Message from the Chair

Dear SCMLA Members,

I hope you are enjoying your summer. I personally am looking forward to traveling again, given the easing of travel restrictions as more people are being vaccinated. After being cooped up for so long, all of a sudden, I have a strong desire to travel the world. There are so many places I want to visit, but maybe I’ll start with Canada or Mexico as they open up.

Now let’s get to chapter news: I want to offer my congratulations to the winners of the 2021 SCMLA elections: Christine Willis, MLIS, AHIP, is the new Program Committee Chair-Elect for 2021-2022. In addition, she will serve as the SCMLA Chair-Elect/Program Committee Chair for 2022-23, the SCMLA Chair for 2023-24, and the Immediate Past-Chair in 2024-25. Christine is a clinical librarian at the Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta Egleston Hospital, Inman Medical Library. I also want to congratulate Lin Wu, MLIS, AHIP, the newly elected 2022 SCMLA Candidate for the MLA Nominating Committee. She is the Assistant Director for Research & Learning Services for the Health Sciences Library at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) in Memphis. Also, many thanks to Elizabeth Laera, Randall Watts, and the Nominating Committee for all their work in procuring candidates and making the election a reality. Finally, a big thanks to all those who participated as candidates.

In addition, I want to thank the Professional Development Committee and chair Rick Fought for their role in making the Library Carpentry Workshop (LCW) available to SCMLA members for free this past June. The LCW, a 20-hour CE opportunity, was made possible by a grant from the NNLM. I attended, and the workshop served as an excellent introduction to Bash, OpenRefine, and GIT.

In other news, Program Committee Chair, Skye Bickett, and the Program Committee are busily planning the 2021 SCMLA Annual Meeting to be held virtually October 4-7, 2021. I will defer to Skye for full particulars on the meeting. If you have suggestions or questions about the annual meeting, please contact Skye (snbickett@gmail.com).

Moving on to news about future annual meetings, here are the plans at present. All of these meetings are tentatively scheduled to be onsite and in-person.

- **2022 Annual Meeting, Montgomery from October 19-23, 2022.** Emily Brennan will serve as the Program Committee chair. Margaret Alexander and Inga Moten are the co-chairs of the Local Arrangements Committee (“LAC”).

- **2023 SCC/SCMLA Joint Annual Meeting, New Orleans from September 21-25, 2023.** Sarah Adcock (MS) will represent SCMLA on the LAC along with Jennifer Lloyd and Keith Pickett from SCCMLA. Mississippi is the host state representing SCMLA. Christine Willis will be the Program
Committee chair.

- 2024 MAC/SCMLA Joint Annual Meeting, Charleston, TBD. Plans for this meeting are in a preliminary phase and at present are very tentative.
- 2025 Annual Meeting, Tennessee, TBD
- 2026 Annual Meeting, Birmingham. A big thanks to UAB for agreeing to serve as the meeting host. In particular, kudos goes to Sylvia McAphee, Michael Fitts, and Dean Kasia Gonnerman of the UAB Libraries for their role in making the agreement a reality.

In addition, I want to remind members to be on the lookout for scams. Recently, someone purporting to be me contacted David Petersen, the SCMLA Treasurer, asking for gift cards. The return email was not mine. First, I will never ask for money, and secondly, to help ensure that a communication is from me, make sure it is from my lemley@southalabama.edu email address. Also, please let me know if you receive something purportedly from me that appears to be a scam.

Finally, I want to send supporting thoughts to all of you who have been affected by Covid. People are still dying from Covid or its effects, so if you have not already taken the vaccine, please consider doing so. Also, I want to send supporting thoughts to SCMLA members who live in coastal areas prone to hurricanes. As I write this column, Hurricane Elsa is battering Florida, and Tropical Storm Claudette swept through my neck of the woods a few weeks ago. So, it looks like another active hurricane season.

In closing, again let me say it is my honor to serve as your Chapter Chair for 2021. Please feel free to contact me at lemley@southalabama.edu. I look forward to seeing you virtually in October.

Sincerely,
Trey Lemley
2021 Southern Chapter Chair
We are excited to be gaining some sense of normalcy after this past year. With our minds focused on the future we asked you to share your library's stories of fostering community. Several of our Southern Chapter members responded with stories from their libraries. We hope you enjoy reading their stories of fostering community.

