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Expressions**

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SOUTHERN EXPRESSIONS

Alabama Georgia Puerto Rico Tennessee
Florida Mississippi South Carolina Virgin Islands

Message from the Chair, Sandra Bandy

Our Annual meeting is fast approaching. The Program Committee and Local Arrangements have been working diligently all year. As you curate a list of papers and posters you want to see and activities to do in Mobile, remember to thank the chapter members on these committees. A list of their names will be in the program—please make it a priority to say thank you.

This meeting at Mobile is a special one for me, not only to serve as your Chapter Chair, but it happens to mark my return to the city of my very first Chapter meeting. That year, I also started a tradition. Every time I met someone new, I got my meeting roster and highlighted their name. The first one on my list was **Jan LaBeause**. She was at the Martha C. Watkins Memorial Scholarship

booth collecting donations. This was the sixth year of the scholarship. If you donated toward the scholarship, you received a gift of appreciation. I have collected 14 different handmade ornaments over the years. Since 2000, our Chapter has added an additional 4 scholarships and awards for a total of eight. During the Breakfast Business Meeting, we will announce the 2014 recipients.

Another person I met during this meeting was **Sandra Franklin**. She was our Chapter's MLA Credentialing Liaison. I had a lot of questions to ask about the Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP) since I was applying as a Provisional Member and she was the person to answer my questions. During this year's annual meeting, **Cynthia Vaughn** will have a brief meeting



for those that have questions. Look for her. Whether this is your first or 14th annual meeting, mark your attendance sheet with the colleagues you are glad to see each year and new librarians you meet who might be at their very first meeting. You never know what impact you might have on a person. (I pulled out my "Anniversary Jubilee (October 2000) Meeting Attendees" and I checked off 40 new friends.)

One final word as your Chair, attend the Breakfast Business Meeting on Wednesday, October 29 from 7:30 am-9:30 am. All

**Next Reporting
Deadline:**

December 15, 2014

**Next Publication
Date:**

January 15, 2015

Message from the Chair, cont.

are welcomed. It highlights the work each committee has completed during the year. We will announce the new slate of officers for 2014-2015, vote on accepting the invitation to the 2016 annual meeting, and celebrate the 2014 recipients of our scholarships and awards. We will be discussing bylaw changes. Look for a ballot containing the proposed amendments and any further amendments arising from the annual meeting to be distributed 30 days following the annual meeting.

I look forward in seeing many of you in Mobile!

Sandra Bandy

Chair, Southern Chapter 2013-2014

Around the South: Florida

Charlotte Edwards Maguire Medical Library, Florida State University College of Medicine, Tallahassee, FL

Martin Wood named Director of the Maguire Medical Library: After a national search, Martin Wood has been named Director of the Charlotte Edwards Maguire Medical Library at the Florida State University College of Medicine, effective May 23, 2014.



MartinWood

With years of experience with the Florida Center for Prevention Research and in the Global Research Library for Franklin Templeton Investments, a Fortune 500 company, Martin brought his skills in technology, business, communications, education, and research to the Maguire Medical Library. As a staunch advocate for information at the point of care, Martin started at the College of Medicine in 2009 and shifted the library's definition of "collection" to focus on those electronic resources with the greatest potential for positive impact on patients.

Martin was elected and served as the President of the Florida Health Sciences Library Association in 2012-13, and has been the Chair of both the Strategic Planning and Nominating Committees in FHSLA. He is a two-time alumni of Florida State University, holding degrees in Mass Communication and Library and Information Studies, as well as a graduate of the Harvard Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians.

In addition to his accomplishments in the medical library field, Martin is also a leader and outspoken advocate for people living with diabetes, and serves at the local, state, national, and international levels to improve the lives of people with chronic conditions. Martin is a well-known blogger and patient advocate in the diabetes community, and was recently appointed to the JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) International Type 1 Diabetes Voices Council in Washington, DC. He is also a faculty advisor for the Students With Diabetes organization, which aims to create a community and connection point for young adults with diabetes on both college campuses and in local communities across the country.

Rebecca Harrington joins FSU as Electronic Resources Librarian: Rebecca Harrington joined the Maguire Medical Library team on August 1, 2014 as the Electronic Resources Librarian. As a faculty medical librarian, Rebecca is primarily responsible for managing the digital medical library collection that supports undergraduate medical education, graduate medical education, and biomedical research. With over a decade of experience in medical libraries, Rebecca is a Senior member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals, and the former President of the Florida Health Sciences Library Association. Rebecca joins Florida State University by way of Orlando Health, where she was a Systems Librarian in the Health Sciences Library.



