Message from the Chair, Sandra Bandy

I am so glad to say this is our Chapter’s “spring” issue. The dark winter days are over and the Chapter is blooming.

MLA announced their annual awards, and once again Southern Chapter is well represented. Please extend well-deserved accolades to Judy F. Burnham from the University of South Alabama and Carolyn Lipscomb, a library consultant in the Atlanta area who are being awarded the prestigious Fellowship Award. Michele R. Tennant, University of Florida, will receive the Lucretia W. McClure Excellence in Education Award and Carolann Lee Curry, Mercer University, the EBSCO/MLA Annual Meeting Grant.

Each year the Chapter Chair is asked to submit an annual year report to MLA focusing on four goals: Recruitment, Membership, and Leadership in the Profession; Life Long Learning; Advocacy; and Knowledge Creation and Communication. When reading past reports, it reassures me how wonderful our Chapter is at providing so many opportunities to enhance our careers as librarians. Recruitment is sometimes a tough thing, but I want to share with you today a little history and where we are today.

In 2008 the Membership Committee chaired by Sandy Oelschlegel and myself as the Database Manager worked through the Executive Committee to institute a new program that offered a FREE two year membership to students enrolled in ALA accredited programs. A call to library schools in the Chapter recruited 15 student members that first year.

Over the past 7 years, we have had 63 students join our Chapter as student members. Those two free years, gave students an opportunity to learn about medical librarianship and us. Several attended the Annual Meeting (and even presented a paper or poster) and others joined discussions on SoChap.

What is so exciting to share with you today is our impact. How many of those students are now in medical librarians? At last count, we have twelve confirmed full Southern Chapter members. Now that might not seem like a whole lot, but those twelve...
Message from the Chair, cont.

are our Southern Chapter future. If I were to give you their names, you would see that they are actively involved Chapter committee members and chairs and that is what makes them worth singling out. You, as Chapter members, made recruitment easy.

I hope you enjoy reading this issue. It is chock-full of information. If ever you have an idea or concern please don’t hesitate to call or email.

Around the South: Alabama

Health Sciences Library, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

Suhua Fan, MLS, Technical Services/Systems Librarian, received a training award as one of the four librarians selected to attend the Agricultural Medicine course “Agricultural Medicine: Occupational & Environmental Health for Rural Health Professionals” offered by the North Carolina Agromedicine Institute. This course is a blended in-person and online course meeting twice in person in Greenville, NC (1/30-31 and 3/27-28/14) and in-between online. Complete course tuition and up to $800 in travel/hotel costs for the in-person sessions are funded by a Training Award from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Southeastern/Atlantic Region. This award is for any type of librarian who provides reference or educational services to an agricultural community in NC, Virginia, Alabama, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee, or West Virginia. The participants will share back initial information about agricultural health resources from the course with their institution.

Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL

Welcome & Farewell: Lister Hill Library is excited to announce the appointment of our newest Reference Librarian and Liaison to the School of Nursing, Jill Deaver. Jill’s background includes public and academic libraries, and teaching college-level English Composition. In addition to her MLIS, she holds a master’s degree in English with a concentration in creative writing. Jill thinks the best part
about being a medical librarian is getting to live vicariously through the fascinating research projects of faculty and students at UAB.

Jill Deaver

We also bid farewell to two Lister Hill librarians, Emma O'Hagan and Gabe Rios. Emma served as a Reference and Content Management Librarian and School of Nursing liaison before accepting the position of Medical Librarian at Western Michigan University School of Medicine. Emma joins Liz Lorbeer, LHL's former Associate Director for Content Management who moved to Western Michigan University to direct this new medical school library. After seven years at Lister Hill Library, Gabe Rios has accepted the position of Director of the Ruth Lilly Medical Library at Indiana University School of Medicine. This library serves the second largest medical school student body in the country. It is exciting to see former Lister Hill librarians move on to such challenging positions.

Around the South: Florida

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

Barbara Shearer, the first Director of the Charlotte Edwards Maguire Medical Library, was celebrated at the FSU College of Medicine on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 for her 13 years of leadership and dedicated service. Barbara was responsible for planning the model 21st century medical library and contributed her expertise in innumerable ways that continue to benefit the FSU College of Medicine, FSU Libraries, and academic medical libraries throughout the state of Florida. Barbara’s retirement was effective Friday, March 7, 2014. Martin Wood has been named Interim Director of the Maguire Medical Library.
Florida State University Libraries hosted the annual Friends of the Library reception on Monday, March 3, 2014, where Martin Wood was recognized for his outstanding service to Florida State University with the 2014 Staff Excellence Award.

Roxann Mouratidis has agreed to serve on the Scholarly Communications Committee for the national Medical Library Association. Her appointment is for a three-year term, beginning June 1, 2014. Roxann has also been appointed to the Faculty Senate Library Task Force on Scholarly Communications at Florida State University.

