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# SOUTHERN EXPRESSIONS

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## *Message from the Chair, Richard Nollan*

Medical librarians have always acquired and organized information sources, provided the service needed to find and use those resources, and researched the information seeking behavior of our users. We deal with these issues on a daily basis at work, but there is no better place to find answers or new directions than at the Southern Chapter annual meetings. This year's meeting returned to the Southern port city of Mobile, Alabama, with a focus on *Making a Difference in Health*. Twenty-three contributed papers and 26 posters covered a range of issues that are currently facing librarians, including enhancing the systematic review, embedded librarianship, inter-professional collaboration, and improving library services. The vendors were on hand to update us and the local Mardi Gras group

provided the right festive atmosphere for our meeting. The Renaissance Battle House Hotel provided a perfect backdrop to participate in the meeting events and the city of Mobile offered plenty of places for breakouts or just visiting.

We also had great speakers. Physician/journalist Sheri Fink, author of *New York Times* bestselling book *Five Days at Memorial: Life and Death in a Storm-Ravaged Hospital* (Crown, 2013), provided an historical account of events at Memorial Medical Center in New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina in August of 2005, which reminded us of just how quickly and thoroughly the natural disaster disrupted all utilities and services in the hospital. Dr. Fink was in Monrovia, Liberia covering another disaster, the Ebola outbreak for the *New York Times*, and



was scheduled to return a few days before the start of the conference. However, fear of the virus and a possible 21-day quarantine upon return to the country necessitated changing the format from a personal appearance to a videoconference.

The second speaker was Elaine R. Martin, Director of Lamar Soutter Library and Director of the NN/LM New England Region at the University of Massachusetts, Worcester, and professor at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Simmons College, Boston.

## *Message from the Chair, cont.*

Her presentation “Reshaping of the Medical Librarian” focused on the ways that the rapid changes in technology and the economy are reshaping traditional library operations, the way we interact with our patrons, and how we provide services. Using the changes to her library, she described this challenge as an opportunity to redefine and expand the roles for librarians, and to rejuvenate our profession.

Laugh therapist Ray Weinshenker offered a quick review of the medical literature on the important physiological and therapeutic benefits of laughter on depression, insomnia, and personal health.

Meeting attendees say that the greatest advantages of the annual meeting include networking; meeting old friends and making new ones; and getting new ideas.

Puerto Rico promises to be a wonderful venue for the next annual meeting, so plan now to present a paper or poster, or to work on a Southern Chapter committee.

Help make Southern Chapter an organization that can help you.

## *Around the South: Alabama*

### **Learning Resource Center, Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dothan, AL**

The Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine (ACOM), located in Dothan, was established in May 2010 as a non-profit, private institution. In August 2013 the inaugural class of 162 students began its studies, with full enrollment projected for a total of 648 students across all four years of the curriculum by 2016. We have a team of 60 basic science and clinical faculty and staff located at the ACOM campus in Dothan. ACOM’s third and fourth year clinical curriculum will be delivered throughout the state of Alabama and beyond at community-based hospitals and clinics utilizing a network of over 650 physicians.



The academic division of the Houston County Healthcare Authority, the ACOM is under the same organizational umbrella as the major regional medical center, the Southeast Alabama Medical Center. Our founding is in direct response to addressing the critical shortage of primary care physicians in the state. Our mission is “to provide quality, learner-centered osteopathic education, research, and service, while promoting graduate medical education, with emphasis on patient-centered, team-based primary care to serve the medically underserved areas of Alabama, the Tri-State area and the nation.” We are committed to defining and promoting a culture of professionalism and success, anchored in the core values of integrity, service, passion, innovation, respect, and excellence.



At the ACOM, we support the osteopathic physician’s approach to health care, which is rooted in expanding scientific knowledge that emphasizes a holistic approach to patient care. In addition to the expected topics and subjects taught in medical schools students in osteopathic schools must complete approximately an additional 200 hours of training in Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment (OMT). OMT is a hands-on technique where osteopathic physicians use their hands as medical instruments, performing OMT on the whole body not only to relieve pain but to test for healthy mobility, improve pre- and post-operative issues, and complement the treatment of many diseases. OMT seeks to improve nerve function, promote blood flow, increase diminished immune function and maximize range of motion in all joints. Osteopathic physicians combine these unique techniques with sophisticated medical technology to give patients the most comprehensive, evidence-based medical care available. For more information on osteopathic medical education, please see the following from the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine. <http://www.aacom.org/become-a-doctor/about-om>



It is our privilege to be on the ground floor of a new medical school and we are honored to have this rare opportunity to start a new academic digital library. There are three library faculty members: Lisa Ennis, Nicole Mitchell and Barbara Shearer.

