. Congress Delegate; The Honorable Darice Plaskett, USVI Department of Health Commissioner; The Honorable Shawn-Michael Malone, 30th Legislature President; and Dr. David Hall, UVI President, welcomed the conference attendees to the breathtaking island. Governor de Jongh, Jr., graciously hosted a conference reception at the Governor’s mansion, where he personally welcomed guests.

This conference focused on policies and programs to reduce health disparities, with several panels addressing issues of particular importance in the Caribbean.
region. Presenters emphasized the role of social determinants, personal responsibility, and prevention in initiatives that reduce disparities. Conference highlights (partial listing) included the following panels: global climate change, translational research, human trafficking for labor and sexual purposes, and the impact of violence, guns, and poverty. In addition, the 87 Student Forum participants and research posters covered a plethora of topics (partial listing): partner violence, breast cancer treatment, fecal indicator bacteria, potential antimicrobial activity of Locusta Migratoria Apolipophorin III, weight change among breast cancer survivors, and early pubertal onset, resulting in six student award winners. Furthermore, the following keynote presenters captured the essence of social determinants and the reduction of health disparities: Rev. Dr. H. Beecher Hicks, Jr.; Dr. Reed Tuckson; Dr. Wayne Frederick; Dr. Gloria Callwood; and Dr. Debra Joy Perez. Three hundred and sixty-seven (367) health care professionals, policy makers, students, and lay community leaders attended this event.

This 7th NCHD was sponsored by the Medical University of South Carolina, the University of the Virgin Islands (UVI), UVI’s Caribbean Exploratory NIMHD Research Center, Morehouse School of Medicine, the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, William Jefferson Clinton Foundation, the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc., the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Inc.’s Health Braintrust, and the National Forum for Black Public Administrators. Co-sponsors included the U.S. Department of Energy, the South Carolina Cancer Disparities Research Center (MUSC’s Hollings Cancer Center), Coca-Cola, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services – Office of Minority Health, Southeastern Virtual Institute for Health Equity and Wellness (SE VIEW-MUSC-DOD), OraSure Technologies, AARP, AmeriHealth Caritas, and California State University Long Beach (NCLR/The Center for Latino Community). The 2014 8th NCHD is scheduled to take place in Long Beach, CA.

(l.tor.) Ms. Carolyn Sawyer, Gov. John P. de Jongh, Jr., Mr. Michael Rashid, Dr. Tionna Jenkins, Ms. Verdenia Baker, Dr. Daniel Rahn, and Dr. John Maupin
Dr. LaVerne Ragster presents to students at the 7th NCHD Graduate and Undergraduate Student Forum

Dr. Reed Tuckson serves as a Keynote Speaker at the 7th NCHD

Student Research Posters
Under Dr. David Rivers’ leadership, Dr. Glenn Fleming (consultant), Mr. Richard Jablonski, and Dr. 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 impacting lives.

**Evidence-Based Practice Nurse Scholars Course:** Elizabeth Crabtree MPH, PhD (c), Director of Evidence-Based Practice and Emily Brennan, MLIS, Research Librarian, are co-teaching “Evidence-Based Practice Nurse Scholars Course: a project-based workshop for nurses on integrating evidence into practice,” a project-based course designed to teach EBP skills that will enable staff to conduct extensive evaluations of existing literature to improve patient care. During the 12-week course, which begins February 2014, EBP Scholars will choose a policy or practice change requiring EBP evaluation, and focus on reviewing the evidence for the policy or practice update.

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

“The Science of Zombies” Exhibit: “The Science of Zombies: Digging Up Truth About the Undead,” a new exhibit curated by Steven Wilson and Josh Brunck at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Library, displayed from October 23rd-November 30th. The four-panel exhibit focused on real-life examples of zombification in nature, including such topics as neurotoxin-laced potions of Haitian Voodoo sorcerers, parasitic zombie-makers of the insect world, and whether a Zombie Apocalypse may actually be possible. More about the exhibit, pictures, and the research literature related to all things Zombie, can be found at the ‘Science of Zombies LibGuide,’ here: [http://uscmed.sc.libguides.com/Zombies](http://uscmed.sc.libguides.com/Zombies).

**Note:** In addition, SC/MLA libraries may now borrow the exhibit for display in their own libraries. To read more about the new lending option, go to the LibGuide address above and click on the “Book this Exhibit” tab.
USC Representation at Southern Chapter Annual Meeting: The Library was well represented at the annual meeting of the Southern Chapter in Ridgeland, Mississippi, October 17-20, with the following activities by Library faculty.