Rebecca Harrington

Posters Presented at MLA 2014 in Chicago: “24/7 Access: Crafted in 2010 and Built to Last” presented by Robyn Rosasco, and co-authored with Susan Epstein. http://diginole.lib.fsu.edu/medlib_posters/3/

“Vehicles of the Future: Building Course Pages to Promote Use of Medical Library Resources” authored and presented by Suzanne Nagy and Martin Wood. http://diginole.lib.fsu.edu/medlib_posters/2/

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

Leasing iPads: This August the University of Central Florida College of Medicine welcomed 120 new medical students, all of whom were deployed an iPad by the health sciences library. This year, however, the library team worked with the College of Medicine and Apple to implement a new leasing program. Student equipment fees are being collected to lease iPad minis for each student, which will then be turned in after the first two years of medical school. At that time, the students will be given a new device, depending on which Apple tablet is on the market at that time. At the end of their four-year medical school career, students will be given the option to return their tablet, or to purchase it outright for a nominal fee. The library team hopes the leasing program will allow the library to refresh students' technology after two years, the average amount of time during which new tablets are released.



*Library Director Nadine Dexter meets
with new medical students receiving
their leased iPads during the
UCF COM orientation fair on
August 5, 2014.*

Library Liaison Program: Starting in August five health sciences library faculty will be acting as liaisons for the fourteen modules of the College of Medicine curriculum. Each module has been assigned a primary and secondary liaison, who will work with the module directors to better integrate library resources and services into each module. The library team is looking forward to this exciting opportunity to increase usage of library e-resources, and to grow awareness of the library's LibGuides.

TaBaMLN 2014 Quarterly Meeting Held at UCF COM: On June 27, 2014 the health sciences library acted as host for the Tampa Bay Medical Library Network's (TaBaMLN) quarterly meeting. Library Director Nadine Dexter gave a presentation on learning styles of digital natives, as well as an update on the 2014 Medical Library Association annual meeting. Medical Informatics Librarian Michael Garner spoke about workplace wellness and wearable technology, including the health sciences library's own Fitbit study, which ended in May 2014.

Health Professions Division Library - Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Health Professions Division Library Wins Innovation Award: The Health Professions Division (HPD) Library is the winner of the 2014 Springshare Innovation in Academic Libraries Award for its innovative pilot program of lending iOS applications to enhance student learning.

The Springshare Innovation in Academic Libraries Award recognizes a new program or service that demonstrates an innovative approach to academic librarianship. The announcement was made by the Academic Division of the Special Libraries Association on June 10, 2014.

Building on the success of HPD's iPad initiative and HPD Library's popular iPad lending program, three of NSU's seven HPD colleges (College of Osteopathic Medicine, College of Optometry, and College of Pharmacy) now require incoming students to have iPads. In response to a student's request to "borrow" one of the apps preloaded on the 28 circulating library iPads for use on her own iPad, HPD Library researched and developed a method of circulating paid iOS apps for download onto users' iPads and iPhones. In collaboration with Apple, program-specific apps were purchased in various quantities. Circulation began in August, 2013.

The program showed immediate success with more than 300 loans in seven months and 98 renewals. Now one year into the program, those numbers have increased to over 357 loans and 272 renewals. Unexpected results included the fact that students from all seven HPD colleges participated, not just from the four colleges requiring iPads. Additional copies were needed of the most popular apps to meet the demand. Future development may include the use of mobile device management software to circulate apps to remote users as well. Faculty members are now recommending the apps on syllabi, effectively integrating them into the curriculum.

The Academic Division of the Special Libraries Association believed this project showed responsiveness from the HPD Library to its environment. Since many students were required to have iPads for their studies, the HPD Library team realized a prime opportunity in lending new resources in an innovative, student-centered manner to support academic excellence.

HPD Library team members presented 2 poster sessions about the iOS circulating program at the Medical Library Association's annual conference in May 2014, and at the Southeast Florida Library Information Network's annual conference in July 2014. The poster and its abstract can be viewed on the program's LibGuide: <http://nova.campusguides.com/iosapps-poster>. HPD librarians will also publish an article about the project in a trade, peer-reviewed journal in Spring 2015.