Lisa Ennis has 15 years of experience as a professional librarian, most recently serving as systems librarian at the University of Alabama, Birmingham, Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences. Lisa has published 3 books, over 30 articles, and has served in many service capacities throughout the university and library communities including the Alabama Health Sciences Library Association (ALHeLA) and the Medical Library Association. Recently elected, she is the MLA Chapter Council Representative for the Southern Chapter.

Nicole Mitchell has 7 years of experience as a professional librarian, most recently serving as reference librarian and liaison to the School of Optometry at the University of Alabama, Birmingham, Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences. Nicole has published 2 books, 14 articles, and has served in many capacities within the Southern Chapter, the Medical Library Association, ALHeLA, and the Association of Vision Science Librarians.



Barbara Shearer has over 30 years of experience in medical libraries, including her first academic medical library position at the University of South Alabama. She was the founding library director for the FSU College of Medicine started in 2001. Along with colleagues throughout the Southern Chapter and nationally, she was instrumental in laying the foundation for the Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries New Academic Health Sciences Libraries taskforce and committee. Serving now as the director of the ACOM Learning Resource Center, she is excited about this new adventure in helping to lay the foundation for a new digital library.



## *Around the South: Florida*

### **Arthur Vining Davis Library and Archives, Mote Marine Laboratory and Aquarium, Sarasota, FL**

The Arthur Vining Davis Library and Archives at Mote Marine Laboratory and Aquarium joined SC/MLA this year. The library at Mote Marine Laboratory supports the organization's research mission. We have a sizable print collection, electronic journal holdings, three digital repositories, and several archival collections. In addition to our support for the research and staff of the laboratory and aquarium, the library participates in a great deal of public outreach. The library is open to the public during normal laboratory hours and by appointment.

Mote Marine Laboratory is an independent, non-profit institution with a sixty-year history of conducting marine research. Much of our research has biomedical implications. For example, our twenty-four research programs include Marine Biomedical, Marine Microbiology, and Marine Immunology. The Marine Immunology program, which began in 1979, has focused on identifying and developing new gene transfer agents, potential therapies for types of human cancer, antibiotics for MRSA resistant bacteria, and wound-healing compounds. Our holdings contain information about these studies and our support for research requires us to reach out to other medical and health information resource centers to assist our scientists.

Both archivist Gail Donovan and librarian Alyson Gamble are members of MLA, with SC/MLA as our regional chapter. We are excited to be new contributors to the organization.

Submitted by Alyson Gamble

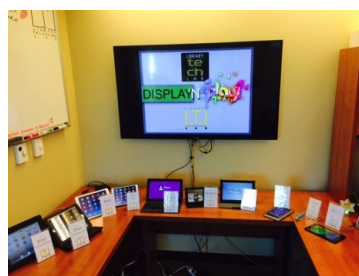
### **Harriet F. Ginsburg Health Sciences Library - University of Central Florida College of Medicine, Orlando, FL**

**Presenting at the SC/MLA Annual Meeting:** Our library presented a poster at this year's SC/MLA annual meeting in Mobile, Alabama entitled "Plant a Seed and Watch It Grow: Nurturing a Foundation for College-Wide Workplace Wellness Programs." The poster highlighted the library's college-wide workplace wellness and wearable technology initiative, including its year-long Fitbit study. Representing the library were Nadine Dexter, Deedra Walton, Pamela Herring, and Michael Garner.



*Michael Garner, Pamela Herring, Nadine Dexter, and Deedra Walton at the SC/MLA annual meeting.*

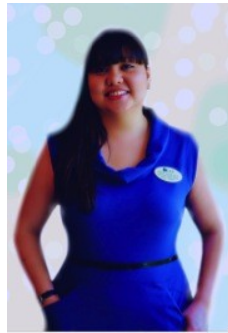
**Showcasing Our New Library Technology Lab:** On November 20, 2014 the library opened its new Library Technology Lab for UCF COM faculty, students, and staff. The Tech Lab showcases all of the technology available for circulation through the health sciences library, including various iPads, Surface Pro tablets, iPod touch, Nook, Kindle, Nexus tablets, Macbook Pro laptops, Apple TV, camcorders, projectors, and various accessories. The highlight of the new lab is a “Display ‘N Play” area where visitors can get hands-on experience with several devices before checking them out. As part of the new Tech Lab, library staff are also providing support services including assistance with general technology questions, iPad setup and troubleshooting, mobile app installation, one-on-one technology consultations, and workshops. The grand opening was advertised with a “Back to the Future” theme, and featured a drawing for classic 1980s calculator watch!