Steve Wilson, Coordinator of the Center for Disability Resources (CDR) Library, and School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) master’s student Josh Brunck, presented their poster, “Designing an “Undead” Exhibition: Using a Library’s Own Resources and Talent to Bring to Life Temporary Exhibits.” The poster was well-received by attendees, and was a great match for the SCMLA conference theme, “The Art of Information: Design. Deliver. Display.”

Sarah Harper, Web Services Librarian, presented a paper and poster on “Information at Your Fingertips: Designing a Wiki to Fulfill Researchers’ Needs.”
Ruth Riley, Assistant Dean for Executive Affairs and Director of Library Services, received the Academic Librarian of the Year Award at the business meeting. Ruth was recognized due to her demonstration of excellence in research, instruction,

SC/MLA 2014 Annual Meeting – Making a Difference in Health

A revolution in global health is taking place in towns and cities around the world. Communities, in collaboration with scientists, advocates, governments, and international organizations, are taking up the challenge to prevent disease and improve quality of life. Recognizing the many factors that cause illness, they are working on a wide range of issues—from community health to conflict, disease to discrimination. Our 2014 theme is based on the NLM traveling exhibit, Against the Odds: Making a Difference in Global Health, which we will have on display at the meeting.

Borrowing from the exhibit, you may wish to start planning your paper or poster submission based on these four points:

A. Knowledge Shared: Accurate health information saves lives. People can
share resources as well as ideas, passing on training and skills to expand the network of experts at work on global health. Teams around the world are engaged in this exchange, working together to identify problems and test solutions.

B. Finding Solutions: We have discovered a great deal about the causes of illness and ways to prevent disease. Yet these achievements have also been accompanied by challenges. By studying past successes, like the global campaign to eradicate smallpox, we are finding new ways for science to serve society.

C. Bringing Health Home: Every community requires the basic necessities of daily life and affordable health care to ensure the people’s wellbeing. Individuals, families, and neighborhoods have a role in planning for a healthier future.

D. Food for Life: The world faces an epidemic of obesity as well as a lingering crisis of hunger and malnutrition. Cheap, processed meals and a lack of exercise have led to unhealthy lifestyles. To tackle these issues, people of all ages are changing the way they eat and exercise.

Save the date! Sunday, Oct 26 through Thursday, Oct 30, 2014 at the **Renaissance Battle House Hotel & Spa**, Mobile, AL.

### Member Accomplishments

Following are recent accomplishments of SC/MLA members:

**Awards/Certifications:**

- Medical Library Association (MLA)
- 2013 Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP)*

  **Provisional Level – (1st year)**
  - Carrie Driggers Adams
  - Lana Brand
  - Pamela R. Herring
  - Elizabeth G. Hinton
  - Kim M. Mears
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  - Robyn Rosasco
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Lee Vucovich

*Please note: In the future, the list of 1st-year Provisional members and members renewing at the same or a higher level within the Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP) will be published on a quarterly basis.

Publications:
Cheryl R. Dee, San Jose State University School of Library and Information Science, San Jose, CA, USA; School of Library and Information Science, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, USA.
Patricia Reynolds, Bishopric Medical Library, Sarasota Memorial Healthcare System, Sarasota, FL, USA.

Social Media:
On behalf of the SC/MLA Public Relations Committee, I would like to thank the following members for volunteering as bloggers during the 2013 Annual Meeting in Ridgeland, MS.

Elena Azadbakht
Skye Bickett
Lindsay Blake
Carolann Curry
Jennifer Lyon
Kim Meeks
Lin Wu

With the success of this blog, the Public Relations Committee will continue to support the site for future annual meetings.

Thank you!
Mary-Kate Haver

Jocelyn Rankin Memorial Scholarship Report

Elizabeth Laera, AHIP, hospital librarian for Princeton Baptist Medical Center in Birmingham, AL, was the recipient of the Jocelyn Rankin Memorial Scholarship.

Dr. Jocelyn Rankin had a mantra: “every challenge is an opportunity”. I like to think that I try to find the opportunities in every challenge. As a solo hospital librarian in a non-profit, community teaching hospital, I am faced with challenges every day. One of my biggest challenges is funding.

With the new Medicare reimbursement rates, hospitals are crunching numbers and slashing budgets. Unfortunately, one of the places that often sees steep cuts is education, and more often than not, libraries. I’ve been with my hospital for three years, and every year I’ve been asked to make cuts. Rising costs of electronic resources and an increasing number of library users means that money must be moved around, reallocated to better serve the users. This, of course, means that other areas of my budget must take a hit in order to provide the same level of service the library has always been associated with. While no less important to me, conference attendance and continuing education don’t put resources in the hands of my users; thus, they go by the wayside.

