I can recall a time when summers were a relatively slow time that could be used to catch up with all the things that were put off during the year. It is mid-August as I write and the new academic year seems to be an unbroken continuation of the last. Still, the warm weather makes a good time to think about where we are.

It is a truism of volunteer organizations like ours that the real work of the organization is done by the committees. Communications is a big part of our committee activities. We coordinate information through the Communications Committee (Lindsay Blake) and the Public Relations Committee (Skye Bicket). Our Web Site Administrators (Lisa Ennis and Nicole Mitchell) posted content for us, sometimes on very short notice; our Listserv Moderator (Nelle Williams) kept us emailing; and Southern Expressions (Roz McConnaughy and Steve Wilson) kept us informed about the goings-on in the chapter.

This year Chameka Robinson’s Honors & Awards Committee advertised the chapter’s opportunities and evaluated nominees. They produced a bumper crop of applications for every award, scholarship, and grant that the chapter offers. It is good to see members making use of these benefits.

A few weeks ago the Strategic Planning Committee chaired by Sandra Bandy met to review and update the Chapter’s plan and to insure its compliance with the MLA Strategic Plan. The committee simplified the plan’s language and added a diversity statement. Sandra also chaired the Nominating Committee to provide candidates for this year’s election.

Irma Quinones’ Local Arrangements Committee and Jan Orick’s Program Committee have done a fabulous job preparing for the upcoming meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico.
Many of you have made or are making your plans to attend our 65th meeting. I hope you will be able to share in the exploration of new ideas and projects, the camaraderie, and the chance to see what’s new in the vendor exhibits! I will be there to greet each of you.

There is more going on in our chapter than I can report in this space, but you get the idea. There are a lot of people at work behind the scenes to make our Chapter the success that it is. Take a moment sometime to thank your officers and committee members for all of their hard work on behalf of Southern Chapter.

The elected and appointed officers that make up the Executive Board effectively managed the chapter’s business. The financial health of the chapter is excellent. We maintain our reputation for hosting good meetings, and our members have earned their fair share of MLA awards and recognitions.

This will be my last “Message from the Chair.” Jan Orick will assume the responsibilities of Chapter Chair in October at the annual meeting business meeting. She has done a terrific job as program chair for the Puerto Rico conference and I know she will continue to represent the best interests of the Southern Chapter.

This year has raced by, and I thank you for giving me the opportunity to lead and contribute to our Southern Chapter. I look forward to seeing you in October at the 65th Southern Chapter/MLA meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico!

Richard Nollan Chair, Southern Chapter/MLA
Personal Librarian Pizza Party: We welcomed another 120 medical students this August, marking the third year of the library’s Personal Librarian Program. Through the program, each first and second year medical student is assigned to one faculty librarian, who becomes his or her go-to person for all things library-related. Personal Librarians were instrumental last year in providing feedback for students’ use of library resources to answer clinical questions for their patient encounter logs during the Practice of Medicine module, and also worked one-on-one with students on their research modules.

This fall the library lightened things up with an icebreaker pizza party. Immediately after their library orientation all first year medical students were invited to enjoy some pizza and meet their Personal Librarian. Library faculty were on hand to serve pizza and to get to know their students. The event was a huge success!

Empty pizza boxes piled up high; first year medical students enjoying their pizza courtesy of the library.
New Charging Stations in the Library: This fall we introduced two new mobile device charging stations in the library space. Over the past year we discovered that device chargers are our second most circulated items (laptops, not books, are number one!). While our library is open to medical students 24/7, the library is only staffed Monday-Friday 8am to 5pm. This left students who forgot their chargers at home and who did not get a chance to check one out prior to 5pm without a way to charge their devices. The new stations can charge up to six devices at a time, and can accommodate both iOS and Android devices. The library was able to customize the artwork on the stations, thanks to the artistic abilities of our User Services Librarian, Natasha Williams.
Deedra Walton Attends Harvard Leadership Institute: Deedra Walton, MLS, D-AHIP, Head of Electronic Resources, successfully completed the Harvard Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians in Cambridge, MA from July 26 through July 31, 2015. The program, designed for college and university librarians with leadership or management responsibilities, helps participants increase their leadership skills by addressing planning, organization strategy and change, and transformational learning. The Institute teaches academic librarians to think strategically about long-range library planning, institutional and informational needs, new technologies, and more. Deedra thoroughly enjoyed her experience at the Harvard Leadership Institute and highly recommends the program to all academic librarians looking to increase their leadership skills.