*The “Display ‘N Play” area of the library’s new Technology Lab, where visitors can explore new technology available for circulation.*

**Meet Our New Reference Librarian:** Kerry McKee, MLS, AHIP, recently joined the Harriet F. Ginsburg Health Sciences Library faculty team as our new Reference Librarian. Kerry has been with the library since September 2012 as an Instructional Medical Librarian. Working alongside Shalu Gillum, our Public Services Librarian, Kerry is responsible for instructional sessions, reference services, and the marketing and outreach of library resources and services. With her previous experience in cataloging, Kerry also assists the Electronic Resources department in cataloging materials and updating e-resources. Kerry received a Masters in Library and Information

Science from San Jose State University in 2011, and a BSBA specializing in marketing from the University of South Florida in 2005. Before joining the Health Sciences Library team, Kerry has interned and worked for academic, corporate and public libraries in Canada, New York and Florida.



*Kerry McKee, MLS, AHIP,  
our new Reference Librarian.*

## **Health Science Center Library, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL**

**New librarian:** In November, Maggie Ansell became our new Nursing and Consumer Health Liaison Librarian in the Biomedical & Health Information Services (BHIS) department. Maggie comes to the UF Health Science Center Libraries from Seattle Children's Hospital where she worked as a Documentation and Data Integration Specialist.



*Maggie Ansell*

### **Publications:**

Mary E. Edwards, Hannah F. Norton, Nancy Schaefer & Michele R. Tennant  
Facilitating Collaboration and Research in Sex and Gender Differences and  
Women's Health: Year One Experiences. **Medical Reference Services Quarterly.**  
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Lessick S, Bartczak J, Aiello M, Davies KJ, Avallone CH, Brosz J, and Norton HF. 2014. Snapshots of innovation. **Journal of the Medical Library Association**, 102(4): 232-237.

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#### **Posters:**

Edwards ME [lead], Norton HF, Schaefer N, Tennant MR [presenter] and Notterpek N. Promoting awareness of and access to sex and gender differences research. Society for Neuroscience annual conference, Washington, DC. 15 November, 2014

Tennant MR [presenter], Edwards ME, Norton HF and Schaefer N. Sex and gender differences in health: educational and collaborative outreach to genetics researchers, clinicians and students. American Society of Human Genetics. 19 October, 2014

<http://ufdc.ufl.edu/IR00004854/00001>

Tennant MR [lead and presenter], Edwards ME, Norton HF and Schaefer N. Librarians facilitating research collaboration and accessibility: sex and gender differences at an academic health center. Quint Chapter MLA meeting, Denver, CO. 14 October 2014

Tennant MR, Edwards ME, Norton HF [lead and presenter] and Schaefer N. Sex and gender differences in health: educational and collaborative outreach to genetics researchers, clinicians and students. Florida Genetics annual conference. 30 October, 2014

Nancy Schaefer presented a poster "Analysis of Government Publication and Gray Literature Citations in an Occupational and Environmental Health Journal" at the American Public Health Association annual meeting in New Orleans, November 18, 2014

**Meeting Attendance:** Nancy Schaefer and Gretchen Kuntz (Borland Library) attended the SEC Symposium on Obesity in Atlanta, GA September 21-23. This fairly new annual conference offers researchers in the Southeastern Conference region to



showcase their research, network and delve deeply into a topic of interest. This year's conference moved from the biochemical-molecular to societal policies and, of course, behavior change interventions for nutrition and physical activity.

John Reazer (Borland Library), attended the SC/MLA Annual Meeting in Mobile, AL from October 26th through the 30th.



*Borland Library X-mas Tree*

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

Calder Library hosted the Fall meeting of the Florida Consortium of Academic Medical Libraries (FCALM) in Miami on September 25-26, 2014. Calder Library also hosted the luncheon meeting of the South Florida Health Sciences Library Consortium, held on October 3, 2014, in Miami.

**Carmen Bou-Crick, Barbara Wood, Kimberly Loper, and JoAnn Van Schaik** presented a poster titled "*Learning to Teach: Peer Feedback among Academic Medical Librarians*" during the annual meeting of the MLA Southern Chapter, held from October 26-30, 2014, in Mobile, Alabama. During the meeting, **Carmen Bou-Crick** and **Kimberly Loper** attended the continuing education session on *EBM/EBP: Beyond the Basics—Systematic Reviews and Qualitative Studies*, taught by Connie Schardt.



