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Message from the Chair, Connie Machado

Happy New Year to all Southern Chapter members! I hope your holiday season was filled with family and fun. Often a daunting task, we spend the entire year trying to keep our New Year's resolutions, reach new goals, or breaking old habits. Southern Chapter is also undergoing changes in 2018 with online membership renewals and an online membership database. We plan to debut a new website this year and are working to streamline the banking process for Southern Chapter, which is a major challenge for non-profits in today's banking environment. SCMLA will continue to offer relevant presentations and continuing education sessions for all members. Another idea is to provide sponsored online webinars to serve members who are not able to attend the annual meetings on a regular

basis. The old way of doing and thinking must give way to new and fresh ideas for the coming generations of health sciences library professionals.

Knoxville provided a wonderful setting for SCMLA's 67th annual meeting. We all felt the 'Change in the Air' as we walked to a restaurant or strolled around and shopped with colleagues. Hopefully you left with some new ideas and concepts, or knowledge to apply at your home institution. The talks presented by MJ Tooley and Jill Markgraf were a real call to see how the profession of 'medical librarianship' has blossomed and changed beyond the traditional roles. Our members now experience more involvement at the classroom level with departments at their hospitals or universities, in areas of research and col-



laboration, as well as much more visibility online. In addition we have acquired skills to plan or redesign facilities, instruct, organize, communicate, assist with research and shape access to information, working in areas of data science, systematic reviews, and unraveling 'fake news.' We must step outside the box (or library!) and as MJ noted, become leaders and influence *how* these changes happen to bring our talents and expertise to the users.

A big "Thank You" to all those who worked tirelessly to pull together the excel-

Message from the Chair, cont.

lent meeting in Knoxville. **Cynthia Beeler** and **Michael Lindsay** headed the Local Arrangements Committee and worked closely with the Program Committee and a long list of volunteers, along with SCMLA committees, to pull together the details of the Knoxville meeting. We also want to thank the retirees, exhibitors, presenters, speakers, invited guests and members that make each meeting more interesting. Your continued support is a key part of the process. Planning has already begun for the 68th annual meeting to continue the traditions of Southern Chapter.

Thank you to the members who donated so generously at the scholarship booth to assist with the hurricane relief in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Dominica. Your donations will be deeply appreciated in these regions.

SCMLA is an excellent place to meet and grow professionally. It would be impossible to provide the many sessions at the annual meeting without a host of members working behind the scenes to pull it together. *Volunteer*: to mentor someone at MLA or SCMLA annual meetings; to serve on a committee; to give presentations. All of these opportunities lead to making friends for years to come and knowing that even if you work in a single person library, you have peers to call upon throughout Southern Chapter. We need to reach out to every member of SCMLA, identify their needs, and determine what SCMLA can do as an organization to assist them professionally.

If you have run for office, joined a committee, helped with meeting planning, presented a poster or paper at the annual meeting, or MLA, you are already on the road to becoming a future leader for the profession and SCMLA. Sharing even the smallest experiences can often click with another person at the meeting. As a singer for many years I have become more aware of the impact I may have on even the smallest child or oldest member of an audience. So regardless of where your career takes you, realize that others are observing and we need to instill in them the wonder that keeps health sciences librarianship fresh and alive.

As we approach the 70th anniversary of Southern Chapter's meetings (2020), I am amazed by those that have come before to shape Southern Chapter. Take time to read some of the SCMLA Oral Histories on the [website](#). There is also an excellent [history](#) written by T. Mark Hodges that covers 1951-2001, and we will need someone to continue writing this story!

I was very encouraged to see many young enthusiastic librarians presenting at the meeting and felt confident that the future of SCMLA and health sciences librarian-

ship will be in good hands! I am honored to serve as Chair of SCMLA for 2017/2018 and need the encouragement and support from every member to make this a dynamic year for your organization.

I look forward to seeing you again in Orlando for the 68th annual meeting to “Experience the Magic: Libraries of Tomorrow” Oct. 25-28, 2018.

