I am so ready for a warm spring. It is March as I write, and the winter that has plagued the South this year has been brutal for many of us. It can only mean (I hope) that we may look forward to sunnier weather and a season to grow in.

**Honors and Awards** are among the many advantages that Southern Chapter offers its members. Recently, Chameka Robinson as chair of that committee sent an email to all of us with the list of our current awards. We have scholarship awards for first time attendees, hospital librarians, and students. If you know someone who is an outstanding hospital or academic librarian, then nominate that person for one of those awards. If you have a research project that could use funding support, consider the Research Grant. **The T. Mark Hodges Award** is our most prestigious award for anyone who has shown continuous, high-level service to the chapter. These awards and grants are great opportunities to help yourself or to recognize others. They are not always given, because they often go without applicants. So check them out and see if there is something there for you.

Another advantage is the opportunity to participate and to shape the Chapter as an officer. Our **Nominating Committee** chaired by Sandra Bandy is accepting nominations for new officers. Consider becoming one of our **elected officers** to become a more active member in shaping the chapter, or in anticipation of a more active role in MLA. The slate will be voted on before the annual meeting. Consider yourself or someone you know for nomination.

I hope to see many of you in Austin at the annual MLA meeting, and in Puerto Rico for the annual meeting of the Southern Chapter!

If you have any ideas or concerns that you would like to share, please feel free to contact me.
Judy Burnham Retirement: Judy Burnham has retired from the University of South Alabama Biomedical Library after 25 years of service. Judy began her medical library career as a hospital librarian at the University of South Alabama Medical Center. She then served as a site coordinator position for the hospital site and then on to an assistant director, interim director and to the director’s chair in 2007.

Judy’s influence on the health sciences librarian profession is evidenced by the many awards she has received from library associations to which she has been a member, including being named a Fellow of the Medical Library Association (MLA) and most recently, the T. Mark Hodges Service Award from the Southern Chapter/Medical Library Association (SCMLA). Other awards include the Estelle Brodman Academic Medical Librarian of the Year (MLA), Academic Medical Librarian of the Year (SCMLA), Award for Professional Excellence (NAHRS/MLA), the Ida and George Elliot Award (MLA) and, from the Alabama Health Libraries Association (ALHeLA), the Achievement Award. She has served in leadership positions in the Medical Library Association, Consortium of Southern Biomedical Libraries, Southern Chapter, Medical Library Association, Alabama Health Libraries Association, Alabama Library Association, and the Bay Area Library Association. Judy currently holds a distinguished level membership in the Academy of Health Information Professionals. Judy has taught a MLA approved CE course on bibliometrics for Alabama/Georgia, Tennessee, Michigan meetings, as well as at MLA.

Judy held membership and leadership roles while serving on numerous committees for the University. During her tenure as Director, she developed a student break room, added additional study rooms and developed an inter-professional collaboration center.

Judy participated in 17 research studies, 109 presentations at professional meetings (receiving 5 research awards from the Medical Library Association and the Southern Chapter/Medical Library Association), and 46 publications. She has had 15 funded grants ($106,147.00 requested with $64,272.00 received) and additional awards from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine Southeast/Atlantic Regional for at least 10 exhibits at health care provider association meetings.

In her retirement, Judy plans to travel and visit family, be a Reading Buddy at the local elementary school, take a more active part in her church, take a photography course, and re-learn to crochet and play the piano.
The Arthur Vining Davis Library and Archives at Mote Marine Laboratory is sad to announce the passing of the laboratory's founder, Dr. Eugenie Clark. From humble beginnings in the Vanderbilt-funded Cape Haze Marine Research Laboratory in 1955, Dr. Clark and her research laboratory grew into today's Mote Marine Laboratory and Aquarium, which is celebrating its sixtieth anniversary. Over the course of her career, Dr. Clark became a global authority on fishes, especially sharks and tropical sand fish, authored multiple books and articles, and was involved in research expeditions and submersible dives around the world. She encouraged and recruited numerous scientists, including Dr. Sylvia Earle, and her enthusiasm and scholarship live on at the laboratory today. Dr. Clark's research materials have been deeded to the Mote Marine Laboratory Library and Archives, where we have begun creating a finding aid based on her research travel schedules to organize her collection, thereby making her legacy more accessible for the rest of the world. You can learn more about the Special Collections at mote.org/library.