Meet Our New User Services Librarian: Natasha Williams, MLIS recently joined the Harriet F. Ginsburg Health Sciences Library faculty team as our new User Services Librarian. Natasha has been with the library since September 2010 as a Senior Library Technical Assistant. Natasha is responsible for managing the library’s various social media outlets, and also works closely with Shalu Gillum, Head of Public Services, to develop and implement marketing plans for library public services. Natasha holds both a Bachelor's degree in Studio Art and a Master's degree in Library and Information Studies from the Florida State University, as well as a certificate in Information Architecture.

Natasha Williams, MLIS, our new User Services Librarian.
Health Science Center Library, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Library Renovation: The second floor of the HSC Library in Gainesville is being renovated. All the books have been removed and consolidated on the 3rd floor along with the journals. Print copies of journals and indexes that are available online were removed and moved to storage. The book collection went through a major weeding. The second floor of the library will be a large collaboration and individual study space with additional computers and seating for students. It is set to reopen September 8th.


Another exhibit on the history of neurology and neuroscience developed by library faculty (this local exhibit will be in place through November, 2015) was created in conjunction with the hosting of the NLM travelling exhibit. A speaker series that included 3 external speakers funded through local and national grants, and two speakers from the University of Florida, and a special one credit class for undergraduates were also tied to the hosting of this exhibit. A LibGuide was created with information about the speaker series.

The speaker series:

- June 9 Anne Stiles, PhD, “Literature and medicine: Silas Weir Mitchell’s fiction.” Anne Stiles, PhD. Department of English, Saint Louis University.
- July 1 Cynthia Davis, PhD, "More sick than well: Charlotte Perkins Gilman and Women's Health in Nineteenth-Century America." Cynthia J. Davis, PhD. Department of English, University of South Carolina.
- July 6 Sandra Weems, PhD, "Relieve the press of ideas and rest me": Reflective Writing and "The Yellow Wall-Paper" Sandra Weems, PhD, Adjunct Lecturer at University of Florida.
- July 8 Mallory Szymanski (PhD candidate, UF) - "Sex and the Rest Cure in Gilded Age America: Re-imagining The Yellow Wallpaper." Mallory Szymanski is a PhD candidate in the Department of History at the University of Florida.
- July 23 Michael Blackie, PhD, “How understanding the rest cure helps promote the value of humanities in medical education.” Michael Blackie, PhD. Department of Family and Community Medicine, Northeast Ohio Medical University.

Awards: Maggie Ansell, Mary Edwards, Hannah Norton Nancy Schaefer, and Mich-
ele Tennant were given the George A. Smathers Libraries Employee Excellence Award for Outreach for their work on the Women’s Health and Sex Differences Research Grant from NLM.

Publications:

Meetings/Presentations: Michele Tennant attended ALA in San Francisco June 26-30.
Rae Jesano attended the American Association Colleges of Pharmacy annual meeting July 11-15, at National Harbor MD. Rae presented a poster and short talk as part of the Library and Information Science Section’s Lightening Round session.

Poster: Rae Jesano. The Library’s Role in Assisting Researchers with NIH Public Access Compliance.
Presentation: Patron Driven Acquisitions

Larkin Health Sciences Institute, Miami, FL

Larkin Health Sciences Institute Launches: Announcing the opening of the Larkin Health Sciences Institute, a private, not-for-profit educational institution in South Florida. The Larkin Health Sciences Institute (LSHI) is a unique development, borne out of one of Florida’s 12 statutory teaching hospitals, Larkin Community Hospital, “A Teaching Hospital” in South Miami. The relationship with Larkin Community Hospital (LCH) and its affiliates provides significant support and strength to LHSI programs. LCH has more than 30 accredited medical residencies and fellowships, as well as accredited residences in general dentistry, podiatry and pharmacy.

Access to high-quality training sites is an exciting growth opportunity for a new program. This relationship will allow for inter-professional experiences and coursework that will include Larkin nursing and pharmacy students, medical students, and residents rotating at LCH. The Institute has the full support of Miami-Dade County, which recently awarded Larkin with a $5 million economic development grant for the growth of the Institute at its future home in Naranja, FL. One of the goals of Larkin is to educate local students and residents, especially those from un-
derserved areas in Miami-Dade, to train, and then work here locally.