The HPD Library is located on the first floor of the Terry Building Complex, 3200 South University Drive, Davie. The 19,000 square-foot library was opened in 1996. The library serves Health Professions Division students and faculty on the main campus as well as distance learners and students at the regional campuses.

The HPD Library is open seven days a week, except on holidays. It has access to more than 140 health professions databases; 741 electronic books; 814 books in print including 26,609 volumes; 10,237 electronic medical journals; and 814 print journals including 26,609 volumes. The library also features 48 private study rooms, a small teaching lab available for small group instruction, collaboration areas, and a recording studio, among other features.

QUOTES ABOUT THE PROJECT:

"The verbal feedback we're getting from students is very positive. Many have expressed that they are thrilled to have such a program at their library and find the apps extremely useful as study aids. One student commented that studying with one of the anatomy apps 'saved' her from failing an exam - a great testament to providing circulating apps as visual, interactive, mobile resources to support academic excellence." – Amanda Chiplock, Emerging Technologies Librarian, HPD Library

"We take pride in developing innovative ways to increase and enhance the information technology resources available to our patrons." – Desman Ford, Technology Support Engineer, HPD Library

"For a kinesthetic learner like me, I appreciate the hands-on information that circulating apps provide. Apps are certainly a quicker way to assimilate information rather than searching through textbooks. I attest that my grade improved after using one of the apps." - Jenna, COM-1st yr. (on using Visible Body)

"The 3-D manipulation really helped me understand how the different subcortical structures work together. By discovering their close proximity to one another, I was able to make the connection." - Freddy, CDM-1st yr. (on using Pocket Brain)

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

Staff News: Yanira (Jenny) Garcia-Barcena was invited to collaborate as an expert searcher in a scientific paper on the mental health effects of mass shootings. The article was published on August 4, 2014, in Current Psychiatry Reports. The full citation of the article is: Shultz, J.M., Thoresen, S., Flynn, B.W., Muschert, G.W., Shaw, J.A., Espinel, Z., Walter, F.G., Gaither, J.B., **Garcia-Barcena, Y.**, O'Keefe, K., and Cohen, A.M. Multiple vantage points on the mental health effects of mass shootings. Online Publication: Current Psychiatry Reports, August 4,

2014; 16:469. DOI: 10.1007/s11920-014-0469-5.

Barbara A. Wood was a co-author of a systematic review published on August 1st, 2014, in the Journal of Palliative Medicine. The full citation of the article is: Kirolos, I., Tamariz, L., Schultz, E. A., Diaz, Y, Wood, B. A., and Palacio, A. Interventions to improve hospice and palliative care referral: A systematic review. Journal of Palliative Medicine, August 1, 2014; 17(8): 957-964. DOI:10.1089/jpm.2013.0503.

JoAnn Van Schaik and **Kimberly Loper** attended the ALA meeting in Las Vegas at the end of June to participate in scheduled negotiations for UM wide e-resources. They each attended a variety of sessions and a workshop on “Web Therapy” to garner ideas for revamping the Calder Library Website. That process is now underway.

Barbara A. Wood attended *An Institute in Evidence-Based Practice for Medical Librarians* at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus from July 24-27, 2014. The Institute is an intensive three-day course emphasizing the skills needed to support and teach evidence-based practice.



Barbara Wood and other training participants enjoyed playing “EBM Jeopardy” during dinner.

Medical Library - Baptist Health South Florida, Miami, FL

Summer Book Sale: The Library staff at Baptist Health South Florida hosted its annual Summer Book Sale at its Baptist Hospital and South Miami Hospital campuses. Employees were encouraged to donate their slightly used books to the Library, which in turn sold the books for \$1. The event was a success with 850 books sold. Sales and generous donations totaled \$1,114, which Baptist Health then matched, bringing the total to \$2,228. All proceeds were donated to the Baptist Health Sunshine Fund.

The Sunshine Fund, sponsored by the Pastoral Care department, is supported by employee contributions and fundraising. Every dollar donated is matched by Bap-

tist Health. The program offers a ray of hope to employees in need by providing financial assistance and interest-free loans to help meet an unusual or unexpected financial crisis.