Best Wishes for 2018,

Connie K. Machado
Chair, SCMLA 2017/2018

Around the South: Alabama

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

UAB Lister Hill Librarian **Kay Hogan Smith**, MLS, MPH, CHES, has completed a report of her study of the research support needs of public health faculty researchers at the University. With funding from Southern Chapter Medical Library Association (via the [Jocelyn Rankin Memorial Scholarship](#)) and technical support of [Ithaka S+R](#), a nonprofit organization supporting higher education, this report describes the main themes to come out of a series of semi-structured interviews conducted at the UAB School of Public Health during the winter of 2016/2017. The final report, which includes recommendations for library support services for public health researchers, is available on the UAB Libraries Liaison Guide for the School of Public Health at <http://guides.library.uab.edu/c.php?g=63707&p=409083>. (See “News You Can Use” box.) These findings will be combined with those of other institutions participating in this project around the U.S. and published by Ithaka S+R shortly. For more information contact Kay at khogan@uab.edu or 205-934-2208.

*Around the South: Florida***Charlotte Edwards Maguire Medical Library - Florida State University College of Medicine, Tallahassee, FL****Library Receives 2017 CONBLS Distinguished Library Award**

The Maguire Medical Library was awarded the 2017 CONBLS Distinguished Library Award from the Consortium of Southern Biomedical Libraries. The award was presented at the Southern Chapter/Medical Library Association Meeting held in Knoxville, Tennessee in October.

The award recognizes the Maguire Library's achievements in scholarly communications and open access with the publication of The PLAID Journal for diabetes research.



Medical library staff from left to right: Rebecca Harrington, Terri Johnson, Danae Denslow, Martin Wood, Roxann Mouratidis, Erica Heasley, Susan Epstein, Robyn Rosasco, Adrian Williams.

2017 World Diabetes Day Event

The Maguire Medical Library and the [PLAID Journal](#) hosted a panel discussion at the FSU College of Medicine on November 14 to promote World Diabetes Day. The topic of the discussion was “Perspectives of Living with Diabetes” where panelists shared their experiences living with Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes. Library Director and PLAID Editor-in-Chief, **Martin Wood**, MSLIS, moderated the discussion. Panelists included Nicole Cordoba, president of [Students with Diabetes at FSU](#) and Katherine Owen, RN and Certified Diabetes Educator with [Tallahassee Memorial Hospital Metabolic Health Center](#).



Martin Wood leading the discussion with panelists,
Katherine Owen and Nicole Cordoba.

Halloween Lunch & Learn

On Halloween, students, faculty, and staff at the FSU College of Medicine attended the Maguire Library's Lunch & Learn, "Tricks and Treats for Using the Library's E-Resources." **Rebecca Harrington**, MSLIS, presented on current and new library e-resources to support learning, teaching, and research. After the presentation, attendees were given an opportunity to talk to medical librarians and "trick-or-treat" for giveaways such as pens, notepads, fidget spinners, and other goodies.



FSU CoM members learn about new e-resources.

NFAIS Open Access Conference

Martin Wood, MSLIS, and **Roxann Mouratidis**, MSLIS, presented at the NFAIS Open Access Conference in Alexandria, VA on October 3, 2017. The topic of their presentation was "Framing Open Access Beyond Academic and Scientific Communities." In their presentation, they discussed the importance of exploring ways to effectively move open access beyond research communities, and into the patient popula-

tions most impacted by this research. In an attempt to bridge the gap between patients, providers, and researchers, Florida State University College of Medicine currently publishes two patient-centered, open-access journals: The PLAID Journal and HEAL: Humanism Evolving through Arts and Literature.

Southern Chapter Medical Library Association Conference Presentations

Rebecca Harrington, MSLIS, and **Terri Johnson**, MSLIS, presented at the annual [Southern Chapter/Medical Library Association Conference](#) in Knoxville, Tennessee, held October 19-22, 2017. Terri Johnson presented her poster, "Integrating Faculty Medical Librarians in a Rural Learning Experience." Rebecca Harrington presented her paper, "Reigniting a Passion for Discovery: Can a Switch of Search Tools Reunite Us with Our Users?"