LHSI plans to become Larkin University (LU) in the next several months. LHSI recently gained State approval for two new master’s degree programs and a PhD. program through the College of Biomedical Sciences (COBS.) The College of Pharmacy was approved to offer the Doctor of Pharmacy degree, and the College of Health Sciences was approved to offer Associates Degrees in Diagnostic Medical Sonography and Radiological Technology. Future plans include the development of a College of Medicine and a College of Dentistry. Larkin also plans to build charter middle and high schools focused on students interested in healthcare, to support the Larkin philosophy of educating students to live and work in the area.

Several years ago, LCH planned the development of the health sciences university and purchased a 50-acre plot in Naranja, FL, located between Cutler Bay and Homestead. This will be the future home of Larkin University. LHSI also purchased a 44,000 square foot building, formerly Everest College, in the Miami Gardens area of Miami-Dade County. The School of Nursing (under ownership of LCH) is preparing for national accreditation through ACICS (Accreditation Council for Independent Colleges and Schools. The School of Nursing currently offers the ASN and BSN, and is applying to offer the MSN. The College of Pharmacy will incorporate a unique modified block system of active learning to offer a doctorate of Pharmacy in three years as opposed to the traditional four-year pathway.

The Institute has hired Mrs. Sharon Argov as their founding Director of Library Sciences. Mrs. Argov comes to Larkin with extensive library start-up knowledge and well over a decade of local academic library leadership experience. She has worked in the south Florida library community since arriving in Florida over 25 years ago. Passionate about life-long learning, Mrs. Argov has an MLS in Library and Information Science from SUNY Albany, and is presently ABD toward a Doctorate of Education in Distance Learning. Prior to moving to Florida, Mrs. Argov held positions at one of the largest library trade publishing houses in New York, R. R Bowker, as editor of Ulrich’s International Periodical Directory, at the United Way of Greater New York, developing resource databases and training programs, and at the New York State Department of Correctional Services, as a library project director, creating a database of pre-release resources to assist inmates in re-entry to the community. Mrs. Argov is active in the community and the library profession, having held positions on various professional and community boards. Mrs. Argov looks forward to the opportunity to provide students, faculty and staff with a robust array of library services and resources. Sharon can be reached at LHSI at sargov@ularkin.org and 305.760.7512. Please visit LHSI’s website at www.ULarkin.org.
Calder Medical Library hosted two training sessions with Public Health expert Sheila Snow-Croft of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine/Southeastern Atlantic Region (NN/LM SEA Region) on July 9-10, 2015. Sessions included PubMed for Experts and Health Statistics on the Web (July 9, 2015) for health sciences librarians in South Florida and was co-sponsored by the South Florida Health Sciences Library Consortium and SEFLIN. Also, Mrs. Snow-Croft provided a special session for first year medical students in the MD/MPH program at University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, on Public Health Resources and Health Statistics on the Web (July 10, 2015).

Personal Librarian Program: Calder Medical Library is establishing a new “Personal Librarian Program” as a way to reach out to students on the medical campus. The initial program launch will match over 200 incoming freshmen medical students with a librarian as they enroll in medical school. The Personal Librarian will serve as a single point of contact for the library while they are enrolled at the medical school. Personal Librarians will provide information about new resources or services in the library; answer questions about existing library services, policies, and procedures; assist students with finding information for research projects; and similar types of inquiries. The Librarians participating are Carmen Bou-Crick (Program Coordinator), Yanira Garcia-Barcena, Zsuzsanna Nemeth, Erica Powell, and Barbara Wood.
Staff news: Carmen Bou-Crick and Yanira Garcia-Barcena attended a “Systematic Review Workshop: The Nuts and Bolts for Librarians,” which was held from July 12-15, 2015, at the Falk Library of the Health Sciences, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.

Kelsa Bartley represented the Calder Medical Library at the 2015 Southeast Florida Library Information Network (SEFLIN) Regional Conference that was held on Thursday, July 23 at Florida International University, Biscayne Bay Campus. The theme of the conference was Connections: Libraries, Users and Technology. The conference featured breakout sessions with more detailed information on many digital techniques currently being used by other libraries in the SEFLIN network.