We are lucky that an organization like the National Networks of Libraries of Medicine exists. They are able to provide so many wonderful resources to libraries of all sizes, included classes for both libraries and library users. When I heard that NN/
LM’s class “PubMed for Trainers” would be coming to a location not so far from me, I jumped at the opportunity to enroll. Three intense online sessions, plus one all-day, in-person session promised to provide an astounding amount of information for free.

Because I am a solo, I am also the instruction librarian. I don’t get to teach many classes, but I do provide a bit of one-on-one instruction, and also hope to do more. I knew I needed this class. I needed to become a better teacher to better serve my main user group (residents) who will one day be released into the wild without the support of a librarian. Despite the class’s low, low price of zero dollars, traveling to Savannah, GA from Birmingham, AL would not come cheaply. When I enrolled in the class, I had just spent all of my travel money to go to Boston for the MLA Annual Meeting. After an appeal to NN/LM for emergency funding, I found the Jocelyn Rankin Memorial Scholarship. I immediately applied and was lucky enough to receive the scholarship.

By receiving this award, I was able to travel to Savannah to attend the PubMed for Trainers class. This scholarship enabled me to not only gain valuable continuing education credits, but to also enhance my teaching abilities. I had been struggling to find the right combination of what to teach and how to teach it when it came to PubMed. I walked out of the class with a syllabus and lots of examples to teach my own PubMed class. Words cannot describe the relief I feel knowing that when called upon, I can quickly put together a variety of PubMed classes for a variety of users.

My challenge was funding and I am so grateful to Southern Chapter and to the Honors and Awards Committee for giving me the opportunity to become a better teacher. The knowledge I gained in this course, from both the instructors and my classmates, was invaluable. Our faculty is looking forward to a library curriculum that is applicable to our residents, and I’m looking forward to teaching it.

SC/MLA 2013 First Time Attendee Report

As a new health sciences librarian, I was excited to attend the SC/MLA annual meeting. When I applied for the first-time attendee scholarship, I had three goals in mind: I wanted to learn more about trends and developments in the field, gain practical ideas that I could use in my work, and meet local colleagues.

For an introduction to medical librarianship, a new librarian should look no further than the SC/MLA annual meeting. From the informative keynote speech about the future of medicine to presentations about trends like the increasing need for librari-
ans to become involved in NIH grant compliance, attendees received an education about current issues in medical libraries. A highlight for me was attending the evidence-based medicine CE course. I had never attended a CE course at a conference before and will certainly make this a priority in the future.

In addition to learning about trends in medical librarianship, I enjoyed the posters and presentations that offered practical ideas. I was inspired by presentations about outreach and instruction using Pinterest, iPads, and an outside-the-box idea that used in-room televisions for patient questions.

I have attended library conferences all over the world, but I have never seen such collegiality and friendship among attendees. I was welcomed by everyone I spoke with, especially at the new members reception which is a must for new librarians. Not only were these men and women friendly and encouraging, their accomplishments and involvement with MLA were truly inspiring. This is a group of librarians that I am proud to be part of, and I look forward to working with all of you in the future.

I’d like to thank everyone for your support of the SC/MLA scholarships and for helping me achieve my goals at the annual meeting. See you next year!

Jill Barr-Walker

SC/MLA 2013 Library & Information Science (LIS)
Student Award Report

It was about hour seven on the drive home from the 63rd annual SC/MLA meeting that the gravity of the experience began to sink in. I had won the first student LIS student award, co-presented a poster, and met many wonderful, intelligent people. The experience had cemented in my mind the desire to become a medical librarian.

I went to the conference as a result of an in-house exhibition, “The Science of Zombies” created by myself and Steve Wilson, the head of the Center for Disabilities Resources Library at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Library. The exhibit was created over the course of ten months, and we wanted to share our creation with other medical librarians. To do this we presented a poster and brought two of the exhibit banners to display. We were very pleased with the interest we received, and I personally found it very gratifying to talk to others about the poster and the exhibit.

I was also able to attend several paper presentations and both of the general sessions. I found the general session II on public access policies, presented by, Susan Steelman, Emma Cryer Heet, and Lisa Macklin, to be especially interesting. It was an
area of medical librarianship that I did not know existed. It inspired me to learn more about the subject, and I was able to use what I learned at the conference to help me create a project on the subject for one of my classes.

The greatest impact of all was the kindness of all the participants I met. I had trepidations before the conference, it being my first, but I was quickly put to ease by the warmness I was met with. I met people who were funny, kind, inspiring, and interesting. These are the kind of people I want to work with in the future. All of this went through my mind as I stared out the window on the ride home having the realization that I really wanted to become a medical librarian. I am eager to follow this path and hope to be able to attend the next SC/MLA annual meeting in Mobile, Alabama.

Josh Brunck
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