Terri Johnson presenting at the SC/MLA Conference.

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

Meet our New Scholarly Communications Librarian!

The library has a new Scholarly Communications Librarian. **Terri Gotschall** joined the library in October and comes to us from UCF's Office of Technology Transfer. Along with having her Master's degree in Library and Information Science from Florida State University, Terri is also a graphic designer who put her skills to work at UCF's Office of Research and Commercialization. At UCF COM, Terri's main role will be helping our students and faculty get published, and working with the editorial team of UCF COM's open access journal, FLAGSHIP. We are excited to have her on our team!



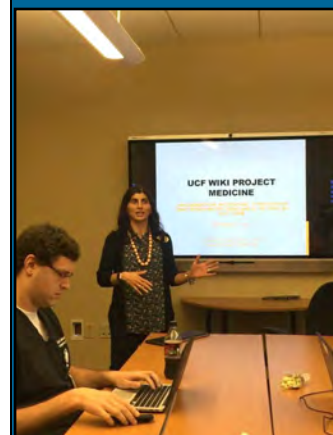
Terri Gotschall, our new Scholarly Communications Librarian.
Photo from Instagram @ucfcomhsl.

UCF COM's Wiki Project Medicine Endeavor

This fall the library team led the way in a new endeavor initiated by Dr. Amin Azzam, a professor of psychiatry at the UC-San Francisco School of Medicine. Library Director **Nadine Dexter**, who is also the Co-Director of Medical Informatics, and her informatics partner Dr. David Lebowitz, began a 4-week selective elective for fourth year medical students whereby students improve medically-related articles on Wikipedia. Following Dr. Azzam's template, students enrolled in the fall UCF COM WikiProject Medicine course, selected an article on Wikipedia previously identified as needing revisions, and edited their article on Wikipedia in real time. **Shalu Gillum**, Head of Public Services, provided instruction on how to select appropriate references to support their articles, and how to cite sources for Wikipedia. Since the completion of the course, UCF COM students' edited pages have been viewed 33,000 times. Ms. Dexter and Dr. Lebowitz will be offering the course again in the spring. Read more about WikiProject Medicine [here](#).

Librarians at SCMLA 2017

The library team presented several posters and papers at the SCMLA annual meeting in Knoxville, TN. **Melodie Gardner**, Library Technical Assistant Specialist, presented a poster about the Library Guides she created for all of UCF COM's first and second year courses. Each Library Guide acts as a single point of reference for all library resources for that course. The guides have significantly increased use of library e-resources. **Natasha Williams**, our User Services Librarian, presented a poster about the library's non-traditional circulating items, a project she is spearheading. The library offers items such as rolling white boards, lawn chairs, and more. Natasha also presented a paper along with **Pamela Herring**, our Electronic Resources Librarian, about the library's Personal Librarian Program.



Dr. David Lebowitz,
Director of Medical In-
formatics and module
director of UCF Wiki
Project Medicine, and
Shalu Gillum, Head of
Public Services at the
inaugural Wiki Project
Medicine class

Orlando will be hosting the 2018 SCMLA annual meeting, so we hope to see you all there next year!



The library team at the welcome table for SCMLA 2018, which will be held in Orlando, Florida.

Librarian Awards

Two of our librarians were honored with awards at UCF COM's annual faculty and staff awards ceremony in October. **Deedra Walton**, Head of Electronic Resources, and **Shalu Gillum**, Head of Public Services, each received an Excellence in Medical Librarianship Award, which recognizes outstanding contributions by medical library faculty members to COM faculty and students. Congrats to both!



The entire library team came out to support Shalu and Deedra on awards night as they received the Excellence in Medical Librarianship Award.