Florida State University recently launched an Open Access Publishing Fund. The fund is available for FSU faculty and currently enrolled students, and is designed to support publishing costs for eligible open access journals and books when no alternative funding is available, with a maximum reimbursement of $1,500 per article or book. As the Maguire Medical Library’s Scholarly Communications Librarian, Roxann Mouratidis is the point contact for questions concerning the Open Access Publishing Fund at FSU.

Two posters have been accepted from the Maguire Medical Library team for the upcoming Medical Library Association 2014 Annual Meeting and Exhibition. Robyn Rosasco and Susan Epstein are the authors of a poster titled “24/7 Access: Crafted in 2010 and Built to Last.” Suzanne Nagy and Martin Wood are the authors of a poster titled “Vehicles of the Future: Building Course Pages to Promote Use of Medical Library Resources.” Both posters will be presented at MLA’14 in Chicago.

The Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare board of directors and the Florida State University College of Medicine announced plans on March 3, 2014 to create a general surgery residency program in Tallahassee, FL. The program, expected to produce two new general surgeons a year when at full capacity, will be the first surgery residency program in northwest Florida. The Maguire Medical Library will provide support to the general surgery residency program, in addition to continued support of existing Florida State University College of Medicine residency programs in family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, and obstetrics and gynecology.

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

**UCF Information Fluency Conference:** Five librarians from the Harriet F. Ginsburg Health Sciences Library recently participated in a panel discussion at the 2014 Information Fluency Conference hosted by the University of Central Florida in Orlando. The panel discussed how the library went from a staff of one to the dynamic team it is today, and how the library came to be a 98% virtual library and a national leader in tablet deployment in medical education. The presentation, “Creating a Virtual Health Sciences Library for the 21st Century: From Vision to National Leader,” can be found on SlideShare.
Upcoming Conferences: Conference season is upon us, and the library team is set for a busy spring! Pamela Herring, Electronic Resources Librarian, will be attending the 2014 Electronic Resources and Libraries conference in Austin, Texas, from March 16-19.

Kerry McKee, Instructional Medical Librarian, and Raney Collins and Natasha Williams, both Senior Library Technical Assistants, will be attending the 2014 Computers in Libraries conference in Washington, D.C., from April 7-9.

The library team will be presenting a poster titled, “Leading the Way to Building a Foundation for College-Wide Workplace Wellness Programs: A Model for Health Sciences Libraries,” at the annual Medical Library Association meeting in Chicago in May.

Library Director Named as New Co-Chair of FCALM: Library Director Nadine Dexter has been named the new co-chair of the Florida Collaboration of Academic Libraries of Medicine (FCALM), along with Rose Bland from USF. The FCALM group, comprised of the library directors from all eight medical schools in Florida, meets regularly at the Harriet F. Ginsburg Health Sciences Library at UCF College of Medicine in Orlando. The group last met at UCF COM January 9-10, 2014, at which time the new co-chairs were announced.

From left: Nadine Dexter (UCF), JoAnn Van Sheik (UM), Mary Moore (UM), Barbara Shearer (FSU), Kaye Robertson (NSU), Cecilia Botero (UF), Tiffany Moxham (FAU), Rose Bland (USF), David Boilard (FIU).
Health Science Center Libraries, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL


Awards & Honors: MLA announced that Michele Tennant will receive the 2014 Lucretia W. McClure Excellence in Education Award at the MLA Annual Meeting in May.

Publications:

Teaching: Michele Tennant and Roland Milian are teaching a credit bearing course on human genomic resources as part of the Micro & Cell Science minor in Bioinformatics. The course began on March 11, 2014

Travel: Michele Tennant and Hannah Norton met with librarians at Becker Library at Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine as part of Michele Tennant’s Faculty Enhancement Opportunity award. They met with library staff and faculty to discuss the library’s involvement with bioinformatics, scholarly communications, and systematic reviews.

Michele Tennant along with Michael Miyamoto (Professor in Biology) were invited to participate in the Biology Leadership Conference XI, in Amelia Island on March 14 – 16. They will be presenting a poster entitled “Integration of the library into the classroom: a case study in genetics”.

Beth Auten
The FIU Medical Library said farewell to two of its founding librarians this year. **Bohyun Kim**, *Digital Services Librarian*, joined the medical library team in 2008. She fashioned the library’s web presence and was instrumental in forging access to its growing array of electronic resources. Bohyun will be *Associate Director for Library Applications and Knowledge Systems* at the Health Sciences and Human Services Library, University of Maryland in Baltimore.

**Francisco (Frank) Fajardo**, *Access Services Librarian*, joined the Medical Library in 2009 and quickly established its access services. For the medical students he was the trusted “face” of library services. Frank is now *Librarian/Information Literacy Instructor* at the Wolfson Campus Library, Miami-Dade College in Miami.