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

MLA poster: Rose Bland, Krystal Bullers, Allison Howard, Randy Polo and Kristen Sakmar all attended MLA in Austin, Texas in May. Their poster presentation was: Have researchers expanded their limits? Resources used in systematic reviews over time. It was an interesting study looking at the resources used in SRs for three defined topics as well as the prevalence of hand-searching and gray literature searching.
Staff news: With several knitters and crocheters among the Shimberg Library staff, Kristen Sakmar, Krystal Bullers, Allison Howard, Brenda Carnicom, Venetha Baker, and Denise Shereff from the USF College of Information, have been busy with an outreach project. They create squares using the yarn method and pattern of their choice which are then assembled into afghans and donated to various non-profits groups. The first afghan went to Warm-Up America and the second and third to The Spring, a Tampa-based domestic violence shelter. Word is spreading and another librarian, Claudia Dold, from the USF Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Library is joining us for the next one! Here’s the last one that was completed!

Krystal Bullers received an EBSCO/MLA Annual Meeting Grant to attend the 2015 MLA meeting in Austin, Texas. This award includes a $1,000 stipend for conference-related expenses and is presented to four medical librarians each year.
Family donates grandfather’s medical bag and 1910 class photo: The descendants of Kilpatrick Cross, M.D., recently donated his medical bag and two copies of his 1910 class photograph to the Historical Collections and Archives of the Greenblatt Library. Four members of the Cross family were present when the Library formally received the items on June 22, 2015.

Dr. Kilpatrick Cross began his medical education at Medical College of Georgia in 1906, when the institution was officially known as the University of Georgia Medical Department. The graduating class of 1910 was small in comparison to most years; there were only twelve graduates. The May 1, 1910 article in the Augusta Chronicle regarding the school’s commencement reveals that Cross received the recognition of “Second Honor.” After he received his degree and medical license, Cross practiced medicine in his hometown of Guyton, Georgia.

According to his grandchildren, as told to them by their parents, Cross’ medical practice included everything from pulling teeth to birthing babies to stitching up gunshot wounds. As a physician in a rural area, Cross was often paid for his services with local produce, part of a butchered hog, or even a handmade dress for his daughter. Visiting and tending to the sick in their homes was a common practice of physicians in that time period. Their medical bag or physician’s bag held their tools and the necessities needed to treat a variety of ailments and needs. Dr. Cross’ medical bag retains such instruments and small vials of medicines that disintegrated long ago. But there is a fascination and wonder for those who open the medical bag and view its contents.
Spring 2014 Service Recognition Awards

**Julie Gaines**, Associate Professor, Head, GRU/UGA Medical Partnership Campus Library was recognized at the annual GRU breakfast for her 5 years of service to the institution.

*Julie Gaines*

**Sherri Brooks** was announced as the recipient of the 2015 Greenblatt Staff Recognition Award on April 27. Nominations for the staff awards were received from the GRU Libraries faculty and staff. Sherri Brooks, Medical Library Specialist I, has been with the Greenblatt Library since August 2008 and serves in the Access Services and Interlibrary Loan (ILL) Department. She has a B.A. in Elementary Education from Brooklyn College, City University of New York and a Master of Library Science degree from Queen’s College, City University of New York. Sherri was nominated and chosen as a winner of this year’s annual staff recognition award because of her patience, professionalism, and positive attitude.
Library Faculty Accomplishments: Chameka Robinson, MLIS, EdD, obtained the Doctor of Education degree from the University of Southern Mississippi in May 2015. Chameka serves as Head, Access Services and has been with Rowland for eight years.

New Faculty: Dean James, MLIS, PhD, joined the library in October as Head of Serials and Electronic Resource Management. He spent eighteen years at the Texas Medical Center Library and was an active member in the South Central Chapter/MLA. He served as Chair of the Awards & Scholarships Committee and on the Education Committee. In addition he was a member of the MLA Technical Standards Committee before it was dropped for lack of funding.

Dean James has been invited to give one of the two keynote addresses at the Southeastern Library Association Conference in Birmingham, August 14-15, 2015. Dean was selected as one of the “People of the U,” highlighting his alternate persona as author Miranda James. [https://www.umc.edu/news_and_publications/press_release/2015-06-08-00_people_of_the_u__dean_miranda_james.aspx](https://www.umc.edu/news_and_publications/press_release/2015-06-08-00_people_of_the_u__dean_miranda_james.aspx)

Tamara Nelson, MLIS, EdS, joined the faculty of Rowland Medical Library on June 23, 2014 as an Instructional Services Librarian. Tamara comes to Rowland after seven years in the Mississippi public school system where she was active in the Mississippi Library Association and Madison County Reading Council.
Presentations:

Library Faculty Participate in Research Days

In an effort to increase visibility and stimulate awareness of the library and its resources, Reference Services librarians Tamara Nelson and Melissa Wright participated in Research Day for the School of Medicine and the School of Health Related Professions. Two of the largest events showcasing the research of students and faculty at UMMC, this was a golden opportunity to highlight and demonstrate new resources, and establish connections with faculty and students.