*JoAnn Van Schaik, Kim Loper, and Carmen Bou-Crick stand by their poster on Learning to Teach: Peer Feedback among Academic Medical Librarians at the Southern Chapter Annual Meeting.*

**JoAnn Van Schaik** and **Kimberly Loper** attended the AAHSL Educational Seminar or “Leadership Agility” on November 7, 2014, in Chicago, Illinois.

**Barbara A. Wood** attended the University of Miami “Sustainability 101” Workshop, on November 11, 2014, in Miami. The workshop is an introduction to the basics of environmental science and sustainability. The workshop is the first step for Calder Library’s implementation of the University of Miami “Green Office Certification Program.”

**Barbara A. Wood** attended the University of Miami Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) “Foundations of Translational Research Boot Camp” from November 17-21, 2014, in Miami. The annual forum provides an extensive introduction to translational science for fellows, graduate and medical students, residents and junior faculty interested in developing their research careers.

**Carmen Bou-Crick** moderated the Calder Library hosted MLA Webinar *Beyond the Search II: Data Management for Systematic Reviews* on December 3, 2014, from 2:00-3:30 p.m. Fifteen academic health sciences and hospital librarians from Miami-Dade and Broward Counties attended the session, which offered 1.5 contact hours from the Medical Library Association.

Three Calder Librarians--**JoAnn Van Schaik**, **Erica Powell**, and **David Goolab-singh**--volunteered at UM’s Department of Community Service (DOCS) Health Fairs held in Little Haiti, South Dade, and the Upper Keys. 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. Fair volunteers include UM health sciences librarians, and UM medical students and physicians. Many fair attendees are disadvantaged and uninsured immigrants. To many of this medically underserved population, the UM DOCS Health Fairs are their only health screenings during the year. To the many whom lack access to information on health conditions or quality health care, medical librarians offer MedlinePlus brochures and other handouts in English, Spanish, Haitian Creole, and French. Librarians are asked at times by students or physicians to assist with searches.

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

**Shimberg Library introduces it’s newest employee... “Snitch”!**



*Library Ambassador Snitch*

A Golden Retriever named Golden Snitch was introduced during the fall semester as Shimberg Library's Ambassador. Snitch is owned by Jill Baker who is the library's Fiscal Assistant. Snitch is a pet therapy dog certified through Pet Partners ([www.petpartners.org](http://www.petpartners.org)). The USF Health students love having her at the library's special events and some have even used her picture for their Facebook study groups! The attention she has been receiving from the students has been tremendous and has helped to give the library more exposure which has resulted in interviews with the local newspaper and campus media.



*Snitch with COP Students*

**Renovations:** The library's latest renovation is a 3,500 sq. ft. quiet study space which will be ready in the next month or so. A bathroom is being added to the 24/7 space and electrical outlets have been added throughout the entire library to provide students the electrical they need to power their devices.



*USF Shimberg Library Quiet Study Renovation*

**Researcher Needs:** Rose Bland and Tsu Yin Austin have begun a project to learn more about the needs of USF Health researchers in order to design and provide services that will support them. The project is based on the OCLC study *A Slice of Research Life: Information Support for Research in the United States* <http://www.oclc.org/content/dam/research/publications/library/2010/2010-15.pdf> and involves interviewing researchers at each of the colleges.

*Around the South: Georgia***Woodruff Health Sciences Center Library - Emory University, Atlanta, GA**

**Staff news:** Hannah Rogers has filled the position of Access Services Librarian at the Woodruff Health Sciences Center Library, Emory University. Hannah brings a wealth of experience in health sciences librarianship. Most recently she held the position of Public Services Librarian and Liaison to the College of Pharmacy & Health Professions at Mercer University Atlanta's Swilley Library. In our new position, Hannah will oversee the daily operation of the Information Desk, direct circulation and reserves services, coordinate electronic reference services, and provide on-demand reference services. Hannah holds a Master of Library Science degree from North Carolina Central University.

Amy Allison is the new Associate Director of the Woodruff Health Sciences Center Library, Emory University. Amy has 15 years of professional experience, with 6+ years in a leadership role. She received her Master of Library Science from Clark Atlanta University in 1998 and is currently working on an MPH from Emory with a graduation date of 2016. From 1999 to 2007, Amy held positions at the Swilley Library of Mercer University. Amy joined the WHSC Library in Dec. 2007, serving as Clinical Informationist before becoming Head of Clinical Informationist Services. Amy led the team of clinical informationists (professional librarians) through a period of rapid growth in support of all of the Emory Healthcare hospitals.