Thanks to the Medical Library Association, the library has begun researching the role of information science in marine biomedical research. Librarian Alyson Gamble is the grateful recipient of the Eugene Garfield Fellowship from the Medical Library Association. She will be focusing her inquiries into the nexus between marine science, biomedical research, and information science. Ms. Gamble will be creating an annotated bibliography and writing an article covering her findings. If you have any contributions or suggestions, please e-mail Alyson at agamble@mote.org.

In upcoming months, the library will also begin transitioning its catalog to Koha from Follett Destiny. We are seeking input from other information centers that have undergone this or similar initiatives.

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

Completion of AMIA 10x10 Course: Michael Garner was the recipient of an AAHSL Leadership Scholarship that he used to attend an AMIA 10x10 online course offered with the University of Alabama at Birmingham. The course was designed to provide a foundation for the building of requisite knowledge and skills to provide management oversight of information processes to ensure that information systems function effectively in support of patient care, administrative, and operational functions. After a semester of hard work, he successfully completed the
course.

**Code School**: Three library team members are going to [Code School](#), a self-paced learning module created by Pluralsight, an Orlando company. Kerry McKee, MLS, AHIP, Reference Librarian, and Sr. Library Technical Assistants Raney Collins and Melodie Gardner, are all enrolled with a year-long subscription to learn a multitude of coding scripts including HTML/CSS, JavaScript, iOS, Ruby, and Git. Code School training is completely interactive, with video tutorials, in-browser coding, gamification, and testing.

**Library Faculty at Conferences**: Deedra Walton, MLS, AHIP, Electronic Resources Librarian, attended the Electronic Resources & Libraries Conference from February 22-25, 2015 in Austin, Texas. Deedra attended a pre-conference workshop called “Getting Everything EZProxy has to Offer: Administration Tips, Customization Tricks and Assessment Insights,” along with a variety of conference sessions on topics such as workflows for digital librarians, core competencies for electronic resources librarians, and electronic resources management systems. Austin has a wonderful food scene, so for those planning to attend MLA in a few months, Deedra would like to recommend Perla’s Seafood & Oyster Bar. It was yummy!!

**Using and Reviewing Nearpod**: At the library’s 2014 “Fall HSL Info Expo,” a one-hour informational session geared towards UCF COM faculty and staff, Shalu Gillum, JD, MLS, AHIP, Public Services Librarian, presented a session on “Answers to the Top 10 Copyright Questions You Were Too Afraid to Ask.” She used [Nearpod](#), a web-based multimedia presentation tool that allows you to share slideshows with an audience, with the ability to control what the audience sees in real time. The session was a success, and led to Shalu writing a positive review of Nearpod for the next issue (Volume 11, No. 1) of *Public Services Quarterly*. It’s part of the User Experience column edited by Melissa Mallon, pages 23-31. Stay tuned for its release in April!
Louis Calder Memorial Library - University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Miami, FL

Staff News: Kimberly Loper and Carmen Bou-Crick presented on “Becoming a Disaster Information Power User” at the 5th Annual National Hospital Disaster Planning, Preparations, and Response Symposium: An All Hazards Approach, held on February 13, 2015, at Jackson Memorial Hospital, Miami, Florida. The purpose of this symposium was to enhance hospital preparation and response to disasters and emergencies, including mass casualty incidents. Loper and Bou-Crick discussed the National Library of Medicine’s Emergency Access Initiative and resources (such as WISER, CHEMM, REMM, PubMed, etc.) available to disaster first responders. This symposium was jointly sponsored by the Jackson Health System and the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine.

Kelsa Bartley, David Goolabsingh, Kimberly Loper, Geddy Paulaitis, Erica Powell, and Ed Vinson participated in the University of Miami’s Department of Community Service DOCS Health Fairs that took place on January 31, 2015, in the Florida Keys (Marathon, Big Pine, and Key West), Florida. Paulaitis and Bartley also participated in the health fair that was held at the Jack and Jill’s Children Center on February 14, 2015, in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. DOCS is a student-run, non-profit organization endorsed by the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine that holds free clinics and nine annual health fairs in various Florida communities.