Poverty Simulation

Connie K. Machado, MLS, and Melissa Wright, MLIS, PhD, participated in UMMC’s Center for Bioethics and Medical Humanities Poverty Simulation, playing the role of vendors. The Poverty Simulation, developed by the Missouri Association for Community Action, is a tool designed to educate participants about the day-to-day realities of living with a shortage of resources and an abundance of stress. This activity helps to sensitize our students – future practitioners – to the challenges that some of their patients may experience in addition to being in ill health.

Misti Thornton, BBA, Archivist II, participated in the British Studies Program, University of Southern Mississippi, touring libraries and museums for 5 weeks in England and Scotland. Upon completion of required work she will receive 6 graduate credit hours toward her MLIS.

Susan Clark, MLib, Library Director, and Tamara Nelson, MLIS, EdS, Reference Librarian, participated along with other UMMC faculty, in two days of training for educators in the Jackson Public School District’s new Health Academy program. This collaboration between the University of Mississippi Medical Center and the Jackson Public School District introduces students to career explorations in the health sciences.
Elizabeth Hinton, MSIS, and co-author Mitzi Norris, PhD, UMMC Executive Director for Academic Effectiveness, recently presented a poster entitled “Collaborative Library Space and Resources: Focusing on Student Perceptions of Interprofessionalism in Medical Education” at ALA’s 2015 annual conference. Elizabeth served as UMMC’s librarian team leader for ACRL’s “Assessment in Action” 2014-2015 cohort.

Elizabeth Hinton (l) and Mitzi Norris (r)

Around the South: South Carolina

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

PICO’s Faculty Wins: The Medical University of South Carolina's (MUSC) Public Information and Community Outreach (PICO) Program’s faculty members have the following wins to celebrate:

Dr. David Rivers
Dr. David E. Rivers, MUSC’s Associate Professor and Public Information and Community Outreach Director, will soon assume the role of Chairman of the National Urban Fellows (NUF) Board. Based out of New York City, NUF’s mission is to develop accomplished and courageous professionals of all ethnic and racial backgrounds, particularly women and people of color, to be leaders and change agents in the public and non-profit sectors with a strong commitment to social justice and equity. Under the leadership of Mr. Miguel A. Garcia, Jr., President and CEO, NUF serves as a premier organization that hones its members’ leadership development. NUF serves as a voice of authority on leadership diversity in our country, and its programs and network of fellows, mentors, alumni, and community partners impact the nation by inspiring excellence and diversity in public service leadership for a changing America. For additional information, please visit the NUF website at [www.nuf.org](http://www.nuf.org).

Dr. David E. Rivers

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Dr. Latecia M. Abraham, MUSC’s Public Information and Community Outreach Instructor, served on the committee for the *Ceremony of Unity and Hope Commemorating The Mother Emanuel Nine*. This initiative was led by Dr. Donna Kern, College of Medicine’s Associate Dean for Curriculum in Clinical Sciences; Dr. Willette Burnham, University’s Chief Diversity Officer; College of Medicine students, and MUSC employees to pay homage to those nine members who lost their lives during the tragic massacre on June 17, 2015, at Mother Emanuel A.M.E. Church in Charleston, South Carolina. The *Ceremony of Unity and Hope Commemorating The Mother Emanuel Nine* took place on August 17, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. on the Clyburn Lawn. A reception followed in the lobby of the Drug Discovery Building on MUSC’s campus. All MUSC Enterprise-wide employees, students, faculty, staff and community members were asked to participate in this vigil.

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Dr. Latecia Abraham
Mr. Richard Jablonski, MUSC’s Public Information and Community Outreach Research Associate, along with Dr. David Rivers served as one of the executive producers of the *Climate Change: A Global Reality* made-for-television dialogue, which featured a diverse panel of climate change experts and CNN Chief Correspondent Mr. John King, who served as the moderator.