Amy has partnered with faculty to teach credit courses. She has taught non-credit courses, conducted guest lectures and professional presentations, and published articles in professional publications. WHSC Library director, Sandra Franklin, states "Amy is well prepared to assume this leadership role and I am excited to incorporate her knowledge of Emory and our complex health care environment into the WHSC Library and Library & Technology Services' goals and initiatives."

*Around the South: South Carolina***Greenville Health System Health Sciences Library, University of South Carolina School of Medicine – Greenville, Greenville, SC**

**USC School of Medicine Greenville offers Library Speed Rounds:** We have all been there. We have seen students yawning and paying more attention to their mo-

mobile devices than to the Librarian delivering important Library information. We know they will need this information, but the students do not yet understand the importance. After all, it is hard to see the value of something before you actually have a need for it. How does the library stand-out and make sure their message is heard? In Greenville, the Library decided to try something new - *Library Speed Rounds*.

The concept of speed rounds came from the idea of speed dating. Here are a few highlights of how it worked:

- The event started with all students in the same room for a short 15 minute introduction
- Students were then divided into small groups
- The groups of students switched rooms every 7 minutes to learn about a Library resource or service
- Students carried with them a punch card to indicate their attendance at each round
- A box lunch was served after the event with an invitation for students to come to the library to turn in their completed punch card to receive a small gift

Due to the small number of Library staff members, the library partnered with Student Services to help with the logistics, scheduling, and lunch. Although attendance was not mandatory, 72 out of 84 students chose to attend and stayed for the entire event. During focus groups, students were not directly asked about speed rounds, but chose to bring up the topic and commented favorably on the event. Students indicated that they felt they had learned from this style of information delivery and liked traveling to different rooms. We plan to offer speed rounds again, perhaps annually, and plan to perform an assessment of their learning.

-Loretta Westcott, ML



*Library Speed Rounds*



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

### **PICO Conducted a Community Leaders Institute in Nashville, TN, and the Eighth Annual National Conference on Health Disparities (8<sup>th</sup> NCHD) in Long Beach, CA**

**By: Latecia M. Abraham, DHA**

The Medical University of South Carolina's (MUSC) Public Information and Community Outreach (PICO) Program conducted the Nashville, TN, Community Leaders Institute (CLI) on October 3-4, 2014, at Tennessee State University on the Avon Williams Campus. The CLI informed community leaders about available resources from healthcare, government and economic sectors. Sponsors included the Medical University of South Carolina, Tennessee State University, Southeastern Virtual Institute for Health Equity and Wellness (SE-VIEW-MUSC-DOD), the U.S. Department of Energy, and the State of Tennessee. The CLI's panels included the role of government, youth issues and challenges, economic development, housing, transportation, community development and health disparities.



*(l.to.r.) Dr. Bridget Jones, Mrs. Sharon Hurt,  
Mrs. Patricia Parrish Stokes, and Mrs. Carolyn McHaney-Waller*

Panelists (partial listing) included State Representative Brenda Gilmore, Tennessee General Assembly; Dr. Sanmi Areola, Metro-Nashville Public Health Department; Commissioner Robert Martineau, Jr., Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation; Mayor Sam Childs, Coopertown; Judge Sheila Denise Jones Calloway, Metro-Nashville Juvenile Court; Ms. Lauren Wiggins, Tennessee State University Student; Mrs. Carolyn McHaney-Waller, Nashville Black Chamber of Commerce; Dr. Bridget Jones, Cumberland Region Tomorrow; Mrs. Patricia Parrish Stokes, Urban League of Middle Tennessee; Ms. Tene' Hamilton Franklin, Tennessee Department of Health; and Dr. Robert Levine, Meharry Medical College. This event was free to the public, and 61 professionals, community leaders, and students attended and disseminated information in the community on environmental protection, human health, Environmental Justice, and economic development.