Carmen Bou-Crick was appointed as a member of the Medical Library Association’s Scholarship for Minority Students Grant Jury for a one year term, beginning June 1, 2015. This program provides a scholarship for up to $5,000 to a minority student who is entering a Master’s program at an ALA-accredited library school or has yet to finish at least one half of the program’s requirements in the year following the granting of the scholarship. African American, Hispanic, Asian, Native American, or Pacific Islander American individuals who wish to study health sci-
ences librarianship are eligible.

Kimberly Loper was appointed as a member of the Medical Library Association’s Darling Medal for Distinguished Achievement in Collection Development in Health Sciences Award Jury for a one-year term, beginning June 1, 2015. The Louise Darling Medal is presented annually to recognize distinguished achievement in collection development in the health sciences.

Barbara A. Wood is a contributor on two posters accepted for exhibition at professional association meetings in the Spring of 2015. The first poster, *Motivational Interviewing Improves Medication Adherence*, with Dr. A. Palacio and colleagues, will be presented at the 38th Annual Meeting of the Society of General Internal Medicine, April 22-25, 2015, in Toronto, Canada. The second poster, *Diet Liberalization and Effect on Bowel Preparation – A Meta-Analysis of Randomized Controlled Trials*, with Dr. D.J. Avalos and colleagues, will be presented at the Digestive Disease Week 2015 Conference, May 16-19, 2015, in Washington, D.C.

Reference librarians Carmen Bou-Crick, Yanira Garcia-Barcena, Barbara Wood, and Kelsa Bartley presented a poster on “Resources for Researchers” at the Cane Search/Shared Resources Fair that was held on March 4, 2015, at the University of Miami medical campus, sponsored by the UM Clinical & Translational Science Institute. This event brought together scientists, clinicians, students, educators and community and industry representatives to promote partnerships, advance collaborative research, and display cutting edge science.
Shimberg Health Sciences Library - University of South Florida
College of Medicine, Tampa, FL

Staff News: Melissa Barrow was welcomed to the Shimberg Library family on December 8th, as a Library Assistant in Circulation. Melissa Barrow is a graduate of Eckerd College (B.A. in Literature) and the University of Miami (M.F.A. in Writing), and had most recently been working as a Library Assistant for the Largo Public Library. Melissa works as our weekday closer, and now that she has the Circulation basics down, is starting training on her other duties, which include processing ILLiad requests and billing lost books.

Conferences: Allison Howard and Rose Bland attended SCMLA, October 2014 in Mobile, AL. Allison presented a poster, Community connection through pet therapy, exhibits and Facebook which was created by Lauren Adkins, Krystal Bullers, and Allison.


It’s accreditation season! Four accreditation visits were scheduled at USF Health between February and March 2015! Our LCME visit and one program within the College of Public Health had accreditation visits in February. The College of Nursing and the College of Pharmacy have their accreditation visits in March. SACS will also be conducting their USF wide accreditation site visit in April!
**Winn Dixie Foundation Medical Library - Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, FL**

**About the Library:** The Winn Dixie Foundation Medical Library is the library that serves the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville FL and Mayo Clinic Health System site in Waycross, GA. The library and its staff provide extensive research, clinical care, and education resources to staff, students, and patients. The library in Florida is a part of the larger Mayo Clinic Libraries system, with the main library located in Rochester, MN.

The library is staffed by medical research librarian, Tara Brigham, and library assistant, Malasha Martinez.

**Staff News:** **Tara Brigham** was promoted to Librarian IV and Librarian Supervisor of the Winn Dixie Foundation Medical Library in January 2015.

**Publications:**

Around the South: Georgia

Atlanta Health Sciences Libraries Consortium

40th Anniversary: On December 4, 2014 the Atlanta Health Science Libraries Consortium celebrated its 40th anniversary. Past and current members enjoyed a luncheon at a local restaurant that was supported by vendor contributions. The consortium began after founder Steve Koplan contacted local librarians he had met at 1974’s SC/MLA conference in Atlanta. The seven founding member libraries were: DeKalb General Hospital, Georgia Baptist Medical Center, Georgia Mental Health Institute, Mercer Pharmacy School, Northside Hospital, Piedmont Hospital, and St. Joseph’s Infirmary. We are grateful for Mr. Koplan’s vision and are appreciative that he and many other long time members joined brand new members for this celebration event.