Our Coordinator Bids Us Farewell with a Beautiful Memento

Denise Suits, our Coordinator of Library Services, is retiring this December. When Denise's predecessor and childhood friend, **Faith Schafer**, left COM she regretfully did not complete the College of Medicine quilt she had long dreamed of making for the library. Three years later, Faith has returned to the library team as Denise prepares to retire, and together the two were finally able to fulfill Faith's wish. Denise and Faith handcrafted a stunning black and gold UCF College of Medicine quilt, complete with the HSL logo and UCF Pegasus. The beautiful blanket is currently displayed outside of the library for all to see but will be permanently placed inside the HSL. We wish Denise best of luck in her retirement. She will be missed! And we welcome Faith back to the HSL team!



Pictures do not do this stunning quilt justice.
Handmade by Denise Suits and Faith Schafer for the library.

Publications

Gillum S. Evaluating Patient Education Resources of Popular Clinical Databases. *Journal of Consumer Health on the Internet*. 2017; 21(4): 417-429. doi: 10.1080/15398285.2017.1377531.

Gillum S. American Heart Association e-Books Platform: A Review. *Journal of Electronic Resources in Medical Libraries*. 2017; 14(3-4): 145-149. doi: 10.1080/15424065.2017.1368426.

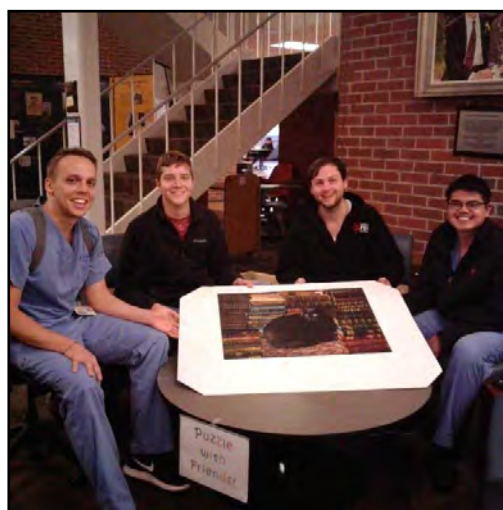
Health Science Center Libraries, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Traveling Exhibits: The University of Florida Health Science Center Library in Gainesville hosted two NLM Traveling Exhibits this fall: *Life and Limb: The Toll of the American Civil War* and *Binding Wounds, Pushing Boundaries: African Americans in Civil War Medicine*. They overlapped by 3 weeks, as did the speaker events that the library arranged to highlight them. See <http://guides.uflib.ufl.edu/c.php?g=616227&p=4286926> for more information and the videos of the speaker events.

Retirement: Rae Jesano retired in early November, with plans to travel and enjoy friends and family.

Student Wellness Activities: The UF HSCL has implemented several activities to enhance health science student wellness. Since Spring 2017 we have had a “puzzle corner” that draws students during study breaks. We photograph the finished puzzle with those who put in the last piece(s), then disassemble the puzzle (after the finishers have left for class/lunch) and set out the pieces of the next puzzle.

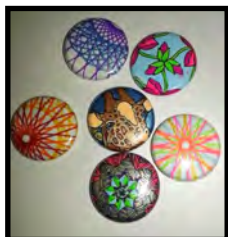
These dental students told one of our front desk workers that for them, working on the puzzle was an important break from studying and gave them extra energy. They signed and dated the puzzle box top of this 1000 piece puzzle of a black cat among stacks of old books (darker in real life than it appears here) and waited to leave the library until someone could take this picture.



In fall we added a half-hour meditation session in a small conference room every Wednesday at noon and midterm visits with therapy dogs Beau and Mac.



During the last week of classes and final exams, we hosted another visit from therapy dog Beau, Coloring Day (with a button-maker to preserve students' artistic endeavors), and several days of coffee and healthy snacks (fruit, nuts, pretzels) by the library's Christmas tree on the 1st floor across from the Circulation Desk.



Dollies Without Borders: This fall we also began to host the monthly sewing sessions of a local group that sews soft-bodied dolls for distribution on international health outreach trips.



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

New Library Projects & Services

The Library's 2nd floor renovation is underway with a target date of mid-April for completion. If all goes as planned, new flooring will be installed during the students' December holiday break.

Library Administration is working with [Lennar Foundation Medical Center](#) to determine the needs of clinical and administrative staff and define the role of a proposed part-time embedded librarian at this facility on UM's Coral Gables Campus.