**David W. Boilard**, Director of the Medical Library, has been appointed *Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs for Library Science* in the College of Medicine.

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**Starbucks Coffee Shop**: On February 25, 2014, Dean Pascal Goldschmidt cut the ribbon on the Starbucks Coffee Shop. Located off the lobby entrance to the Library, the Dean commented that, with the addition of Starbucks, Calder Library will become one of the most important destinations on the medical campus (of course, we know it already is). Without further ado, and giant scissors, the Dean cut the ribbon and declared "let's have a cup of Joe." With that, the stampede of coffee guzzlers commenced, and continues unabated.
Dean Pascal Goldschmidt and other UM and Starbucks officials cut the ribbon at the opening ceremony for the new Calder Library Starbucks Coffee Shop…"Sebastian," UM mascot, provided cheers for the U!

Students, residents, faculty, and staff wait for the Starbucks opening ceremony to start.

“Sebastian,” the University of Miami mascot, doing a little reading at Calder Library while waiting for the Starbucks opening...

AAMC Southern Group on Educational Affairs Conference: On March 12-15, 2014, Librarians Carmen Bou-Crick and Barbara A. Wood attended the 2014 AAMC Southern Group on Educational Affairs Conference held at the Hyatt Regency Miami Hotel. The SGEA fosters excellence along the continuum of medical education—undergraduate medical education, graduate medical education, and continuing medical education—by providing a forum for discussing the concerns of the medical education profession, serving as a resource, and acting in an advisory capacity. The conference was co-hosted by three South Florida medical schools—the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Florida International University Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, and the Florida Atlantic University Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine. This year’s meeting was on “Making the Pieces Fit: Across the Continuum of Medical Education.”
Welcome back, Kelsa Bartley: Calder Library welcomed Kelsa Bartley to the Reference and Education Team at the end of 2013. The former flight attendant moved to Miami in 2005 to pursue her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Photography at Barry University. After graduating in 2010, Kelsa had a 6-month stint at Calder Library as a Manager in the Circulation Department, which piqued her interest in libraries. She had to return to Trinidad for personal reasons, but continued her career in libraries and photography. She worked as a Photography Cataloguer at a government-owned media company, while teaching photography part time at the University of the West Indies Open Campus program. Kelsa returned to Miami in 2013 and is now working as Reference Assistant, managing class registrations, classroom reservations, and assisting with reference projects and at the Reference Desk. She also assists in the Technical Services Division and at the Circulation Desk when needed. Kelsa is extremely happy to be back with her Calder family and is looking forward to furthering her career at University of Miami.

Key West Health Fair: On February 1, 2014, Calder Librarians, JoAnn Van Schaik, Erica J. Powell, Barbara A. Wood, and David Goolabsingh volunteered, along with medical students and physicians, to bring free health screening and educational services to medically underserved patients in the Florida Keys. The medical students screen for prevalent diseases—hypertension, diabetes, dyslipidemia, vision loss, obesity, and depression, as well as colon, breast, cervical, and skin cancers. The librarians provided educational materials to attendees on MedlinePlus—brochures were handed out in English, Spanish, Creole, and French.
**Construction:** On February 21, Calder Library administration learned it had a one week deadline to remove 25,000 books in compact shelving in the basement so demolition, asbestos abatement, and construction could begin for new training rooms. With help from outside workers and under Calder staff supervision, books on the 3rd floor were consolidated and the basement books were moved up to the 3rd floor. It was a very stressful week for the entire library staff, and now a “thank you” pizza party is being planned for all library personnel.

**Staff news:** **Dr. Mary Moore**, Calder Library’s Executive Director for seven years and Chair of the Department of Health Informatics, retired on January 31, 2013. Mary and her husband are pursuing interests for which they now have time, and planning for their new phase of life. We wish them both well. **JoAnn Van Schaik** is now Interim Chair, Department of Health Informatics and Interim Executive Director of Medical Libraries Operations.

On December 19, 2013, **Carmen Bou-Crick** 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.

**Carmen Bou-Crick** attended the continuing education course, *Clinical Trials.gov: Results Reporting, Unique Evidence & the Role of Medical Librarians*, earning 4 MLA CEU contact hours. The course consisted of webinars, readings, and exercises and took place from January 13-31, 2014.

**Carmen Bou-Crick** will serve as chair of the MLA Thomson Reuters/Rogers Information Advancement Award Jury for a one-year term, beginning June 1, 2014. The MLA Thomson Reuters/Frank Bradway Rogers Information Advancement Award is presented to an individual (or small group of individuals) in recognition of distinguished professional contributions to the application of technology in the delivery of health care information. The committee will meet during the Medical Library Association annual meeting, to be held from May 16-21, 2014, in Chicago, Illinois. The award will be presented to this year’s awardee during the Awards Ceremony and Luncheon on Monday, May 19th, 2014.