Fostering Community within Southern Chapter Stories:
- Live from the Seacrest Studio: Are You Smarter Than a Librarian?
- Augusta University Libraries: Building Community Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- Continuing to Foster Community Through a Weekly Virtual Podcast Club

“I don’t know everything, but I know how to find the answer!”

- Jessica Daly
Several months ago, I connected with Anthony Grier, a fellow team member at Orlando Health, who serves as the broadcast coordinator of the Orlando Health Arnold Palmer Children’s Hospital’s Seacrest Studio.

Through a partnership with the Ryan Seacrest Foundation, Orlando Health launched a Seacrest Studio at Orlando Health Arnold Palmer. The studio enabled us to support patients’ creative and artistic needs through radio, television, and news media. Orlando Health Arnold Palmer is one of only 11 pediatric hospitals in the US — and the only one in Florida — to host an innovative Seacrest Studio location. “It’s a place where patients truly get to be a star and forget about their medical treatments and procedures,” according to foundation chairman, founder, and television personality Ryan Seacrest.

Anthony and I, along with Jay Brock the Foundation Events Coordinator for Orlando Health Arnold Palmer Children’s Hospital, met to discuss how I might promote health literacy for our pediatric patients and their parents/caregivers. The first step was having me appear as a guest on their daily weekday morning program. This was so much fun and an innovative way of sharing how I can help through offering free health information and services. The next step was them inviting me back and deciding what my program format would look like.

On May 7, the first “Are You Smarter Than a Librarian” show went live with both Anthony and Jay hosting and me as the special guest. The 45-minute program began with trivia between Jay, me, and any patients who wanted to call in and join the fun! The questions ranged from books to superheroes. I did well, but when asked if I knew the answer to everything because I was a research librarian, I quickly responded with, “I don’t know everything, but I know how to find the answer!” After the trivia portion, I read two inspirational books to the patients. A camera was set overhead so that it looked as if the viewers were sitting right beside me while I read!

During the program, my email address was on the bottom of the screen so that patients and their family caregivers could reach out to me and ask for help in finding information on any health-related topic.

The show went so well that I have been asked back to do the program monthly. This was yet another way I was able to collaborate with others who share my desire of increasing patient and family caregiver health literacy.
Augusta University Libraries: Building Community Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Submitted by: Gail Kouame, Assistant Director for Research & Education Services, Robert B. Greenblatt, M.D. Library

In the fall of 2019, Adrienne Hayes, the Office Coordinator for the University Libraries at Augusta University decided to organize some team- and community-building activities for Libraries staff centering on the university’s values of: collegiality, compassion, excellence, inclusivity, integrity and leadership. There are two libraries that serve Augusta University, one on the health sciences campus, and the other at the primarily undergraduate campus about two miles away. At the beginning, the activities took place in-person at the Robert B. Greenblatt, M.D. Library, since that is where the Libraries administration offices are located. The activities were held monthly, usually on a Friday afternoon. When the COVID-19 pandemic closed the library, Adrienne wanted to continue the activities since it was more important than ever to maintain a sense of community. She transitioned and moved the activities to a virtual environment which included staff from both libraries. To gain insight into the successful community-building activities for the University Libraries, I interviewed Adrienne about her experiences as the organizer of these events.

GK: What inspired you to organize community-building activities for the AU Libraries?
AH: The Libraries had gone through some turnover and leadership changes, and it seemed like time to do something to refresh and build community. I like to help people be happy, and it was important to me to contribute to that in this way.

GK: How did you come up with some of your ideas for activities?
AH: I always try to make them fun, because I see it as a way for people to decompress as well to engage with one another. I looked at the University’s values as well as things that have gone on recently to guide the themes of the activities. For example, we had one activity that was like “speed dating,” and focused on compassion. That one was really fun to watch. I searched online for some of the ideas, and others I adapted or did “experiments” to see how they would work.

GK: The activities started out in-person. How did you adjust to doing them virtually?
AH: We use Microsoft Teams, and what was nice is that we were able to include staff from both our libraries once we went virtual, where before the activities had been specific to the health sciences campus. Having more people involved allowed people to see more creativity from participants, like a group improv story, where one person starts a sentence or thought, and the next person picks it up and continues.