In addition, in collaboration with California State University, Long Beach, MUSC-PICO conducted the Eighth Annual National Conference on Health Disparities (8<sup>th</sup> NCHD), which took place at the Westin Long Beach in Long Beach, CA, on November 5-8, 2014. This conference focused on policies and programs to reduce health disparities. The conference generated over 400 attendees, including over 58 students, who participated in the Student Forum, which is a platform for students to present/feature their research. Sponsors and supporters for the 8<sup>th</sup> NCHD included Kaiser Permanente, Alta Med, the Medical University of South Carolina, SEVIEW-MUSC-DOD, California State University Long Beach/Los Angeles/Monterey Bay/Dominguez Hills/San Bernardino, U.S. Department of Energy, the National Library of Medicine, AmeriHealth Caritas, OraSure Technologies, AARP, the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Morehouse School of Medicine, the Center for Latino Community Health-NCLR, Perform Rx, the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, the Congressional Black Caucus Health Braintrust, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and Allen University.

Keynote addresses were provided by Congressman James E. Clyburn, U.S. House of Representatives (SC-06); Dr. J. Nadine Gracia, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Dr. Dwayne Proctor, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; Ms. Lisa Williams, Living Water for Girls Learning Resource Center; Dr. Michael Kanter, Kaiser Permanente; and Dr. Debra Perez, Annie E. Casey Foundation. In addition, Congressman G.K. Butterfield, U.S. Congress (NC-01); Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, U.S. Congress (CA-40), and Congresswoman Grace F. Napolitano, U.S. Congress (CA-32) participated in a congressional roundtable discussion, which addressed inequality, the prison system, and Health Equity and the Accountable Act.

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.

**David Rivers, Assistant Professor, Department of Library Science & Informatics**, MUSC was inducted along with 11 other honorees. It was the 26th annual unveiling ceremony.

The S.C. African American History Calendar 2015 Unveiling Ceremony was held in October at the Koger Center in Columbia, sponsored by ETV, SC Department of Education, The State, WIS TV and AT&T.

The *Calendar* honors the achievements of African Americans with South Carolina roots, who have excelled in many fields including education, medicine, business,

community service, performing arts, sports and the military. The *Calendar* was originally conceived as a tool to assist the State Department of Education in meeting the statutory requirements to include African American history in the curriculum; however, it has become a virtual Hall of Fame.



### **Evidence Based Practice**

Throughout the three MUSC hospitals, nurses and physicians are conducting research projects and developing new policies based on their findings. "We want nurses to ask, 'Why are we doing it this way? Is there a better way?' That's what the Research Council is trying to promote."

When Brian T. Conner, PhD, RN, CNE, an Assistant Professor at MUSC's College of Nursing (CON), was pursuing his doctoral degree several years ago, he researched the pervasive problem of catheter-associated urinary tract infections to much better solutions by reviewing and using the scientific literature. Now while serving as a mentor to other MUSC nurse investigators, points to research as the foundation for developing the kind of evidence-based practice (EBP) that drives better patient outcomes.

### **Current Clinical Nurse Scholars**

Barbara Cobb, MS, MHA, RN: Evaluating sedation methods after cardiac catheterization; Merrissa Searcy, BSN, RN, RNC-NIC: Reducing risk of a devastating disease in neonates; and Deidra Huckabee, MSN, RN, CCRN: Improving patient and family communication

### **Putting Research Into Practice**

The Evidence-Based Practice Nurse Scholars Program was created in 2012 by Elizabeth A. Crabtree, MPH, PhD, Assistant Professor of Library Science

**and Informatics**, and Andrea Coyle, MSN, MHA, RN, Nursing Excellence Manager. The program was designed to teach clinical nurses how to evaluate existing literature and integrate evidence into practice.

Together with **Emily Brennan, MLIS, Research Informationist at the MUSC Library**, Crabtree has conducted two twelve-week courses for MUSC staff nurses in which they learned how to frame answerable clinical questions, conduct systematic searches of the literature, and critically appraise and evaluate the evidence.

Crabtree and Brennan also offered an EBP course to multidisciplinary teams at the Children's Hospital. This kind of education reduces what they see as the biggest barrier to EBP implementation: lack of skills in literature search, statistics, and data interpretation. The goal of her program is not only to generate new best practices for MUSC, but also to disseminate the findings in scholarly journals to encourage adoption.

Other examples of nurse-led studies include: a Heart and Vascular Center nurse's evidence review of the recommended bed-rest time following certain procedures. Her finding led to a new policy that standardized and shortened the postoperative bed-rest times in her unit. A pediatric nurse's examination of topical analgesics that were most effective in minimizing discomfort for children receiving medications by IV.