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

**Staff news:** **Rose Bland** graduated from USF this past December with a Master’s
degree in Public Administration and was recently appointed as the Director of Shimberg Library. Rose has been with the library since 1989 when she was first hired as a library intern while pursuing her Library Science degree. Her prior position was as the Assistant Director for Technology and Access Services.

Allison Howard wrote an article, "Clinical Trials and Alzheimer's Disease: A Webliography" (http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/15398285.2014.869169#.U0RBXKhdV8F) which was published in the most recent issue of Journal of Consumer Health on the Internet. Allison was contacted by the column editors to write this article following up on her pathfinder supported by a Carnegie-Whitney Grant awarded by the American Library Association.

Shimberg Library staff, Lauren Adkins and Samantha Stewart created an exhibit called Matters of the Heart for February. Chocolate and wine lovers rejoice! Current studies show that the consumption of these once thought to be unhealthy vices can actually provide multiple health benefits. The high content of polyphenols present in grains, fruits, vegetables, nuts, tea, and cocoa has been reported to play an important role in reducing the risk of a variety of heart diseases. The exhibit also showcased the USF Hearth Health Institute which broke ground on December 17th, 2013. The future $50-million, five-story, 100,000 square foot facility will be built at the center of the university’s health campus. The USF Heart Health Institute will focus on advancing research of cardiovascular disease and initiating important clinical trials that will lead to new and improved treatment methods. Lauren and Saman-
Samantha worked together to research this engaging and informative exhibit. Samantha knitted a stunning anatomically correct heart as the centerpiece for the exhibit to the delight of the students.

Samantha Stewart (left) and Lauren Adkins (right) pose in front of their exhibit at Shimberg Library.

Miscellaneous News

In His Own Words Project: In His Own Words: Martin Cummings and the NLM (see http://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/digicolls/cummings/) is an online presentation of selected speeches and articles written and subsequently described by the former National Library of Medicine director Martin M. Cummings, M.D created by Dr. Cheryl Dee, at San Jose State University School of Library and Information Science and Florida State University School of Library and Information Services. “Over the course of more than five years, Dr. Dee worked with Dr. Martin Cummings, researched the collection of his papers at the Library, and interviewed Dr. Cummings about the events and people mentioned in these documents to provide context to the materials. She then assembled, edited, analyzed, and indexed the commentaries. Commentaries provided by Dr. Cummings, through interviews with Dr. Dee, enhance his Senate appropriations’ statements. These enhancements document Dr. Cummings’ opinion that together, the testimonies and commentaries offer the most valuable window into NLM's program development from the 1960’s to the 1980’s. Dr. Cummings’ commentary provides contextual insight on significant turning points in the Library's history and the political personalities that influenced them.” Read more about the project here: (http://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/digicolls/cummings/about.html)
Presentations accepted at Southern Group on Student Affairs Annual Meeting: An oral presentation and a demonstration based on work from the Educational Innovation Institute (EII) DREAM (Directory and Repository of Educational Assessment Measures) project were accepted for the annual meeting of the AAMC Southern Group on Educational Affairs (SGEA). DREAM is a collection within MedEdPORTAL Publications that provides need-to-know information about assessment instruments that have been studied in health sciences education. All assessment instruments are publically available and include a critical synthesis package. Greenblatt faculty librarians Kathy Davies and Lindsay Blake have worked closely with the EII and on the DREAM team during the past two years.


Nutrition Literacy Outreach Grant: Darra Ballance, MLIS, AHIP, and Nancy Webb, PhD, Director of the GRU Child Care Center, collaborated on an outreach grant focused on nutrition literacy. The Health Literacy Pilot Project award from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine grants $5000 for projects providing health literacy training and reliable health information resources to un-
derserved populations, including caretakers of children. The GRU Child Care Center has been involved in wellness and nutrition projects and grants for some years. This award allowed us to introduce technology into their existing efforts by purchasing six (6) iPads for the Center—one for each classroom—and training the child care teachers to use them to find reliable nutrition information on MedlinePlus. Sallie Long, a registered dietician, was also hired as part of the award, and led four interactive sessions on nutrition for infants, children, and adults. Darra Ballance helped the teachers learn to use the iPads and to identify reliable health information on the web. The sessions began in October 2013 and will conclude in March 2014.

Dietician Sallie Long, working with GRU Child Care teachers.

Greenblatt Librarians have four papers and two posters accepted at MLA: Greenblatt librarians will travel to Chicago in May this year to the 2014 Annual meeting of the Medical Library Association. This year Greenblatt librarians will be presenting four papers and two posters at the annual meeting. These will include:

Papers:

Building a DREAM: Medical Librarians Collaborate To Create A Health Sciences Assessment Tools Database. Kathy Davies, MLS and Lindsay Blake, MLIS, AHIP

Research Information Architect: Building Research Information Infrastructure through ORCID Integration in University Systems. Kim Mears, MLIS, AHIP; Sandra Bandy, MLIS, AHIP; Brenda Seago, MLS, MA, PhD.