GK: How have the activities transitioned, since the Libraries employees have returned to campus?
AH: We took a slight break to give people a break from “Zoom fatigue,” and to catch up on and re-adjusting to being back in the office. We’ve done trivia quite a few times, because people really like it, but it’s not always the greatest fit in the rotation of university values that we’re using to guide the activities. We are getting ready to resume the activities in-person since the expectation at the university level is to go back to “business as usual” come fall semester.
GK: Which activities do you feel were the most successful? Why? Which ones were more challenging to engage people?

AH: The “speed dating” activity was really popular - people had a lot of fun and had an opportunity to learn things about their colleagues with whom they may not work side-by-side. The energy in the room was great. The one that “flopped” was another compassion-related activity that was asking people to brag on co-workers and express gratitude. It was to be followed by a trivia event, and people weren’t contributing to the first part of the activity. As it turns out, people were just waiting for the trivia part of the activity. This was surprising because we had done a “snowball” gratitude event previously that had gone quite well.

GK: What is some feedback you received from participants about how they benefit from the activities?

AH: A lot of people email and thank me for organizing the events. They say they can tell the atmosphere has changed and that they can feel the difference. People look forward to the events and when we were still working from home the activities provided a sense of community. People love trivia! Even if an activity flops, no one says anything negative, and they are always willing to try something.

I have benefited too. I love doing it. I don’t really approach it formally, but have been reading books about team-building. I know that I want to branch out professionally and would like to learn more about employee engagement and would like to find a way to leverage my desire to help people be happier at work. Organizing these activities has given me this sense of direction and purpose. I’ve read “Engagement Magic” by Tracy Maylett, and have “Drive” by Daniel Pink and “The Fearless Organization” by Amy C. Edmonson next on my list.

GK: How do you see the community-building activities continuing?

AH: When we return to in-person, I hope we can find a way to continue to engage people from both our campus libraries. I’d love to do some kind of scavenger hunt. I think people would really like it. We’ll likely repeat the “speed dating” activity since the first time we didn’t include people from both campuses. I’ve thought about holding a trivia event about one another, but not sure how that would fly.

Selected Activities Comprising Augusta University Libraries’ Community-Building Activities:

- Building with Lego-like blocks and adding onto each other’s creations
- Craft contest using pipe cleaners, puff balls, etc.
- Miniature paintings
- Group improve stories
- Discussion about favorite charities and volunteer experiences
- Videos/commercials representing compassion
- Scenarios from business to foster discussion about integrity
- Series of videos representing inclusivity with discussion
- Take an online course together
- Watch and discuss Mel Robbins TED talk
Continuing to Foster Community Through a Weekly Virtual Podcast Club

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

Submitted by Shalu Gillum

Last year we started a weekly virtual podcast club for the College of Medicine (COM) staff and faculty to make up for the loss of in-person programming due to suddenly finding our library closed and having to work remotely. Little did we know that our podcast club would become a staple of our library’s programming lineup; or that it would contribute to community-building that many of our users were seeking during and after remote work due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Every week the HSL Podcast Club has been a source of Zoom-based group therapy for our members as we come together to discuss current and historical events through information provided in the week’s podcast. The podcast club was never intended to be curriculum related, so podcasts have ranged in genre from true crime, medicine, comedy, wellness, and history. Members have been predominantly COM staff from a variety of departments, and librarians.

In April 2021 we celebrated the one-year anniversary of HSL Podcast Club! Over the last 60 weeks, we have created new lasting friendships with old colleagues, welcomed new employees looking to network and meet colleagues, and created a safe and inclusive space for members to share their thoughts, feelings, and experiences.

Creating a virtual podcast club cost us no money and requires little planning other than choosing podcasts for the coming weeks and sending Outlook invites with information about the week’s podcast and a Zoom link. Two library team members handle all podcast club logistics and facilitate the sessions. This is ideal in case someone has to miss a meeting for any reason.

As we look to return to campus in person, we will likely continue to host HSL Podcast Club virtually. Doing so provides greater opportunity for members to attend meetings, and to join the discussion from anywhere.