The Library plans to offer part-time UM Writing Center services for medical students and residents beginning Spring Semester 2018.

In October and November, Calder Library hosted a series of SPSS workshops for Department of Public Health Sciences, MD/MPH students and faculty, and Calder librarians. The workshops were taught by UM Richter Library's Data Services Librarian, Cameron Riopelle, Ph.D.



Outreach to the Community--UM DOCS Health Fairs

For the 9th consecutive year, Calder Library personnel volunteered at UM's Department of Community Service (DOCS) Health Fairs to provide quality health information to underserved populations. The aim of the Library's participation is to improve attendee health literacy, help them make more informed, and better health decisions, and ultimately enable them to become healthier. English, Spanish, French and Haitian-Creole MedlinePlus brochures are distributed. Additionally, lists of nearby public libraries, hand-sanitizers, visors and paper fans with [MedlinePlus](#) website information are given away. From September through December, DOCS Health Fairs were held in Hialeah/Opa-Locka, South Miami-Dade, and Little Haiti. Upcoming health fairs will be held in Liberty City, the Florida Keys, West Kendall, and Ft. Lauderdale.

Personal Librarian Program Pizza Event

On November 15th, medical students were invited to Calder Library for pizza at lunchtime and to meet their Personal Librarians and learn more about library resources and services. Approximately 70 students attended the event, co-sponsored by Calder Library and Wolters Kluwer/OVID. Raffle prizes were awarded to students who correctly answered three questions about the Library.



Ralph H. and Ruth F. Gross Endowed Lecture

Calder Library hosted the 14th Biennial Ralph H. and Ruth F. Gross Endowed Lecture on November 16. The invited Speaker, University of Miami President Julio Frenk, drew a dramatic picture of the United States' deep connection to global health and the dangerous consequences of any retrenchment from the global health arena. Over 150 attendees were present for the lecture and reception held in the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute's Berrocal Auditorium, on the University of Miami's Medical Campus.



Professional Librarian Activities

Carmen Bou-Crick and **JoAnn Van Schaik** presented a poster co-authored with **Kimberly Loper** at the MLA Southern Chapter annual meeting, October 19-22, Knoxville, TN. The poster was titled *Capturing Statistics and Enhancing Scheduling and Communication in an Academic Health Sciences Library using MS Outlook Calendar*.





JoAnn Van Schaik received the gavel as the new chair of the Consortium of Southern Biomedical Libraries (CONBLS) 2017-2018 at the luncheon meeting held On October 21, 2017, during the Southern Chapter, MLA meeting, Knoxville, TN.

Zsuzsanna Nemeth attended the American Public Health Association 2017 Annual Meeting and Expo, November 4-8, in Atlanta GA, with the generous support of The Grace and Harold Sewell Memorial Fund.

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

Shimberg Health Sciences Librarians Win 2nd Place for Research Poster at SC/MLA

At the 2017 Southern Chapter/Medical Library Association annual meeting, **Rose L. Bland**, **Krystal Bullers**, **Ardis Hanson**, **Randy L. Polo**, and **Kristen A. Sakmar** from the Shimberg Health Sciences Library won 2nd place for their research poster, "Opportunity for Shaping the Library of the Future Through Open-Ended Institutional Surveys." The poster illustrated the importance of reframing library surveys within broader institutional contexts to find out what USF Health students need to achieve academic success without the preconceptions of traditional library-provided services. Not only do students have very specific ideas as to what they need (e.g., more quiet study space, better mobile and online library access, etc.), the survey also served as a gap analysis and offered insights for upcoming accreditation reviews.



Shimberg Librarians Involved in Systematic Review on Dyadic Self-Care Interventions

Working with an international team of nursing researchers from USF health, Linköping University (Sweden), University of Kentucky, Moffitt Cancer Center, McMaster University, and the University of California Irvine, Shimberg librarians **Allison M. Howard** and **Randall L. Polo** recently participated in a systematic review (SR) of the literature. Published in the *International Journal of Nursing Studies*, a top-ranked journal in the field (Elsevier), the SR examined the components, context, and outcomes of dyadic self-care interventions (patient and informal carer).