*PICO Photo with (l.to.r.) Mr. Milton Bluehouse, Dr. Holly Bamford, Dr. Laverne Ragster, Ms. Cynthia Cory(not seen), Mr. Jack Moyer, Dr. Mark Mitchell, and Mr. John King (standing)*
The program was sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy and MUSC, and it was televised on ETV on July 15, 2015, and July 19, 2015. Jablonski has confirmed that South Carolina ETV and Kentucky Educational Television -- two statewide networks -- have aired the program already. Three others have confirmed air dates: Iowa Public Television (statewide): 8/30/15, 6 p.m., 8/31/15, 4 a.m.; Alabama Public Television (statewide): 8/30/15, 6 p.m., 8/31/15, 4 a.m.; and WGBY (Springfield, MA/Western New England): 8/30/15, 7 p.m.; 8/31/15, 5 a.m. He urges prospective viewers to confirm air dates and times by checking their local ETV/PBS affiliates' websites.

To receive a DVD of this informative program, please contact Mr. Jablonski at W: 843-792-5548 or Email: jablonsr@musc.edu.

Under Dr. David Rivers' leadership, Mr. Richard Jablonski and Dr. Latecia Abrahams 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. Therefore, to learn more about The Ninth Annual National Conference on Health Disparities and The National Environmental Justice Conference and Training Program: A National Dialogue for Building Healthy Communities, scheduled to take place on March 9-12, 2016, at the Marriott Marquis in Washington, DC, please visit www.nationalhealthdisparities.com. For additional information about PICO, please visit http://pico.library.musc.edu.

The Medical University of South Carolina Department of Library Science & Informatics is pleased to welcome Diana ‘Ana’ Reeves to its faculty: On July 1, 2015 the MUSC Library welcomed Diana ‘Ana’ Reeves as its new Research and Education Informationist /Librarian (PT). Ana brings a strong foundation of education and experience to her new role, with a background that includes teaching, program planning, community engagement, and website design. She joined us from Maine’s Casco Public Library where she served as Co-Director. Prior to that, she held positions at Mercy Hospital System of Maine, the Crooked River Adult and Community Education Center, and the Songo Locks Elementary School. As Research and Education Informationist, Ana will develop and provide instruction, research, and outreach support for MUSC students, faculty, staff, clinicians, and researchers. Among other responsibilities, she will develop educational content that integrates library collections and services into health sciences courses and curriculum. She will participate in the full range of research and instruction services including providing in-depth and on demand research consultations, teaching course-integrated instruction, and open workshops. Ms. Reeves holds a Master of Library and Information Science from San José State University in California and the Bachelors of Arts in Learning, Culture, and Self-expression from Western Washington University in Bellingham, WA.
Ms. Diana 'Ana' Reeves

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

Staff News: Laura Kane published a column in MLA News on Internet resources for Autism Spectrum Disorders: Kane, Laura T. “Internet Resources: Autism Spectrum Disorders.” MLA News, June/July 2015, p. 6

Felicia Yeh, MLIS, Deputy Director, has been elected to serve a three year term on the board of the Partnership Among South Carolina Academic Libraries (PASCAL). PASCAL is a consortium of South Carolina's academic libraries together with their parent institutions and state agency partners. PASCAL fosters cooperation on a broad range of issues in South Carolina academic libraries including shared licensing of electronic resources, universal borrowing, and ILS hosting.

Literature of Prescription: Charlotte Perkins Gilman and the Yellow Wall-paper Exhibit: The School of Medicine Library will be hosting the National Library of Medicine’s traveling exhibit, the Literature of Prescription: Charlotte Perkins Gilman and the Yellow Wall-paper. The six-banner exhibit will be displayed from September 1st, 2015, through October 31, 2015.
With final preparations well underway for the 65th Southern Chapter Medical Library Association (SC/MLA) Meeting, the Local Arrangements and Program Planning Committees would like to encourage you to participate in this event. Promoting the theme *Communities, Collaboration, and Care*, the University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences Library faculty and staff graciously invite SC/MLA members to come participate in the multitude of professional development opportunities beginning October 21st and continuing through October 25th.