If you would like more information about HSL Podcast Club, please feel free to contact Shalu Gillum, Head of Public Services at shalu@ucf.edu and Carly Lambert, Sr. Library Technical Assistant at carly.lambert@ucf.edu.
Around the States

**FLORIDA**

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

**Presentations at the Medical Library Association Annual Conference**

**Gillum S, Williams N.** Bring Your Own Story: A Library Program to Celebrate Diverse Voices. Presented at the Medical Library Association Annual Meeting (virtual); 2021.


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

**Welcome Aboard**

Barbara M. Sorondo, PhD, MLIS joined the Louis Calder Memorial Library in May 2021 as Head of the Department of Learning, Research, and Clinical Information Services. Sorondo previously worked at the Florida International University (FIU) Libraries as the Health Sciences Librarian in the Department of Information and Research Services, where she served as the liaison librarian to the Nicole Wertheim College of Nursing and Health Sciences, the Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work, and the Department of Psychology.

Sorondo earned a doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction from the FIU School of Education and Human Development, with a concentration in Mathematics, Science, and Learning Technologies. Her dissertation focused on information literacy instruction in higher education from the perspectives of academic librarians, faculty, and students. Sorondo also holds a Master of Science in Library and Information Studies from Florida State University, a Master of Science in Psychology from FIU, and a Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience from the University of Miami.
Sorondo’s research focuses on information literacy, library instruction in higher education, and the well-being of library employees. Her work has been published in Advances in Library Administration and Organization, Developmental Psychology, Florida Libraries, Association of College and Research Libraries casebooks, and other library science and psychology publications. She served as the inaugural managing editor of Athenaeum, an open access, peer-reviewed collection of the scholarly works of the faculty and staff of the FIU Libraries. This is Sorondo’s second employment at the Calder Library. Prior to her position at FIU, she managed the Calder Library’s Interlibrary Loan Department, where she worked with numerous departments at the University of Miami as well as libraries around the world to coordinate the exchange of information resources.

Presentations

Kelsa Bartley virtually presented the Implicit Bias for Information Professionals Workshop with Dr. Kimberly Reynolds and Professor Shannon Jones for the Western New York Library Resources Council (WNYLRC) on April 8, and at the 2021 Florida Health Science Library Association (FHSLA) Annual Meeting on April 22. Kelsa also presented in two group Immersion sessions at the MLA Annual Meeting in May 2021: Striving for Deep Engagement: Cultivating a Library Environment Where Everyone Feels Included, and We Got You! Empowering BIPOC Information Professionals through Virtual Development Opportunities.

Publications

Kelsa Bartley published two book chapters in newly released books: Planning and Promoting Events in Health Sciences Libraries: Success Stories and Best Practices and Borders and Belonging: Critical Examinations of Library Approaches toward Immigrants. She also designed the book cover for Borders and Belonging.

University of Florida Health Science Center Libraries- Gainesville, FL

Welcoming students back:

The University of Florida’s Student Engagement Committee will host a “Summer Splash Ice Cream Social” on July 7 outside two libraries on campus. Librarians will serve up frozen treats and materials about the libraries.

Welcoming all Health Science Center Libraries personnel back:

The HSCL Wellness Committee is planning to offer a “Passport to Wellness” badge activity to faculty and staff similar to the one previously offered to students (https://guides.uflib.ufl.edu/hscwaldwellness/passport)
International Outreach to Madagascar

Michele Tennant will co-create, with in-country experts, materials to encourage wildlife and habitat conservation in Madagascar and will complete a region-specific version of the book *Madagascar from A-Z* (https://ufdc.ufl.edu/IR00010435/00001), which covers animals from all of Madagascar’s ecoregions. The team will also create videos and teaching materials based on the books. These resources will be developed in English, Malagasy, French, and the Vezo dialect, and will be made available to schools and non-governmental organizations in Madagascar.

MLA Presentations May 24-27, 2021

**Immersion sessions**


Margaret Ansell, co-chair of the Medical Library Association’s Governmental Relations Committee, coordinated Florida medical librarians at the University of Florida and the University of South Florida in MLA’s 2021 Virtual Capitol Hill sessions. The librarians met with the offices of Florida legislators to discuss the importance of access to trustworthy, understandable health information and how the National Library of Medicine and medical libraries in general facilitate this. The librarians shared funding recommendations for NLM and NIH and noted the importance of pandemic relief funding for hospitals and academic medical centers. Legislators particularly appreciated stories of the impact that NNLM funding has had on the ability to reach out to rural and underserved communities in Florida.