Flip-flop: reflections on reversing flipped information literacy instruction for pre-college health profession students. Kim Mears, MLIS, AHIP and Peter Shipman, MLIS

Selling the Libraries: Constructing a Marketing Plan. Kim Mears, MLIS, AHIP; Autumn Johnson, MLIS; Renee Sharrock; Ginny Loveless, MPA; Matthew Whittington
Posters:

- For the Mouths of Babes: Nutrition Literacy Outreach to a Child Care Center - Darra Ballance, MLIS, AHIP
- Disaster Health Information: Building A Bridge To National Library of Medicine Information Resources - Kathy Davies, MLS, Brenda Seago; MLS, MA, PhD and Andy Bruner, BA

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

5th Annual Women in Medicine event held: The Mercer University School of Medicine held its 5th Annual Women in Medicine event on Fat Tuesday, March 4th.

The Mission of the Women in Medicine event is to celebrate the lives and influence of women in the development of modern medicine. Kim Meeks has been the chair of the committee for the past two years.

The Annual Women in Medicine event began in 2010 to commemorate Mercer University School of Medicine women who had passed away in previous years. The celebration grows every year. This year’s events included the cupcake raffle, Cajun Cookoff, Silent Auction and two speakers, Dr. Carol Isaac and Dr. Niclaire Neely who spoke on work/life balance for female physicians. The event earned over $1,000, which will go to the Detmer-Harris Women in Medicine Endowed Lectureship Series.

Presentations

Carolann Curry, library instructor and reference and document delivery librarian for the Macon campus Medical Library, presented a class on consumer health information online resources at the March 26th Mercer Wellness “Lunch and Learn” session. McKinley Thomas, M.Ed, Ed.D and Carolyn A. Klatt, MLIS, Mercer University School of Medicine, Savannah Campus, presented a poster titled “The C-Sort Methodology: A Longitudinal Approach toward Community-Responsiveness” at Teaching Prevention 2014, the annual meeting of the Association for Prevention Teaching and Research (APTR) held at the Washington Plaza Hotel in Washington, DC, March 20-21, 2014.
Alisha Miles, MLIS, AHIP, Library Assistant Professor and Assistant Director for Public Services at the School of Medicine Medical Library, on January 24th presented a CME presentation, "Quality resources to keep you efficiently mobile while providing excellent patient care," at Northeast Georgia Health System, Inc, in Gainesville, Georgia. On March 10th, Alisha Miles attended and presented to the Georgia Health Sciences Library Association in Adairsville, Georgia, "Quality resources to provide affordable care and keep you efficiently mobile."

Mercer University School of Medicine - Savannah Campus, Savannah, GA

Jane Bridges, ML, AHIP, has left the building: Jane began her library career in 1979 with the AHEC system at MUSC in Charleston, attending her first Southern Chapter meeting there in 1982. Later, she served as medical librarian at Greenville (SC) Memorial Hospital. After a short hop out of the Chapter as Assistant Director at the Kirshbaum Library, University of CT, she directed the nursing library at Methodist Hospital in Memphis for 14 years. While there, she wrote a successful NN/LM grant that first connected that organization to the Internet, and proceeded to give lessons on how to work a mouse and how to navigate the Internet. She was recruited to direct the hospital library at Memorial Medical Center in Savannah, GA when it was outsourced to Mercer Medical School in 2001. She created the library’s Intranet page, initiated the library's transition to e-journals, tagged the collection on PubMed, rounded as a Clinical Librarian, and served on many hospital committees, where she built a reputation for service. She was the first hospital librarian to be chosen for the AAHSL Leadership Fellows program, and attended the Woods Hole course for medical informatics and the Dartmouth course for evidence-based medicine. She supervised a library move in 2008, when Mercer Medical School’s Savannah campus opened and the library began to serve the school as well as the hospital. She was credentialled by MLA at the Distinguished level. She was published in professional journals and served on a number of Southern Chapter committees inside the Chapter and on the national level. She and Anne Robichaux created the "Resolutionaries," which inspired the performance rite of thanks at annual meetings. In the tradition of Jocelyn Rankin and Jan LaBeause, she was the third Mercer librarian to be tapped as Chapter Chair, but because of administrative changes, was unable to serve. Jane resides on Tybee Island, GA with her husband of 3 years, Allen Lewis.
**Around the South: Mississippi**

Rowland Medical Library, University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, MS

Rowland Medical Library opens Collaborative Learning Center: Rowland Medical Library at the University of Mississippi Medical Center recently opened the Collaborative Learning Center (CLC). Occupying space that previously held a computer lab, the CLC features seven flat screen monitors and MediaScape furniture including three collaborative tables, movable chairs, desks, and booths. The CLC, designed to support interprofessional and collaborative learning, opened in December 2013. It is open to students and faculty of all campus schools during library operating hours.