The organization has accepted many changes over the years, from inviting libraries outside of the metro area to join the consortium, including Athens Regional Medical Center and Roosevelt Warm Springs, to most recently moving to an individual membership model rather than institutional. Through the years AHSLC has remained an important organization for the health science librarians of the Atlanta region. We are in the process of documenting this rich history through an NN/LM SE/A Express Digitization and Conservation Award and look forward to having this online in the coming months.

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

GRU Hosts NLM Georgia Biomedical Informatics Course: Georgia Regents University is pleased to report the success of our first NLM Georgia Biomedical Informatics Course. GRU received over 60 candidate applications representing a diversity of professions from academic health sciences librarians, health system librarians, nurses, neuroscientists, physicians, and public health. The course was hosted at the beautiful Brasstown Valley Resort which facilitated networking and engaging discussions for class participants and course faculty. Thirty participants and 15 faculty from a nationwide application process were selected to present and attend this course. GRU Libraries were responsible for application process, course logistics, housing, travel, technical support, continuing education credit, online course creation and maintenance, and website development..

The week-long survey course familiarized individuals with the application of computer technologies and information science in biomedicine and health science. Through a combination of lectures and hands-on computer exercises, participants were introduced to fundamental concepts and application areas of biomedical infor-
GRU Libraries partnered with Information Technology Services to integrate technology learning tools including audience response system, lecture capture, and course content via the Desire2Learn learning management system. Course attendees rated the course highly on the evaluation forms and acknowledged the value of the faculty, site, and GRU staff in their comments.

To learn more about the course and view participant insight into the content, visit: [http://www.gru.edu/library/greenblatt/informaticscourse/about.php](http://www.gru.edu/library/greenblatt/informaticscourse/about.php).

**Historical Exhibits and Speakers**

**Nursing Anesthesia** - While the vocation of nursing anesthesia may seem to be a modern and relatively new concept, it was established over 150 years ago. As part of our History of the Health Sciences Lecture Series, Dr. Lisa Stephens gave a historical overview of the nursing anesthesia profession on Wednesday, November 5, 2014. Dr. Stephens is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Physiological and Technological Nursing in the GRU College of Nursing. She teaches anesthesia pharmacology as well as health assessment and diagnostics for nurse anesthetists.

**Virgil P. Sydenstricker, M.D** – Dr. Joseph P. Bailey, Jr., M.D. presented on Dr. Sydenstricker Thursday, March 19, 2015. Dr. Virgil P. Sydenstricker was a Professor of Medicine and Chairman of the Department of Medicine at MCG from 1922 until his retirement in 1957. He was nationally and internationally recognized in the medical fields of hematology and nutrition. The Sydenstricker Wing of the GR Medical Center was named in his memory. View a brief biography and the finding aid to the Sydenstricker Collection [here](http://www.gru.edu/library/greenblatt/informaticscourse/about.php).

**Opening Doors: Contemporary African American Academic Surgeons** – This travelling exhibit was accompanied by a panel discussion. Cargill Alleyne, M.D. and Robyn Hatley, M.D. presented on African American Academic Surgeons Thursday, January 22, 2015 with Dr. Robert Nesbit facilitating. The Opening Doors exhibit celebrates the contributions of African American academic surgeons to medicine and medical education. It was developed and produced by the National Library of Medicine and the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture.

**Employees Honored at Service Recognition Breakfast**: The University Libraries celebrated employees with 5, 10, and 15 years of service at the Service Recognition Breakfast on October 7, 2014. The recognition ceremony was held at the Christenberry Fieldhouse from 7:30 am – 10:00 am and the attendees received breakfast, a certificate, and a GRU pin in honor of their service. The University Libraries employees honored today include Tamara Brewster (15 years), Kate Culver (5 years), Ginny Loveless (5 years), and Kim Mears (5 years).