**Lightning talks**

Morgan-Daniel J, Ansell M, Adkins LE, Harnett S, Rethlefsen ML. Using little free libraries to transform access to quality health information in rural communities.

**Papers**

Norton H. Leveraging colleague expertise for a library-wide staff training day
Pomputius A. Using comics to talk about librarian experiences.

Selfe TK. Employee wellness concerns before and after pandemic-driven changes to the work environment.

Selfe TK, Leonard M. Librarians promoting an institutional culture of research integrity.

Stoyan-Rosenzweig N, Hough C. Highlighting contributions of BIPOC students, faculty, and staff through library social media.

Stoyan-Rosenzweig N. Stories of illness during epidemics: library role in preserving illness narratives.

**Posters**


**Norton HF, Pomputius AF.** Encouraging employee connection and well-being in a virtual workspace.

**Florida Health Sciences Library Association Contributed Posters, April 2021**


**Schaefer N, Meyer SL.** Using a LibGuide for training in data competencies.

**Publications**


Laura A. Murray, MSIS, MBA, AHIP was accepted into the Medical Library Association's Research Training Institute (RTI), achieved the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Workplace Certificate from the USF MUMA College of Business, was elected Chair-elect of the MLA LGBTQIA Caucus, and was accepted into the Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Educational Program Development (Educational Innovation) at the University of South Florida. Murray is the Graduate Medical Education Librarian for the HCA Healthcare/USF Morsani College of Medicine GME Programs and as the sole GME Librarian is responsible for 800+ residents and fellows (and just as many faculty) at 10 hospitals in the West Florida Division, developing, maintaining, and supporting the library services of the consortium. Her current research is in GME librarianship, LGBTQIA issues in GME Librarianship, evidence-based medicine resources for residents, fellows, and faculty, and library program development in an academic-corporate consortium.

2021 Medical Library Association (MLA) Annual Meeting
In May, Dr. Ardis Hanson (USF Health Libraries) and co-author Diane Fulkerson (SUNY-Brockport) presented “Managing Library Staff in Times of COVID: What We Can Learn From the Remote Work Literature.” Their paper examined best practices for remote work, suggested recommendations to address specific issues in managing libraries during the pandemic, and offered post-pandemic, long-term frames to effectively address ‘remote now’ and hybrid work in the future.

2021 Environmental Research Design Association (EDRA) Annual Meeting
Two papers were presented by USF Health Libraries faculty. The first paper, by Dr. Ardis Hanson (USF Health Libraries) and Diane Fulkerson (SUNY-Brockport), explored conversations about the constitutive elements of (dis)placement for academic librarians due to COVID and the restructuring of academic libraries and their communities within the frame of mediated (virtual) spaces and physical places.

The second paper by Dr. Sheila Gobes-Ryan (USF College of Engineering) and Dr. Hanson, was a scoping review conducted to understand how businesses are reframing how they envision the future workplace. Using Goffman’s Frame Analysis, they interpreted the data to determine the wider social and business contexts of the ‘new normal’ as described in the business literature.
**New Book Chapter on Virtual Work**

In their chapter, “Bonding apart: Building mediated relationships among fulltime teleworkers”, Dr. Sheila Gobes-Ryan (USF College of Engineering) and Dr. Ardis Hanson (USF Health Libraries) focus on how full-time teleworkers use computer mediated communication (CMC) to initiate and maintain remote workplace relationships. Their study highlights the strategies these workers use to develop and maintain their workplace relationships, which parallel face-to-face communication practices, but differ in their opportunity and enactment. The study supports current research that show workers who use CMC as their central communication process are able to successfully establish, maintain, and build team relationships to produce effective work. It also suggests the greatest challenge is for workers and managers where CMC is not ubiquitous in the communication processes of their organizations.


**New ILS - Alma**

Allison Howard has been leading the USF Health Libraries through the migration to a new ILS system. USF, along with 39 other Florida State Universities and Colleges are migrating from Aleph to Alma. Staff have been busy working on clean-up projects to ensure a smooth migration as well as training and many meetings! Alma will come online July 13th. After that date, resource links will be updated in LibGuides and other resources, and a new set of clean-up projects will begin!