Summer Book Sale at Baptist Health South Florida

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

Staff News:

New addition to the Shimberg Family:

We are thrilled to announce that Kristen Sakmar delivered a healthy baby boy. William was born July 13th.

Jo Ella Young, Interlibrary Loan Librarian retired in June.

Allison Howard, Cataloger and Reference Librarian is now serving as our College of Public Health Liaison.

Krystal Bullers was appointed as the permanent Emerging Technologies/Pharmacy Librarian on August 1st.

John Orriola, former Education Librarian who is on phased retirement returned after his year off and will be with us through the fall semester.

Lauren Adkins, Library Assistant, graduated with her Masters from the School of Information.

John Scott, Network Administrator, graduated with a Bachelors degree in Information Technology.

Rose Bland, Director, was appointed to the State of Florida Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Advisory Council. Rose is also serving on USF Health's LCME Self-Study Educational Resources Subcommittee.

Shimberg Library is undergoing more renovations! On July 3rd the library staff competed the boxing, labelling, palletizing, and inventorying of 2,172 boxes of material on 113 pallets (an estimated 50 tons of material). This collection move was in preparation for a renovation of over 4,000 sq. ft. of space that will become new study space. Randy Polo, Reference Librarian/Nursing Liaison and Larry Cramer, Library Operations Manager led this large and complex project with help from all library staff.

Around the South: Georgia

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

Head of GRU-UGA Medical Partnership Library Wins Award: Julie K. Gaines, Head of the GRU-UGA Medical Partnership Library, and colleagues from the GRU-UGA Medical Partnership, the University of Central Florida, and the Association of American Medical Colleges, won the 2014 Outstanding Presentation Award for Medical Education Scholarship Research and Education at this year's Southern Group on Educational Affairs Regional Conference in Miami, Florida. The presentation, a small group discussion titled "Scholarly Collaboration at a Distance: The Potentials and Challenges of Web-based Solutions for Establishing Peer-to-Peer Networking and Communities of Practice," revolved around identifying and analyzing platforms that medical educators and researchers can use to collaborate remotely, e.g. Google Hangout and Zotero. Gaines and her collaborators used their research about web-based platforms for remote collaboration and lessons learned from the University of Central Florida's Research Network Initiative to inform and provide examples for the small group discussion.



Julie Gaines

Faculty Publications:

Crites GE, **Gaines JK**, Cottrell S, Kalishman S, Gusic M, Mavis B, Durning SJ. Medical education scholarship: An introductory guide: AMEE Guide No. 89. Med Teach. 2014 Aug;36(8):657-74. doi: 10.3109/0142159X.2014.916791. Epub 2014 Jun 26. PubMed PMID: 24965698.

Morehouse School of Medicine Library - Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA

Director in Training: Tara Douglas-Williams, Division Head for Information Services, is a 2013-2014 NLM/AAHSL Leadership Fellow. This prestigious and competitive program provides intensive 1 year leadership training for fellows designed to prepare emerging leaders for director positions in academic health sciences libraries. Fellows have the opportunity to develop their knowledge and skills in a variety of learning settings, including exposure to leadership in a diverse environment. Tara's mentor is Barbara Cavanaugh, Associate Director for the Health Sciences Libraries - Director, Biomedical Library - University of Pennsylvania. Tara has spent time throughout the year in Philadelphia receiving invaluable leadership experience.

Tara is an innovative, knowledge strategist with over 25 years of library experience; serving in various leadership roles. She is a 2005 Fellow of the NLM/Woods Hole Biomedical Informatics program and immediate past president of the Georgia Health Sciences Library Association (GHSLA). Tara is currently a member of the [MLA Futures Task Force](#). She will complete her fellowship this fall.



Tara Douglas Williams

Around the South: South Carolina

Library, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC

MUSC Waring Library Wins Online Resource Award

Porcher Medicinal Garden online exhibit wins praise from national professional group

The Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) Waring Historical Library received the 2014 Online Resource Award from the Archivists and Librarians in the History of the Health Sciences (ALHHS). The award was presented to Waring curator Susan Hoffius at the annual ALHHS business meeting, held on May 8, 2014 at the American College of Surgeons in Chicago, IL.

The ALHHS Online Resource award honors the work of MUSC's Waring Historical Library Curator Susan Hoffius and Digital Archivist Jennifer Welch for their on-line exhibit of the Porcher Medicinal Garden. The exhibit website and its corresponding physical-location garden serve to increase public awareness of the holdings of the Waring Historical Library and, specifically the archival collection of Dr. F. Peyre Porcher.