More from MUSC Progress Notes: <http://www.muschealth.org/pn/fall-2014/features/inquiring-minds/index.html?hcmacid=a0Wd0000007DJkm>

### **Waring Historical Library**

Due to a HVAC renovation project, the MUSC Waring Historical Library building and collections will be closed and inaccessible from November 10, 2014 until April 15, 2015. Although some collections will be moved to facilitate reference access, most collections will be unavailable during this period. The Macaulay Museum of Dental History will be accessible only by appointments made at least 48-hours in advance. For information on other service changes, hours, and additional details necessary for planning your research please contact Susan Hoffius at 843-792-2288 or [hoffius@musc.edu](mailto:hoffius@musc.edu).

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

### Staff News:

Steve Wilson, MLIS, AHIP, MA, has been appointed Web Architect and Outreach Librarian at the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Library. Mr. Wilson joined the Library in 2005 as Coordinator, Center for Disability Resources Library. In his new role, he is responsible for providing web development for the Library, the Center for Disability Resources, the Ultrasound Institute, and the Society of Ultrasound in Medical Education. Mr. Wilson will provide information support for the Ultrasound Institute and continue to coordinate the Center for Disability Resources Library. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts with Honors from the University of Texas at Austin, a Master of English Literature from Mercy College, and a Master of Library and Information Science from the University of South Carolina. Mr. Wilson is a Senior Member of the Academy of Health Professionals.



*Steve Wilson, MLIS, AHIP, MA*

Ruth Riley, Assistant Dean for Executive Affairs and Director of Library Services, attended the Southern Chapter/MLA annual meeting in Mobile, AL, October 26-29, 2014.

Ruth Riley, Assistant Dean for Executive Affairs and Director of Library Services, was elected President-Elect of the Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries (AAHSL) at the AAHSL annual meeting in Chicago on November 7, 2014.



*Ruth Riley, Assistant Dean for Executive Affairs  
and Director of Library Services*

Laura Kane, Assistant Director for Information Services, has once again been approved for membership in the Medical Library Association (MLA) Academy of



Health Information Professionals (AHIP) at the Distinguished Member level.



*Laura Kane, Assistant Director for Information Services*

The Library welcomes Julie Swygert to the Access Services Department as a Circulation and Interlibrary Loan Specialist. Julie has a B.A. in Sociology and her M.Ed. in Elementary Education from the University of South Carolina.



*Julie Swygert, Circulation and Interlibrary Loan Specialist*

**New Catalog:** The Library has completed its ILS migration project to merge with the University of South Carolina University Libraries' system. The new online catalog will go live in January, 2015. Although the new system remains as Millennium by Innovative Interfaces, Inc., the School of Medicine Library now joins the other USC campuses as part of the University Libraries' system.

## *Hospital Libraries*

Thank you to all of the hospital librarians who attended the 2014 Hospital Libraries Symposium during the Annual Meeting in Mobile, AL, and a BIG thank you to the Local Arrangements Committee for providing a delightful meeting location and delicious food! Our speaker was Marjorie Icenogle, Ph.D., Professor in the College of Business at the University of South Alabama. The title of Dr. Icenogle's presentation was "Increasing Influence by Understanding Individual Differences," and we all learned a great deal about our own work personalities and how to understand and work effectively with others.

Planning is already underway for the 2015 Symposium. Hope to see you in Puerto Rico!

Submitted by Elizabeth Hinton, Chair, Hospital Libraries Committee

## *Learning to Make a Difference in Health: SC/MLA 2014 First Time Attendee Report*

First of all, I would like to express my sincere thanks for having received the First Time Attendee Scholarship Award for 2014. I am honored and most thankful.

As a first-time attendee to the Southern Chapter/Medical Library Association's (SC/MLA) Annual Meeting and a first-time attendee to my first conference as a medical librarian, I did not know what to expect. Of course, I had great expectations and high hopes of absorbing every bit of information I could, but nothing could prepare me for this content-rich environment mixed with the friendliest group of knowledgeable colleagues I could ever hope for.

As a relatively new member of SC/MLA, it was wonderful to actually meet those I had been working with on long distance projects, since beginning my position as Information Services & Outreach Librarian at the University of South Alabama's Biomedical Library. There is added value in actually meeting face-to-face and attending this meeting proved it to me.

I had the privilege of attending Connie Schardt's "EBM / EBP: Beyond the Basics - Systematic Reviews and Qualitative Studies" continuing education class, where I discovered I only thought I knew how to determine a research study's quality and authority. She gave specific techniques on selecting credible research studies for inclusion in systematic reviews. Connie was great in detailing how to dissect a research study and showed specific examples of both well-done research studies and poorly executed ones.