The SR, registered in PROSPERO, followed PRISMA guidelines with a narrative analysis and realist synthesis. Data sources included PubMed, EMBASE, Web of Science, PsycINFO, and Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials.

Previously, no systematic assessment of dyadic interventions had been conducted with a focus on describing components, examining physical and delivery contexts, or determining the effect on patient and/or carer outcomes. The clinical researchers found that, while the literature is growing, there is limited evidence that show dyadic interventions promote heart failure self-care. Future research needs to address limitations of study methodologies, technologies to increase and sustain behavior change, and use of mixed methods for capturing a more holistic picture of effects in clinical practice.

Buck HG, Stromberg A, Chung ML, Donovan KA, Harkness K, Howard AM, Kato N, Polo R, Evangelista LS. A systematic review of heart failure dyadic self-care interventions focusing on intervention components, contexts, and outcomes. *Int J Nurs Stud.* 2018;77:232-42. doi[10.1016/j.ijnurstu.2017.10.007](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijnurstu.2017.10.007)

Shimberg Librarian Co-Hosts First ACURIL Social Mediathon for Disaster Relief



Dr. Ardis Hanson, Assistant Director of the Shimberg Health Sciences Library at the University of South Florida (USA) and Dr. Elizabeth Pierre-Louis of FOKAL (Haiti) co-hosted the first ever ACURIL social mediathon Thursday 30 November to 1 December to help Caribbean libraries, archives, and museums devastated by Hurricanes and Maria during the 2017 hurricane season. The mediathon occurred during the annual mid-year Executive Council meeting, which was hosted by Miguel Ascensio, Director of the Digital Library of the Caribbean at Florida International University in Miami, Florida. The mediathon hosted live presentations and interviews on disaster preparedness with speakers from St. Maarten, Puerto Rico, Bahamas, Belize, Haiti, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, and the US. A live online auction was held, with items still available on the [ACURIL Disaster Relief Campaign Facebook page](#). The 2-day social mediathon live broadcast is also available for review.

*Around the South: Georgia***Robert B. Greenblatt, M.D. Library - Augusta University,**

Kathy J. Davies



Gail Kouame



Julie Gaines



Darra Ballance

Kathy J. Davies was selected to attend the Biomedical and Health Research Data Management for Librarians Course. She will participate in an eight week online course that focuses on data management topics including data curation, security, taxonomy, data sharing and resource data management beginning in January 2018. Kathy will complete a capstone project with the guidance of an assigned course mentor. The project will demonstrate knowledge gained in two areas and be presented during the course summit. The course summit will be held at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) so participants can share their experiences and learn about National Library of Medicine data management initiatives. The National Network of Libraries of Medicine Training Office (NTO) is sponsoring the course and providing funding for travel to NIH in April 2018.

Gail Kouame has been selected as a 2018 Educational Innovation Institute (EII) Faculty Development Fellowship cohort. This group of faculty and staff have been recognized as one committed to further developing their expertise in teaching, curriculum and program development, learner evaluation, and health sciences education research. Gail is on the Teaching Scholars Track.

At the 67th Annual Meeting of Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association, **Julie Gaines** was lead author for the 1st place research award paper entitled Effect of Librarian Involvement on Use of Evidence-Based Resources in Small Group Case-Based Learning. The co-authors were Lindsay Blake, **Kathy J. Davies**, **Gail Kouame**, **Darra Ballance**, Dr. Elena Wood, Dr. V. Thomas Gaddy, Dr. Eve Gallman, and Dr. Michael Russell.

Gail Kouame was lead author for the 3rd place research award paper entitled, Library Tools at the Nurses' Station: Exploring Health Information Seeking Behaviors and Needs of Nurses in a War Veterans Nursing Home. **Stephanie Hendren** was co-author and joint presenter for this paper at the meeting.