Award committee reviewers noted that the exhibit was an interesting and creative use of archival resources. It was noted that this online resource could rightfully stand as an important example of the possibilities that exist for an on-line exhibit to engage new users and serve in tying together a connection between virtual, physical, and special collection resources. Ms. Hoffius and Ms. Welch have shown how archives and their collections can be used to educate the public in non-traditional venues, which connect historical events to current research and inquiry.

In accepting the award, Ms. Hoffius recognized the many people who contributed to the physical and online exhibit, particularly Sherman Paggi, Thomas Hamm II, Robin Smith, and the Porcher Medicinal Garden advisory committee. "We wanted to do something special with this exhibit, and we feel that the combination of historical content and contemporary drug information provides a complete user experience of Dr. Porcher's work. Being able to include the thousands of pages of Dr. Porcher's published and unpublished work in the online exhibit enhances its utility for researchers."

Contact: Susan Hoffius, Curator, Waring Historical Library
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PICO Conducted the Montgomery, Alabama, Community Leaders Institute and Plans the 8th NCHD: The Medical University of South Carolina's (MUSC) Public Information and Community Outreach (PICO) Program conducted the

Montgomery, AL Community Leaders Institute (CLI) on April 25-26, 2014, in the Montgomery City Hall Auditorium. The CLI informed community leaders about 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, Eco-Logic Services, the City of Montgomery, Project H.E.L.P., Community Care Network, and Alabama State University. The CLI's panels included the role of government, youth issues and challenges, economic development, housing, transportation, community development, and health disparities. This event was free to the public, and 93 professionals, community leaders, and students attended and disseminated information in the community on environmental protection, human health, Environmental Justice, and economic development.



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In addition, MUSC-PICO is in the planning phase for the upcoming Eight Annual National Conference on Health Disparities (8th NCHD), scheduled to take place at the Westin Long Beach in Long Beach, CA, on November 5-8, 2014. This year, MUSC-PICO is collaborating with California State University, Long Beach, to host this conference. This conference will focus on policies and programs to reduce health disparities. The conference is expected to generate 1,000 attendees including over 100 students, who will participate in the Student Forum, which is a platform for students to feature their research. On May 1, 2014, the 8th NCHD Advisory Board Members and the Logistical Team met in Long Beach, CA, at the Westin Long Beach to provide input on topic selection, expert panelist recommendations, prospective sponsors, and supporters.

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.

MUSC Evidence-Based Practice Order Sets and Courses: Elizabeth Crabtree, MPH, PhD(c), Director of Evidence-Based Practice, and Emily Brennan, MLIS, both Assistant Professors in the Department of Library Science and Informatics, have been busy with evidence-based practice (EBP) order sets and courses. Elizabeth and Emily, with the help of multidisciplinary clinical teams, have developed over 30 evidence-based order sets for use in the hospital electronic health record (EHR).

Elizabeth and Emily have co-taught two evidence-based practice courses: the EBP Nurse Scholars Course in which nurses update a hospital policy/practice; and the EBP Pediatric Interprofessional Course in which clinicians develop an EBP Summary and EHR order set. They recently revamped the College of Medicine (COM) EBP curriculum and will begin teaching in the yearlong curriculum starting Fall 2014. In the COM EBP curriculum, groups of students will work together to develop an EBP Summary and EHR order set.

Elizabeth and Emily recently presented at the HIMSS Conference in February 2014, the MLA conference in May 2014, and the AAMC Integrating Quality Meeting in June 2014.



Elizabeth Crabtree and Emily Brennan

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,” is an exhibit curated by Steven Wilson and Josh Brunck at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Library. The four-panel exhibit focuses 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 popular exhibit, which is currently on loan and may now be borrowed by other SC/MLA libraries, can be found at the ‘Science of Zombies LibGuide,’ here:

<http://uscmcd.sc.libguides.com/Zombies>.



Around the South: Tennessee

Saint Thomas Health Medical Libraries, TN

“Health Literacy Challenges & Solutions” Class: In May the Saint Thomas Health Medical Libraries in Nashville sponsored “Health Literacy Challenges & Solutions” taught by Sheila Snow-Croft, Public Health Coordinator, National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Southeastern/Atlantic Region. Twenty care coordinators from MissionPoint Health Partners, a local Accountable Care Organization (ACO), were in attendance.