**2021 FHS LA**

The USF Health Libraries presented a “What’s New at the USF Health Libraries 2021” that described recent activities of its librarians.

Krystal Bullers, MLS, AHIP, talked about her work on integrating our calendar, appointment systems and Microsoft Teams to simplify our scheduling and appointment systems.

Allison Howard, MLS, AHIP, spoke about her work as a co-instructor in an innovative two-semester doctoral research course in the College of Public Health.

Stephanie Tomlinson, MLS, AHIP, described her work as an Administrator on the state of Florida’s medical proceedings journal Flagship. Flagship is a joint venture that includes eight medical schools in Florida, and is published as part of the journal Cureus.
In addition, Drs. Ardis Hanson and Sheila Gobes-Ryan (College of Engineering) presented a poster entitled “Bonding Apart: Building Mediated Relationships Among Full-Time Teleworkers”, which examines how bonding between virtual workers occurs at the edges of, underneath, and outside formal communication activities.

**Leadership Training**

Jeff Honker, Library Operations Supervisor in Access Services, was selected as one of 24 participants in the summer 2021 Leadership Enrichment program. This interactive, cohort-based program provides USF mid-level leaders with the opportunity to examine themselves as leaders and to expand their self-awareness of effective leadership skills, styles, and behaviors.

**MISSISSIPPI**

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

Lauren M. Fletcher, Research and Instruction Librarian, at Rowland Medical Library, University of Mississippi Medical Center, has both a recent publication and a paper presentation. The latter is with Sarah C. Adcock, also Reference and Instruction Librarian at Rowland.


**SOUTH CAROLINA**

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

Library Receives Donation of Hanaway History of Medicine Collection

The School of Medicine Library recently received a valuable donation of a 600-volume history of medicine collection from Joseph Hanaway, MDCM, FAAN, and a retired neurologist in St. Louis, Missouri. While at McGill University’s medical school, 1956-60, Hanaway discovered the Osler Library of the History of Medicine. He joined the student Osler Society under the Osler Librarian, Wm. Francis, Osler’s cousin and received an introduction to the history of medicine. He began to
collect books on Osler from local bookstores and continued for the next 50 years. His interests expanded to the history of neurology and neurosurgery after he was a resident at the Montreal Neurological Institute with the works of Harvey Cushing and Wilder Penfield. The donated collection includes the history of medicine of all subjects, the history of medicine in Canada, the history of medical education, Andreas Vesalius, and early atlases of anatomy, pathology, and surgery. Hanaway is a retired clinical assistant professor of neurology at Washington University and was also a visiting professor of neurology at the University of Missouri School of Medicine.

### Donation of IdeaWall Movable Whiteboard by Nancy Kress

Nancy Kress, a founding member of the School of Medicine Library Circle of Friends, has kindly donated funding for the purchase of an IdeaWall Movable Whiteboard for the first floor of the Library. The whiteboard is six feet wide and multi-sided. Highly popular with students, rolling whiteboards encourage idea sharing and group interaction. Kress also donated funding for the purchase of Clarus glassboards for the Library in 2019 and 2017. Many thanks to Kress for her generosity and kindness to the School of Medicine Library!

### Prisma Health Libraries Combine Forces

Hospitals in South Carolina known as Greenville Health and Palmetto Health have consolidated and rebranded as Prisma Health. As a result, the respective libraries have combined forces to integrate library services and resources for its more than 30,000 employees. The library also supports the USC School of Medicine Greenville and other academic groups including residency programs, pharmacy, pastoral care, and the MedEX pipeline program. Combining forces offers many new challenges and rewards, and the library staff is building on this opportunity to grow and improve.