**Faculty Publications:**

**Monroe F. Swilley, Jr. Library – Mercer University Atlanta Campus, Atlanta, GA**

**Staff News:** Gregg Stevens recently accepted a position with Mercer University Libraries. He is now at the Swilley Library in Atlanta, where he is Public Services Librarian and Liaison to the Colleges of Pharmacy and Health Professions. Previously, Gregg was the Health Sciences Librarian at Tallahassee Community College’s Ghazvini Center for Healthcare Education.

**Around the South: South Carolina**

**Greenville Health System Health Sciences Library/University of South Carolina School of Medicine Greenville Library Commons**

**SC/MLA 2016 Annual Meeting: Greenville, SC:** Hosting SC/MLA for 2016 is already on our agenda! Knowing how much everyone enjoyed Greenville downtown in 1999, we have decided that a downtown hotel is a definite for our meeting. This means either the Hyatt where we were before, or the Westin Poinsett, an older hotel that has been beautifully restored with all of the elegance and grace of the early 1900’s but plenty of modern conveniences. For those of you who so kindly offered to help when we were in Mobile, we will be touch. And we can’t wait to see you in Puerto Rico!

**Greenville Health System Acquires Two Hospitals:** Greenville Health System has acquired two more hospitals, one in Laurens, S. C. and another in Oconee, S.C. making us the largest employer in the county. With this additional staff along with gradually increasing medical school class size and BSN requirements for our nursing staff, we are seeing exponential increases in database usage, search and article requests, and staff seeking a quiet place for making patient care decisions, doing research, and obtaining educational support. We have submitted out third annual report to key staff with both statistics and descriptions of special activities that you may view here: [http://goo.gl/zRGZnK](http://goo.gl/zRGZnK).


Library, Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC), Charleston, SC

PICO Conducted a Community Leaders Institute in Atlanta, GA and Plans the 9th NCHD and NEJC and Training Program in Washington, DC: The Medical University of South Carolina’s (MUSC) Public Information and Community Outreach (PICO) Program conducted the Atlanta, GA, Community Leaders Institute (CLI) on February 27-28, 2015, in the Morehouse School of Medicine National Center for Primary Care Auditorium. The presenters covered the role of government, youth issues and challenges, economic development, housing, transportation, community development and health disparities. Sponsors included the Medical University of South Carolina, Morehouse School of Medicine, The Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority, Southeastern Virtual Institute for Health Equity and Wellness (SE-VIEW-MUSC-DOD), the U.S. Department of Energy, Fulton County, and AmeriHealth Caritas. This event was free to the public, and 112 professionals, community leaders, and students attended and disseminated information in the community on environmental protection, human health, Environmental Justice, and economic development.

Mrs. Lisa Williams

The Honorable Ceasar C. Mitchell, Atlanta City Council President, served as one of the panelists on the Role of Government panel, and he addressed the importance of teamwork, service delivery, fiscal budgets, and collaboration. Mrs. Lisa Williams, Author and Founder of the Living Water Learning Resource Center, served as Friday’s Keynote Speaker, and she spoke about human sex trafficking being a $32 billion dollar industry and her role in “giving voice to the movement” to end this modern-day slavery by lobbying to get the “Rachel Law” passed. Mrs. Williams has collaborated with actress Mrs. Jada Pinkett-Smith to produce a documentary entitled: Face of Slavery, which will be televised on CNN on April 7, 2015. Dr. Valerie Montgomery Rice, Morehouse School of Medicine’s President and Dean, served as Saturday’s Keynote Speaker, and she addressed the importance of translational research, collaborations, and health equity. In addition, Mr. Michael Alexander, At-
lanta Regional Commission’s Research and Analytics Division Chief, served on the Economic Development, Housing, Transportation, and Community Development Panel, and he emphasized that retirees do positively impact the economy. Mr. Keith Green, American Retirement Initiative’s President, stressed that it is vital for individuals to invest a portion of their income for a retirement nest egg. In conclusion, Ms. Marilyn Metzler, Division of Violence and Prevention’s Senior Analyst for Social Determinants of Health Equity, defined social determinants of health and referenced [www.raisingofamerica.org](http://www.raisingofamerica.org).

In addition to conducting CLIs, PICO is collaborating with the National Environmental Justice Conference to host next year’s Ninth Annual National Conference on Health Disparities and The National Environmental Justice Conference and Training Program: A National Dialogue for Building Healthy Communities. The conference is scheduled to take place on March 9-12, 2016, at the Marriott Marquis in Washington, DC. This conference will focus on policies and programs to reduce health disparities. For additional information, please visit [www.nationalhealthdisparities.com](http://www.nationalhealthdisparities.com).