TheSLA Activities

TheSLA (Tennessee Health Science Library Association) and the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Southeastern/Atlantic Region jointly sponsored a pre-conference workshop at the Tennessee Library Association Annual Conference held in Murfreesboro, Tennessee in April of this year. Twenty-two participants attended the session “Personal Genomics” taught by Dr. Carrie Iwema from the University of Pittsburgh Health Sciences Library System. An association business dinner was held following the meeting.

The Fall meeting of TheSLA will be held Friday, November 14th in Nashville. For more information on this event please contact Fatima Barnes at fbarnes@mmc.edu.



PJ Grier, Outreach/ Access Coordinator from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Southeastern/ Atlantic Region updates the group on RML activities and services.

Public Relations Committee

2014 SC/MLA Annual Meeting Blog

On behalf of the SC/MLA Public Relations Committee, we would like to announce the launch of the 2014 Annual Meeting Blog <http://scmla.blogspot.com>. Please bookmark this web page to view updates and the latest news announcements regarding the upcoming Annual Meeting in Mobile, AL.

While attending the Annual Meeting, volunteers will be posting their observations and experiences to share with fellow meeting attendees and members that are unable to participate in this year's meeting!

Whether attending in person or virtually via the Blog, we look forward to everyone sharing in the events of this meeting!

SC/MLA in Mobile! Making a Difference in Health.
October 26-30, 2014

<http://www.scmla.org/home/2014>

We hope that you are already planning to attend the 64th annual meeting of Southern Chapter in Mobile, Alabama. The meeting will bring together old friends and new ones to share ideas and experiences that are common to us all. There will be interesting speakers, informative papers and posters, and continuing education courses to bring you up to speed in a new area. This year's banquet will be at 5 Rivers located in the heart of the Mobile Bay delta. And if that isn't enough, if you have a free moment, Mobile offers plenty of opportunities to relax.

The Battle House Hotel & Spa is full of old world ornate charm and comfort in downtown Mobile. If you step outside, you will find many places to interest you. The city has *MODA!* a free trolley service available Monday – Saturday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. that travels through the downtown district with frequent stops. The attractions of Mobile include the Gulf Coast Exploreum Science Center, the History Museum of Mobile (presenting its Ark of India exhibit), the Crescent Theater for independent movie fans, and the Mobile Symphony Orchestra. The Mobile Carni-

val Museum is a short walk from the hotel and highlights the city's rich Mardi Gras history, which began in 1702. If history is your thing, try the Dauphin Street Historic District Walking Tour that includes Bienville Square (site of an old Spanish Hospital), churches, firehouses, and other buildings representative of the French, Spanish, and English heritage of the city.

Part of the meeting experience is eating well, and Mobile has a lot to offer here, too. Located in the hotel, Joe Cain Café offers pizzas and sandwiches. If you want to eat out, there are a number of restaurants located at an easy walking distance from the hotel that are inexpensive to moderately priced. Among the most affordable are Serda's, Panini Pete's, Jimmy John's, Mama's on Dauphin, and the Mediterranean Sandwich Co. For a more sea food flair, try the Noble South, Noja, or Wintzell's Oyster House. If you want to move out of the downtown area, travel to the Causeway to sample Gulf Coast seafood at well-known restaurants like the Original Oyster House, Lap's grocery and Grill, Felix's Fish Camp Grill, Tacky Jack's, Bluegill restaurant, and Ed's Seafood Shed.

For more information about the places mentioned here and much more as well, go to the meeting home page where you can find all the details of the meeting. And while you are at it, friend us on the meeting's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/scmla2014>) and post any questions you may have. We'll be posting new information as the conference nears.

See you in Mobile!



*Librarians at the Roundtables:
You're Invited to This Year's Southern
Chapter/MLA Roundtables' Luncheon!*

This year, the Program Committee and Executive Board are offering you a complimentary luncheon ticket with your registration courtesy of Southern Chapter/MLA. Space is limited, so the maximum number of attendees is 40. We will have the following table topics:

- I. Technology
- II. Professional Development
- III. Research/Publication
- IV. Library Staffing & Services

Our lunch buffet will consist of the following Soup & Salad Bar:

*Roasted Tomato & Basil Soup, Vegan option

*Make your Own Salad comprised of Mixed Greens, Grape Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Julienne Carrots, Shredded Cheese, Croutons, and Candied Pecans with your choice of Ranch or White Wine & Herb Vinaigrette. Sliced Grilled Chicken is the protein option for your salad.