![Collaborative Learning Center](image)

**Around the South: Puerto Rico**

Conrado F. Asenjo Library, University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR

34th Research Week
“Information in Health and Education: New Directions in Translational Research”

Dedicated to the Conrado F. Asenjo Library Centennial, 1914-2014

Someone once asked Dr. William Henry Welch of Johns Hopkins University which was the most outstanding contribution of the United States to health.
He mentioned several key discoveries and pinpointed that one of the most impressive contributions was the Surgeon General’s Library and Index-Catalogue. The experience of Army physicians during the Civil War and the growth of medical knowledge during that period led to a legacy of medical contents and organization of knowledge systems which are the backbone of medical librarianship.

The Conrado F. Asenjo Library celebrates its Centennial in 2014. As a health sciences library and a member of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine it shares with other libraries in the United States the tradition and contributions of the Surgeon General’s Library. Nonetheless, the Conrado F. Asenjo Library is also part of another important tradition that had its origin in the former Institute of Tropical Medicine, founded in 1912 under the Insular Board of Health. In 1914, the act that created the Institute was amended to include, among other services, the purchase of books to support research in tropical diseases.

Before 1914, the founders of the Institute of Tropical Medicine transported books in oxcart to the countryside of Puerto Rico in order to study diseases and make clinical observations about the *jíbaro* population. This was the first itinerant medical library in Puerto Rico, which comprised mainly books donated by the researchers linked to the Institute. The Conrado F. Asenjo library is 100 years old because its collections can be traced to that first itinerant medical library.

In 1919 the Institute, located in the *Palacio Rojo*, had developed a collection of 800 books and pamphlets. In 1926, the collection was transferred to the School of Tropical Medicine established in 1924 under the auspice of Columbia University. During the relationship with Columbia University, the collection experienced an exponential growth. Upon termination of the agreement with Columbia University, the School of Medicine of the University of Puerto Rico began operations in 1950. The School of Tropical Medicine collection became the library of the new School of Medicine and, as such, added materials to address the needs of medical students. In 1966, the School and other academic health programs became the Medical Sciences Campus. In 1972 the campus relocated to its current building adjacent to the Puerto Rico Medical Center.

The Library is named after Dr. *Conrado F. Asenjo* because of his outstanding contribution to its growth as Professor in both the School of Tropical Medicine and the School of Medicine. A Renaissance man, he was a teacher, researcher, and renowned scientist. He was instrumental in obtaining funding for the Library’s current building. He also donated many of his books and materials. Above all, Dr. Asenjo was instrumental in preserving through the library the legacy of distinguished figures in the field of Tropical Medicine such as Dr. Pedro Gutiérrez Igarraídez, Dr. Bailey K. Ashford, Dr. Isaac González Martínez, and the many scientists who have followed.

In the last hundred years the library has evolved from an itinerant book col-
lection on oxcart to a state-of-the-art library print and digital information center for the health sciences they would all be proud of.

Carmen M. Santos-Corrada, MLS, MA
Special Collections/IHICIS Associate Member
Librarian IV

Around the South: South Carolina

Library, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC

Medical University of South Carolina Library Welcomes Shannon Jones: The Medical University of South Carolina Department of Library Science & Informatics welcomes Shannon Jones, MLS, M.Ed. to the library faculty. Shannon joined us in January 2014 as the Assistant Director for Program Development and Resource Integration.

Shannon comes to us from Virginia Commonwealth University’s Tompkins-McCaw Library for the Health Sciences where she served as the Associate Director for Research and Education. In that position, Shannon provided leadership and vision for library instruction, research services, and outreach programs. Prior to joining the VCU Libraries faculty, Shannon was a fellow in the National Library of Medicine’s Associate Fellowship program from 2002-2004.

Shannon has been an active leader in the profession. Prior to moving to Charleston, she was Chair-Elect of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of MLA. As a MAC member, Shannon served most recently on MAC’s Recruitment and Retention Committee and was the co-chair for the 2011 MAC/MLA Annual Meeting held in Richmond, VA. In 2005, as chair of the MAC Membership and Recruitment Committee, Shannon created the MAC Scholars program. Also in 2005, she was the recipient of the Marguerite Abel Service Award. Shannon is also active in MLA. She was the founding co-convener for the MLA New Members SIG and a member of the Emerging Leaders Taskforce that created the MLA Rising Stars program.