Under Dr. David Rivers’ leadership, 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.

**The Medical University of South Carolina Department of Library Science & Informatics is pleased to welcome Ayaba Logan and Tabitha Samuel to its faculty:** In November 2014, The Waring Historical Library welcomed Tabitha Samuel as its new Digital Archivist. A native of Columbia, South Carolina, Tabitha graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in history from Furman University in 2008, and returned to Columbia to earn a Master of Library and Information Science degree and Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in Library and Information Science from the University of South Carolina in 2012 and 2013, respectively. During her time at USC, Tabitha gained experience as a graduate assistant for USC Digital Collections and for the USC School of Medicine Library, where she digitized a number of collections, including a collection of historical medical pamphlets dating back to the late 19th century. Tabitha brings an enthusiastic commitment to meeting the needs of Waring’s body of digital users by providing user-friendly access to its historical and contemporary content in digital format and implementing strong plans for the preservation of the library’s digital archives and repository collections.
Ayaba Logan became Research and Education Informationist/Medical Librarian at the Medical University of South Carolina Library in Charleston:

Ayaba Logan became Research and Education Informationist/Medical Librarian at the Medical University of South Carolina Library in Charleston, on January 12, 2015. In this position, Ms. Logan provides research support and instructional services to students and faculty in both classroom and online environments. In addition, she also serves as liaison librarian to the College of Nursing. Ayaba brings a wealth of experience in research, technology, and health education her new position. Most recently she interned with the US Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory assisting in the creation of a new library for forensic scientists and examiners. Ayaba holds a Master of Library Science from The University of Alabama, a Master of Public Health from the University of Michigan, and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Public Health from Spelman College.
Elizabeth Crabtree, MPH, PhD (c), Director of the Center for Evidence-Based Practice, received a Health System Learner award from the American Association of Medical Colleges last month: Elizabeth Crabtree, MPH, PhD (c), Director of the Center for Evidence-Based Practice, received a Health System Learner award from the American Association of Medical Colleges last month. Its purpose is to connect recipients with leaders in the health education field as a means to advance their own professional development and rise as a leader at their own institution. Learning Health System Research Award (LHS) Learners are interested in focused learning opportunities and in bridging connections between research, clinical care, and education at their institution. For more information - Visit the AAMC Website to View Award Winners.

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

Staff News: Ruth Riley, Assistant Dean for Executive Affairs and Director of Library Services, attended the Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries (AAHSL) Board of Directors annual mid-winter meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, February 18 -20, 2015.

Faculty Preceptors in Florence: In support of the School of Medicine’s development of a clinical training site in Florence, South Carolina, the Library is providing library support for faculty preceptors at McLeod Regional Medical Center and Carolinas Hospital System. Roz McConnaughy, Assistant Director for Education & Outreach, conducted a training session for the faculty preceptors in Florence on March 6 and provided an overview of the School of Medicine Library’s electronic resources. The School of Medicine Library is collaborating with Lorraine Reiman, the Medical Librarian of McLeod Health Sciences Library, to meet the preceptors’ information needs.
New Associate Dean of Learning Resources/Director of the Quillen College of Medicine Library: Rachel Walden has been named Associate Dean of Learning Resources/Director of the Quillen College of Medicine Library at East Tennessee State University (ETSU) effective January 1st.

Rachel previously worked for 12 years at the Eskind Biomedical Library at Vanderbilt University with her most recent position there being the Associate Director for Library and Knowledge Management. Rachel has achieved national recognition as a medical librarian. She was named a 2009 Library Journal Mover & Shaker for her work as an official blogger for Our Bodies Ourselves discussing evidence-based women’s health issues. Rachel has been very active in the Medical Library Association (MLA). Her many MLA activities include blogging for numerous MLA annual conferences, serving on MLA committees, and also being the Electronic Resources Reviews Editor for the Journal of the Medical Library Association.