Stephanie Hendren

Skelton Medical Libraries – Mercer University School of Medicine

Kim Meeks, MLIS, Library Assistant Professor and Director of the Skelton Medical Libraries attended a three-day retreat in Maryland on “Faculty Training in Mind-Body Medicine.” The program equips faculty from health professional schools with the skills and knowledge to lead mind-body medicine groups for students.

Carolann Curry, MLIS, Library Assistant Professor and Reference & Outreach Librarian, and **Anna Krampl**, MSLS, Library Assistant Professor and Head of Public Services, delivered a two-part continuing education webinar on October 12th and 30th to the Medical Library Association community. The 3-hour course was titled “Distinguishing the Questionable from the Trustworthy in Open Access Resources” and provided guidance of best practices in open access resources in scholarly publishing.

Carolann also published an article titled “SHERPA Services and SHERPA/RoMEO” online on September 26th in the Journal of Electronic Resources in Medical Libraries.

Wanda Thomas, MLIS, Library Instructor and Clinical Reference Librarian, exhibited a health resources information booth at Middle Georgia State University’s Health and Safety fair on September 14th.



Around the South: South Carolina

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

African Americans in Civil War Medicine Lecture

The School of Medicine Library sponsored a lecture by Dr. Margaret Humphreys, Josiah Charles Trent Professor of the History of Medicine, Duke University, on “African Americans in Civil War Medicine,” on September 21, 2017. The lecture celebrated the opening of the National Library of Medicine traveling exhibit *Binding Wounds, Pushing Boundaries: African Americans in Civil War Medicine*. Photos of the lecture and reception are available [here](#).



Pictured are Dr. Margaret Humphreys, Dr. Charles Bryan, Ruth Riley.

Laura Kane and **Christine Whitaker** attended the Southern Chapter annual meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee, October 19-22, 2017. In her role as Secretary/Treasurer, Laura attended the Executive Board meeting. As a member of the Research Committee, Christine assisted with judging for the best research papers and posters. She also represented the Library at the Consortium of Biomedical Libraries (CONBLs) meeting.

Ruth Riley attended the Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries (AAHSL) annual meeting in Boston, November 2-3, 2017, and attended the Executive Board and Membership Business meetings in her role as Immediate Past-President.

First Time Attendee Scholarship Report

I feel so fortunate that I was able to attend the conference as the recipient of the First Time Attendee Scholarship. The conference offered so many opportunities to meet and learn with my peers, and I came away with invaluable experiences that have helped me grow as a new librarian.

My time at the conference began with Margaret Foster's wonderful continuing education course on systematic reviews that I would not have been able to attend without the scholarship. By the end of the session I had learned so much and had a significantly better understanding of the nuances embedded within the general process of conducting a systematic review. I took her slides and resource booklet back to my library, which helped me make adjustments to a systematic review I am currently working on.

The paper and poster sessions were another large highlight of the conference. I presented two papers with colleagues from my library; afterwards, I had the tough decision of deciding which presenters to see! I was amazed and excited at the number and breadth of projects our chapter has worked on.

One of the largest themes throughout the conference was a sense of warm community, which was heartening to see as a new librarian. From the fundraising for our members who were affected by the hurricanes to the new-member welcome – and even the friendly introductions in hallways or elevators – I could sense the pride and enthusiasm we have for our profession. Overall, my experiences at the SC/MLA meeting was wonderful and I look forward to future participation.

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Stephanie Hendren -1st Time Attendee Scholarship; Sandra Franklin, Nedra Cook, Brenda Faye Green –Honorary Memberships; Tara Douglas – out-going Chair; Rachel Walden – Jocelyn Rankin Memorial Scholarship; Skye Bickett – Academic Librarian of the Year; Christine Willis - Martha C. Watkins Scholarship



Connie Machado with Jill Markgraf, general session presenter “Practicing what we preach: Reflecting on our information assumptions and consumption as librarians.”



Quilt raffle winner Becca Phillips with seamstress Jan LaBeause who beautifully adapted the meeting's theme into the quilt design. Thank you, Jan!



Health Literacy Panelists: Sandy Oelschlegel, Virginia Turner and Dr. Andrea Franks

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