I also had the privilege of hearing both Sherri Fink's and Elaine Martin's keynote presentations. Sherri Fink, a physician and a journalist for the *New York Times*, opened many eyes with her stories on the failed disaster preparation at Memorial Hospital in New Orleans in the wake of Hurricane Katrina in 2005. While controversial to some, she defended her purpose for bringing this story to light, in the hopes of preventing similar situations in the future. Elaine Martin's presentation was equally as eye opening as she detailed how her library faced the challenges of severe budget cuts and how the library adapted and even improved the quality of their services. As the Director of Library Services at the University of Massachusetts Medical School's Lamar Soutter Medical Library and the Director of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, New England region, she and her team created new roles for librarians, integrated recent library school graduates in an apprentice program to fill staff voids, and even removed the reference desk from the library itself. To me, her presentation was an example of how medical libraries are evolving and adapting to ever-present change, and succeeding!

Five Rivers Delta offered a beautiful setting for a relaxed closing banquet, complete with delicious Gulf Coast fare. The banquet was a wonderful event for socializing

with new friends and talking off topic.

Overall, my experience was in a word, educational. I learned so much from so many dedicated professionals. I was personally encouraged by so many individuals. I got all the advice I wanted and more. I had so many questions answered. From the paper and poster presentations to the laugh therapy session, it is a first meeting that I will not forget.

Christy C. Kent

### *SC/MLA 2014 Library & Information Science (LIS) Student Award Report*

The SC/MLA conference in Mobile, Alabama was a wonderful experience! Because this was the first professional conference I have ever attended, I was not sure what to expect. All I knew was that I was looking forward to presenting a poster, co-presenting a paper, and hoped that I might meet a few nice people along the way. My only hesitation was that I did not know many people who would be attending the conference. This ended up not being a problem at all! Everyone was so welcoming and willing to introduce me to colleagues and friends. I was able to make wonderful contacts, expand my network, and get great advice from those who are more experienced in the field of medical librarianship. The entire conference experience was very encouraging and rewarding. The whole experience really exceeded my expectations.

While I was really looking forward to opportunity to share my research, I was pleasantly surprised at the amount of satisfaction that I received from learning about the research and work of established medical librarians. Learning about the work and ongoing pursuits of other medical librarians really gave me, as a student, something to look forward to. While attending the poster sessions and paper sessions, I was very encouraged about my potential career choice and the type of work I could be involved in. The keynote speakers were especially inspiring, and I was very impressed at the high caliber of the keynote speakers.

Overall, the whole experience was both memorable and beneficial. I feel privileged that I was afforded the opportunity to attend the conference and brush shoulders with such successful and encouraging people!

Jessica Whipple

## *Call for Nominations*

Hello Chapter Members,

The Nominating Committee is soliciting nominations and/or self-nominations for Program Chair-Elect and MLA Nominating Committee, potential candidate. Duties for each position are found in the [Bylaws](#) under Article IV. Officers of the Bylaws on the Southern Chapter's web site.

The following guidelines should be considered when nominating persons for Southern Chapter officers:

- All candidates shall be regular members of MLA and current members of the Southern Chapter/MLA.
- The candidates shall be considered on the basis of achieving at least two of the criteria as described for each office.

### Criteria for Program Chair-Elect:

- Member of SC/MLA (or another MLA Chapter) for a minimum of five years
- Attendance at a minimum of three SC (or another MLA Chapter) meeting in the last five years
- Attendance at a minimum of one MLA meeting in the last three years
- Experience of chairing a SC (or another MLA Chapter) committee or the experience of servicing on a minimum of two SC (or another MLA Chapter) committees
- Institutional support for attending SC and MLA meetings during the term of office (includes year as Program Chair Elect, year as Chair, and year as Immediate-Past Chair)
- Demonstrated leadership qualities (e.g. has served other organizations in positions of leadership).

### Criteria for MLA Nominating Committee:

- Regular/institutional member of MLA for a minimum of seven years.
- Experience of at least three of the following desirable:
  - Chairing an MLA committee/section
  - Serving on a minimum of three MLA committees
  - Serving as an officer or board member of MLA
  - Serving in some other appointed/elected MLA position
- Distinguished member of the MLA Academy or comparable recognition.
- No tenure as an MLA Nominating Committee member within the past five years (as per the MLA Bylaws)

Send recommendations to Sandra Bandy, Nominating Committee Chair, [sbandy@gru.edu](mailto:sbandy@gru.edu), by March 15.

Thank you,  
Sandra Bandy

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