Rachel is very enthusiastic about the future at ETSU: “We're extremely fortunate to have an amazing group of people, and I look forward to building on their past successes. We've begun a strategic planning process, which has already highlighted some important directions for our future. The rural health-focused mission of the Quillen College of Medicine is extremely important to me as someone who grew up in this region of Appalachia, and I'm excited to explore the many ways we can further that mission via student education and experiences, partnerships with faculty and researchers, and direct work in the community.”
Join us for the SC/MLA 65th annual meeting

The Local Arrangements Committee invites you to the 65th Annual SC/MLA Meeting to be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico on October 21-25. The Caribe Hilton in sunny Puerto Rico is a great location to connect with colleagues from throughout the Chapter and "Community, Collaboration and Care" is this year’s meeting theme. Medical Libraries aim to support health sciences research, education, and patient care with interactive vehicles of communication working to ensure the best health information available. While at the meeting, take advantage of the hotel’s ideal location between historic Old San Juan, Fort San Jerónimo and the contemporary Condado Beach area.

Come and join us in a getaway to our tropical island and its Capital San Juan. Christopher Columbus landed in Puerto Rico in 1493, during his second voyage, naming our island, San Juan Bautista.

In 1508, the Spanish government appointed Juan Ponce de León as the first governor of the island. He founded in 1521 the City of Puerto Rico (Rich Port). The two names were switched over the centuries until finally it was decided that the island will became Puerto Rico and our capital San Juan. San Juan is the oldest city under U.S. jurisdiction with its pulsating energy and exotic sights.

Our capital has many distinctive areas: Old San Juan, the Beach & Resort area, and other outlying communities. The convention hotel, Caribe Hilton, is within walking distance from the incomparable charm of Old San Juan Spanish colonial area.

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Call for Papers and Posters for San Juan, PR 2015

You are invited to submit proposals for contributed papers and posters for the 2015 SC/MLA 65th Annual Meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico on October 21-25. The Caribe Hilton in sunny Puerto Rico is a great location to connect with colleagues from throughout the Chapter and "Community, Collaboration and Care" is this year’s meeting theme. While at the meeting, take advantage of the hotel’s ideal location between historic Old San Juan, Fort San Jerónimo and the contemporary Condado Beach area.
As plans are finalized you can find up-to-the-minute information on the conference website: [http://scmla.org/home/conference2015](http://scmla.org/home/conference2015). Also, we are on social media so “like us” on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/scmla2015](http://www.facebook.com/scmla2015). Meanwhile, please consider submitting a proposal for a poster or a paper.

Proposals should relate to:

**COMMUNITY:** Share success stories or challenges overcome that enabled your library’s programs and services to provide access to health information in your community

**COLLABORATION:** Demonstrate instances in which your organization joined forces with others to tackle and deliver an important customer service or program.

**CARE:** Show how your library has contributed to the needs of clinicians or patients in support of patient care excellence through new initiatives or expansion of current services. Or, show occasions where institutional leadership, champions or national peers have shown an interest in an action, activity or service that your library has performed or contemplated.

Submit two copies of the structured abstract (300 word maximum) using the format at MLA’s Research Section information on creating a structured abstract: [http://research.mlanet.org/wp/structured-abstract](http://research.mlanet.org/wp/structured-abstract).

- Include a list of authors, their institutional affiliations, email addresses, and telephone numbers with the first copy of the abstract.
- The second copy will be used in a blind review process and must not include any specific information that would identify authors or institutions.
- The deadline for submitting abstracts is June 19, 2015. Authors will be notified of acceptance by August 14, 2015.
- Additional information (i.e. time, location, setup instructions, etc.) will be sent with acceptance notification. Those presenting in San Juan must be registered for the meeting.

Both posters and papers will be evaluated on originality, innovation, organization and clarity of presentation, as well as relevance to the meeting’s theme.

To submit your abstract:

Papers: Email abstracts to PJ Grier and Jan Haley at [puertoricopapers2015@hotmail.com](mailto:puertoricopapers2015@hotmail.com) using a Word attachment. You will receive a confirmation receipt within 2 business days.

Posters: Email abstracts to Kelsey Leonard at [kleonard@mc.utmck.edu](mailto:kleonard@mc.utmck.edu) using a Word attachment. You will receive a confirmation receipt within 2 business days.
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