### TENNESSEE

#### University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Memphis, TN

**Dr. Rick Fought completes Tennessee’s Council on Developmental Disabilities Partner in Policymaking Leadership Institute**

Dr. Rick Fought, Assistant Vice Chancellor of the UTHSC Health Sciences Library, just completed an intensive 7-month program offered by Tennessee’s Council on Developmental Disabilities Partners in Policymaking Leadership Institute. This program teaches its participants how to advocate for inclusion, employment of people with disabilities, medical issues related to developmental disabilities, supports and services, public policy, and legislative initiatives surrounding developmental disabilities. Congratulations, Rick!
Jess Newman Selected as 2021 RTI Fellow

Jess Newman, Research Data and Scholarly Communications Lead, was selected as a 2021 Research Training Institute (RTI) fellow. The Research Training Institute for Health Sciences Librarians (RTI) of the Medical Library Association is an online continuing education program for health sciences librarians that provides advanced research methods training and an intensive level of support for health sciences librarians, to design, conduct, and successfully disseminate a research project. Newman is one of 31 librarians that were selected to take part in this program. We’re so proud of her!

Welcome, Jenessa!

The UTHSC Library welcomed its new Systematic Review Service Coordinator & Senior Research & Learning Services Librarian, Jenessa McElfresh, on June 1st. Jenessa is originally from Pittsburgh, PA, and has lived in six different states as an adult. She’s always worked in medical libraries but dabbled in archives and art museum librarianship in graduate school. She still enjoys visiting museums and exhibits. She has two spoiled pets (a dog named Olive and a cat named Ophelia) who are currently adjusting to life in Memphis with her. Jenessa says the thing she’s most excited about living in Memphis is “to explore the culinary scene in Memphis. I’m a big foodie and love trying new cuisines.” Her favorite book is Mrs. Dalloway by Virginia Woolf.

UTHSC Library Faculty and Staff Present at MLA

The UTHSC Library had a fabulous showing at MLA’21 vConference with eight presentations:

- “Making the Most of the Month: Design and Implementation of an Advanced Searching Skills Crash Course for Pharmacy Rotation Students” [paper] by Hilary Jasmin
- “Revamping Publicity and Promotion Strategies to Engage and Connect in Time of a Pandemic” [paper] by Lin Wu, Sarah Thompson, Jennifer Langford, and Kay Strahan
- “Striving for Deep Engagement: Cultivating a Library Environment Where Everyone Feels Included” [Immersion Session] by Tamara Nelson as a panelist
- “We Got You! Empowering BIPOC Information Professionals through Virtual Development Opportunities” [Immersion Session] by Tamara Nelson as a presenter
- “A Flipped Classroom Approach: Transforming Library Instruction for Evidence-based Occupational Therapy” [Poster] by Leah Cordova
- “’No One Measure to Rule Them All:’ Teaching JIF Alternatives” [Paper] by Jess Newman
- “My Favorite Tool: Unsub” [Immersion Session] by Paul Gahn as a panelist.
- “Learning to Teach All Over Again: Learning With, From, and About Each Other to Engage Students in Hybrid and Online Environments” [Immersion Session] by Hilary Jasmin as a panelist.
UTHSC Awarded Covid-19 Health Information Outreach Award from NNLM

In collaboration with librarians, Kelsey Grabeel and Alexandria Wilson, from the Preston Medical Library, the Health Sciences Library was recently awarded a COVID-19 Health Information Outreach Award from the Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM). Leah Cordova who serves as a Research and Learning Services Librarian at UTHSC served as the Lead Principal Investigator for the project. This project sought to better understand the impacts of COVID-19 on the health information services of public libraries throughout Tennessee, as well as increase the knowledge and utilization of online health information resources of public libraries by offering tailored health information training opportunities for Tennessee public libraries. Known for being community-centered institutions, public libraries play an important role in improving individual’s access to health information and overall well-being. Together, librarians at both institutions surveyed public librarians throughout Tennessee to better understand their current health information related services, as well as identify needs for training. Based on survey results, the team developed and led an online information training session for Tennessee public librarians which was hosted in April 2021.

The research team felt this project showed a need for additional collaborations between public and health sciences libraries, and the information gained throughout this project will help them tailor future outreach efforts, as well as help build new partnerships and strengthen health information services throughout Tennessee. The two institutions believe this partnership has laid a great foundation to build from and plan to continue to work together on projects such as this in the future.

Communications Coordinator Goes Librarian

Sarah Thompson, the Library’s Communications Coordinator, was accepted into the University of Tennessee’s MSIS program. We look forward to seeing her library school journey!

Sarah Thompson
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