Shannon’s new position will focus on providing research and knowledge management services to clinical and research faculty and health professions students. She will be responsible for providing leadership, vision, and management for a diverse staff of librarians, technologists, and support staff in areas including reference, education, evidence-based practice, resources/collections, and learning commons.
PICO Plans the Montgomery, Alabama Community Leaders Institute and the 8th NCHD

By: Latecia M. Abraham, DHA

The Medical University of South Carolina’s (MUSC) Public Information and Community Outreach (PICO) Program is planning to conduct the Montgomery, AL Community Leaders Institute (CLI) on April 25-26, 2014, at Alabama State University in Montgomery. The CLI will inform community leaders about available resources from healthcare, government, and economic sectors. Sponsors will include 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, and Alabama State University ~ Montgomery. The CLI’s panels will include the role of government, youth issues and challenges, economic development, housing, transportation, community development, and health disparities. In addition, information will be provided regarding the Affordable Care Act. This event is free to the public, and 150 professionals, community leaders, and students are expected to attend and to disseminate information in the community on environmental protection, human health, Environmental Justice, and economic development. Those interested in attending are asked to pre-register online at (http://pico.library.musc.edu) by April 18, 2014. MUSC-PICO will be collaborating to conduct additional CLIs and Technical Assistance Workshops (TAWs) throughout the nation this year. The TAWs emphasize essential “how-to” skills needed to prepare a “good” grant application. Experts lead hands-on sessions in finding available grant funding agencies; planning, preparing, and submitting a grant application.

In addition, MUSC-PICO is in its initial planning stages for the upcoming Eighth Annual National Conference on Health Disparities (8th NCHD), scheduled to take place 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 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.

**News from The Citadel – The Military College of South Carolina**

By: Tom Basler, MUSC

Elizabeth Connor, AHIP has transitioned out of the library into a newly created role in The Citadel's Associate Provost for Academic Affairs office. As Coordinator of Faculty Projects, she will organize and host various campus and city-wide scholarship of teaching & learning events, develop the concept and funding streams for a future Teaching & Learning Center, assist with assessment efforts for support services reporting to the Provost, and participate in the creation of the Ethics Across the Curriculum, a key component of the college's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). For contact with Elizabeth: connore1@citadel.edu

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

**Videoconferencing Equipment and Training Session for Family Connection of South Carolina:** On January 9, 2014, Roz McConnaughy, Assistant Director for Education and Outreach, and Steve Wilson, Coordinator, Center for Disability Resources (CDR) Library, delivered videoconferencing equipment and conducted a training session for fourteen staff members at the Family Connection of South Carolina Columbia office as part of the “InfoAble Portal Follow-Up” project. The training session covered the CDR Library, the InfoAble Portal, and Google Hangouts. Each of the six offices of Family Connection of South Carolina received a projector and an all-in-one conference camera for training sessions, support group meetings, and staff meetings. This project has been funded in whole or in part with Federal funds from the National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, under Contract No. HHS-N-276-2011-00004-C with the University of Maryland Baltimore.
Steve Wilson conducting a training session

**USC host to NLM's Harry Potter Traveling Exhibit:** From January 13th to February 19th, the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Library, Columbia, hosted National Library of Medicine traveling exhibit - Harry Potter's World: Renaissance Science, Magic, and Medicine. The exhibit, developed and produced by the National Library of Medicine, explores the young wizard's world, its roots in Renaissance science, and the ethical questions that affected not only the wizards of Harry Potter, but also the historical thinkers featured in the series. For more information about the exhibit, please visit the National Library of Medicine website - http://www.nlm.nih.gov/exhibition/harrypottersworld/exhibition.html

Around the South: Tennessee

Eskind Biomedical Library, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN

National Leadership Grant: The Eskind Biomedical Library and Knowledge Management (EBL/KM) team at Vanderbilt University Medical Center (VUMC) recently received a $487,000 National Leadership Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to develop a reusable model for delivering patient-specific, consumer-friendly information on how tumor mutations can impact cancer treatment. The central hypothesis of the project is predicated on the understanding that informed patients are more likely to take a proactive, participatory role and engage with their healthcare team.

EBL/KM selected the freely-publicly available web-based tool My Cancer Genome (MCG), http://www.mycancergenome.org, to use as its test bed. Developed at VUMC, MCG provides up-to-date information on tumor-based genetic mutations and their implications for therapy. Written primarily for clinicians and researchers, patients can also access the website but are likely to be overwhelmed by the complexity of the content.

The EBL/KM team is led by Nunzia B. Giuse, M.D., MLS, FMLA, Professor of Biomedical Informatics and Medicine, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Knowledge Management and Director of Eskind Biomedical Library, and Taneya Y. Koonce, MLS, MPH, Deputy Director of the Eskind Biomedical Library and Knowledge Management, with active contributions from the My Cancer Genome team led by Mia A. Levy, M.D. PhD., Assistant Professor of Cancer Research, Assistant Professor of Biomedical Informatics, and the Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center Director of Cancer Clinical Informatics.