*Desserts will be Pecan Pie Bars and Roasted Strawberry Cheesecake.

*Water, Coffee, and Iced and Hot Tea will be available as well.

Vegetarians and Vegans are welcomed. Please let me know if you have any dietary restrictions so that we may accommodate you.

I am looking for one facilitator and one recorder for each table topic. AHIP points are available for each position, and it looks pretty cool on your CV. If you are interested in either one of these roles, please contact Sylvia McAphee, Roundtables Coordinator, at smcaphee@uab.edu.

I am going to compile all of the information we gather and share at the roundtables, then I will write an article so that others who are unable to attend will be able to learn and grow from this collaborative endeavor. Please let me know if you would like to assist or contribute to this future endeavor.

Sincerely,

Sylvia McAphee, M.L.I.S.
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Continuing Education Courses

The SC/MLA Professional Development Committee has planned four very interesting and useful continuing education classes for the SC/MLA Annual Meeting to be held in October in historic Mobile, Alabama. One of our major goals was "to keep it fresh" by programming courses that have not been offered in the region in recent years. Please register as soon as possible in order to ensure that these courses will "make." If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Trey Lemley, Chair
Luda Dolinsky, Co-Chair

Title: EBM / EBP: Beyond the Basics - Systematic Reviews and Qualitative Studies

Instructor: Connie Schardt

Fee: \$110

Date/Time: October 27, 2014/8:00 am - 12:00 pm

MLA CE Credit: 4 hours; <http://cech.mlanet.org/node/839>

Description:

This course is designed to give learners additional practice with critical appraisal skills through an understanding of validity issues related to reducing bias in clinical studies. Using an interactive journal club format, learners will review and discuss the criteria for determining internal validity of systematic reviews and qualitative research. After completing this course, learners will be better able to identify the criteria for a good study; to recognize how this impacts searching for the evidence; and to understand how this knowledge helps the library support evidence-based practice within their own institutions. Teaching methods will include discussion, case studies, group exercises, and practice in appraising articles.

Title: Foundations of Bioinformatics and Searching

Instructor: Diane Rein, Ph.D.

Fee: \$110

Date/Time: October 27, 2014/1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

MLA CE Credit: 4 hours; <http://cech.mlanet.org/node/564>

Description:

Bioinformatics has revolutionized Science and Medicine. Genomic and proteomic terminology and applications are now crossing over into the general public. Multi-media advertising and news regularly make use of bioinformatics results and/or data. Sequencing your personal genome is a real possibility. Yet bioinformatics as we know it today is only eleven years young, propelled out of the Human Genome Project when it ended in 2003. The goal of this half-day course is to provide bioin-

formatics fundamentals for library-based bioinformatics products and services, decision-making, and implementation. It will cover what bioinformatics is, visualize bioinformatics end-user practice, overview bioinformatics databases, its relationship to copyright, Open Access, and Big Data, and introduce the major bioinformatics search mechanism: Sequence similarity (BLAST) searching. No prior knowledge of molecular biology is required.

Title: Grants & Proposal Writing

Instructor: Sheila Snow-Croft

Fee: \$95

Date/Time: October 27, 2014/1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

MLA CE Credit: 4 hours; <http://cech.mlanet.org/node/285>

Description:

Designed for beginning grant proposal writers, this class presents a general overview of the grant and funding processes as well as the level of detail required in a successful proposal. Each component of the grant writing process will be addressed, including: documenting the need; identifying the target population; writing measurable objectives; developing a work plan, an evaluation plan and dissemination plan.

Title: Public mHealth: Mobile Applications for Use in Public Health

Instructor: Sheila Snow-Croft

Fee: \$95

Date/Time: October 27, 2014/9:00 am – 12:00 pm

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Description:

The use of mobile and wireless technologies to support health goals and objectives is becoming standard for even the least tech-savvy among us. This class will introduce mobile applications for a variety of devices that can greatly assist in the practice of Public Health. Available from the National Library of Medicine and other organizations, these tools assist with timely access to information, community mobilization and health promotion efforts, disaster preparedness/response/recovery, and greater health awareness.

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