To view the events and program schedule, please access the following:

**Preliminary Program:** [http://md.rcm.upr.edu/scmlapr/program](http://md.rcm.upr.edu/scmlapr/program)

**Continuing Education:** [http://md.rcm.upr.edu/scmlapr/continuing-education-opportunities](http://md.rcm.upr.edu/scmlapr/continuing-education-opportunities)

For travel and accommodation information, please view the following:

**Airport/Transportation:** [http://md.rcm.upr.edu/scmlapr/hotel-transportation](http://md.rcm.upr.edu/scmlapr/hotel-transportation)

**Hotel:** [http://md.rcm.upr.edu/scmlapr/caribe-hilton-hotel](http://md.rcm.upr.edu/scmlapr/caribe-hilton-hotel)

While visiting these pages, please check out the local attractions’ and Facebook pages to learn more about the culture and history of Puerto Rico:

**Local Attractions:** [http://md.rcm.upr.edu/scmlapr/local-attractions](http://md.rcm.upr.edu/scmlapr/local-attractions)

SCMLA 2015 Puerto Rico is on Facebook:

**Early Bird registration** is available until September 21st!

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact **Irma Quiñones**, Chair – Local Arrangements Committee, or **Jan Orick**, Chair – Program Committee.
We look forward to visiting with you October 21st through 25th!

Thank you,
SC/MLA Local Arrangements Committee
SC/MLA Program Planning Committee

SC/MLA 2015 Update

Almost there, just five weeks away is the SC/MLA 2015 Annual Meeting! I'm not here to talk about the exciting professional program and meeting we will have. This time is to let you know that the Hospitality Booth will be a great spot to meet new and old friends, and why not try to do some things the locals do. A few ideas for you to consider is how long you are going to stay and if you want to explore or be somewhat adventurous. To look at some of the recommendations for Dining, Getting Around, Having Fun, Sightseeing, Shopping and much more. ¡Que Pasa! magazine is the official tourism guide of the Tourism Company of Puerto Rico.

Three quick ideas ranging from walking distance to an hour and half drive from the Caribe Hilton Hotel.

A short walk from the Hotel is Velauno Paddleboarding and Sailing, it is the premier and largest stand up paddleboard and sailing tour and rental operator in Puerto Rico.

A short drive away is Ecoquest Adventures & Tours, which specializes in organizing adventures and tours to interesting and exciting destinations in Puerto Rico. The excursions include ziplining, canopy bridges, 8x8 vehicles and hiking. Ecoquest strives to promote the conservation of the Island’s natural wonders. Their feature attraction is the Campo Rico Ziplining Adventure. Further off from the Metro Area is Caja de Muertos (or Coffin Island), one of the islands of Puerto Rico just 4.8 miles off the central southern coast of the island and 1.5 hour drive from the capital city of San Juan.

Please keep up to date with the SC/MLA 2015 Meeting Webpage!
**Hospital Libraries**

**Hospital Librarian of the Year 2015:** Please join the Hospital Libraries Committee in congratulating Christine Willis!

Christine has been Librarian at the Shepherd Center in Atlanta, GA since 2009. She is active in both national and regional library associations, and is currently Chair of the Atlanta Health Sciences Library Consortium. She is the recipient of multiple awards and NNLM grants, provides service to the hospital by volunteering for several committees, and sits on the advisory boards for the Valdosta State University MLIS Health Sciences Librarianship Track and the Georgia Audible Universal Information Access Service. For her exemplary professional achievements, Christine will receive a plaque and a cash award at the Annual Meeting.

We hope to see you at the Hospital Libraries Symposium in Puerto Rico!

Submitted by Elizabeth Hinton, Chair, Hospital Libraries Committee

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**THeSLA Fall 2015 Meeting**

**THeSLA Fall 2015 Meeting:** Friday, November 13, 2015

**Title:** “Measuring Your Impact: Using Evaluation for Library Advocacy” 6 MLA CE

**Presenter:** Andrew Youngkin, MLS - Outreach & Assessment Coordinator at the NN/LM-SE/A Health Sciences & Human Services Library, University of Maryland, Baltimore

**Venue/Hosting Library:** Preston Medical Library
Health Information Center
UT Graduate School of Medicine
Knoxville, Tennessee

**Coming Soon - Registration & Contact:**

http://www.theslatn.org/upcoming-events/#!event-list
The Association of Vision Science Librarians

**Fall Meeting:** The Association of Vision Science Librarians, an MLA SIG, will have their fall meeting in conjunction with the American Academy of Optometry from October 7-9 in New Orleans this year. Anyone supporting optometry, ophthalmology, or vision science researchers is welcome. For information about the meeting, please contact Leslie Holland ([holland@sco.edu](mailto:holland@sco.edu), 901.849.4226) or go to the website, [avsl.org](http://avsl.org).

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