During the 2-year project period, EBL/KM will test approaches that take into account individual health literacy and learning style preferences. More details are available on the library website at (http://www.mc.vanderbilt.edu/diglib/about/research.html).
History of the Southern Chapter Committee

The History of the Chapter Committee has been hard at work this past year, creating a committee manual, loading annual meeting photos (https://picasaweb.google.com/SouthernChapterHistory/SouthernChapterRidgelandMS2013#), and of course preparing for and conducting oral histories of members for the oral history project. Committee Chair Kay Hogan Smith conducted an oral history interview with Lynn Fortney at the annual meeting in Ridgeland, Mississippi in October, and several others are in progress. Many thanks to Committee member Connie Machado for her diligence in transcribing the recorded interviews for us!

After some discussion and a vote among the Southern Chapter executive board, it was decided that we needed to implement a formal agreement with interviewees about Chapter distribution and archiving of the interviews. (Thanks to Committee member Mary Rickelman for the suggestion!) That agreement form is now available on the web site at (http://scmla.org/home/sites/default/files/oralhistory/SCMLAOralHistMOU_AppendixB.pdf)

Please let Kay or the other Committee members know if you have any questions about this release form.

Finally, our thanks to all the Southern Chapter members who submitted their photographs from the annual meetings for the web site! Please let Kay know if you would be willing to help tag the photographs in the collections – she can be reached at khogan@uab.edu or (205) 934-2208.

Happy Spring!

Member Accomplishments

Following are recent accomplishments of SC/MLA members:

Awards/Certifications:

Medical Library Association (MLA)
2014 Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP)

Member Level
Pamela Lynn Williams

Senior Level
Skye Bickett

Distinguished
Catherine R. Hogan Smith
Michael Lindsay
Connie K. Machado

2014 Specialization in Consumer Health

Level II
Chameka Robinson

Congratulations!

Mary Katherine Haver, SC/MLA Public Relations Committee Chair

Membership Committee

It’s Time to Renew Your Dues!

If you haven’t already done so, please pay your Southern Chapter dues by April 30th. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at meeks_k@mercer.edu or for more information go to our website:

http://www.scmla.org/home/membership

Kim Meeks
Membership Committee Chair

RML Resource Library Director PAC

Eight Library Directors from the NN/LM Southeastern/Atlantic region volunteered to join the Regional Medical Library Resource Library Director Program Advisory Committee (PAC).

The group included:

Sandra Franklin, Emory University
Cynthia Henderson, Howard University
Teresa Knott, Chair of PAC, Virginia Commonwealth University
Kim Meeks, Mercer University
Irma Quinones, University of Puerto Rico
Brenda Seago, Georgia Regents University
Pat Thibodeau, Duke University

The committee met at the University of Maryland in Baltimore in March. Dale Prince, Executive Director of NN/LM SE/A and M.J. Tooey, Director of NN/LM SE/A were also in attendance. The committee’s purpose is to define the roles and future of Resource Libraries. The group reviewed the current Resource Library Agreement and discussed revisions for the new contract.

2014 SC/MLA Annual Meeting

Making a Difference in Health: SCMLA Annual Meeting 2014

The 2014 annual meeting of the Southern Chapter/MLA will be held in lovely Mobile, AL on October 26-30. Mobile (Mo-beel, for those uncertain of the correct pronunciation) is a port city rich in history, having flown under the flag of six different countries since its founding in 1702. This multicultural influence is still felt through the oldest annual Carnival celebration in the United States, streets and parks named after French aristocracy, and Spanish influenced architecture. So don’t be surprised when strolling back to the hotel after enjoying seafood gumbo and muffuletta sandwiches to see Mardi Gras beads dangling from towering oak trees dripping in Spanish moss.

The site for this year’s meeting, the Battle House Renaissance Hotel and Spa, is also rife with history. Founded in 1852 and located in downtown Mobile, the hotel was a
favorite spot for southern planters to get away to for a little rest and relaxation once their crops were planted, making it a center for Mobile’s social scene. Fast forward 100+ years and it was also the site of one of Judy Burnham’s high school proms. The hotel later fell on hard times and closed in 1970, but after a full renovation reopened in 2007. Named one of the “Top 500 Hotels in the World” by Travel + Leisure magazine in 2009 and a member of the Historic Hotels of America, you can look forward to old world charm and modern conveniences.

Mobile Carnival Museum

More of the city’s history can be experienced within easy walking distance of the hotel with guided tours of historic homes, visits to the History Museum of Mobile, the Mobile Carnival Museum, and Fort Conde. If you’d like a little reflective time or want to catch up with friends in a serene location, Bienville Square beckons. So save the dates, plan on sharing how your library is making an impact in your community, and come to Mobile, AL for the Southern Chapter/MLA’s annual conference on Making a Difference in Health! For more information visit www.scmla.org/2014.
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