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The planning committees from both Southern Chapter and South Central Chapter are very excited to welcome Chapter members to NOLA in fewer than 10 days! The meeting is September 21-26 and even though it is around the corner, you can still make last minute plans to attend.

We encourage you to visit the meeting website.

Paper, poster, and lightening talks will cover topics such as:

- Professional development
- Public services/tech services
- AI/informatics
- Systematic Reviews
- Wellness, self-care, burnout, yoga
- Supporting students

This year our speaker line up is top notch:

**Sunday, Sept. 24, 8:15 am "Signaling Life: Decoding the Cities of the Dead"**  
Heather Veneziano is an architectural historian and cultural heritage advisor with the preservation-consulting firm of Gambrel & Peak, as well as a Professor of Practice within the Historic Preservation program of Tulane School of Architecture.

**Monday, Sept. 25, 12:00 pm "Building a Museum in Carville, LA"**  
Elizabeth Schexnyder is the curator of the National Hansen’s Disease Museum.  
https://www.hrsa.gov/hansens-disease/museum/plan-your-visit

**Monday, September 25, 3:00 pm "Presentation Title To Be Announced"**  
Thomas A. LaVeist, Ph.D. is professor and chair at Tulane University. He is Dean and Weatherhead Presidential Chair in Health Equity.  
***Sunday, September 24, 5:30 pm there will be a screening of Dr. LaVeist's documentary THE SKIN YOU'RE IN.***  
https://www.tysi.org/

A fun event to get to know our fellow librarians is the Kindred Spirits Contest.  
Open to all SCC & SC chapter members, the Kindred Spirits Contest. This is an opportunity for you to meet and get to know one of your Southern and/or South Central Chapter buddies.

1. Select a new friend from the opposite chapter affiliation.
2. Meet at least twice. Once virtually and at least once more at the conference.

Please take pictures of both (or more meetings) and then email Dede Rios at dmrios1@uiwtx.edu. Each entry should have:

a. your names and chapter affiliations
b. photos of your meetings (minimum 2)
c. what you learned about the other chapter
d. what you learned about the other person

Be as creative as you can with your submission and the top pair of Kindred Spirits will each win a MLA membership for a year. For those who won’t be able to attend this year’s conference but want to participate, special consideration and prize will be available for one pair.

Christine Willis, on behalf of the SC/MLA Program Committee
SCC/SC Joint Meeting | September 21-26, 2023

Meeting website:  https://www.sccmla.org/Meetings/2023
Preliminary meeting schedule:  https://app.box.com/v/prelimschedulefinal

New Southern Expressions Editors!

Please join us in welcoming Hannah Rogers and Priscilla Stephenson as the new Editors of Southern Expressions. Hannah and Priscilla will be joining the communications committee at the annual meeting. We look forward to seeing their first edition this winter.

We also want to thank Lauren Young and Terri Gotschall for their work as editors of Southern Expressions.
Around the States

Florida

Charlotte E. Maguire Medical Library, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
Submitted by: Melodie Gardner

FSU’s Maguire Medical Library: Something for Everyone

It’s orientation season again as the Maguire Medical Library partners with the FSU College of Medicine to provide library essentials to various students and residents. This year, we welcomed the MD Class of 2027 with an overview of how to find their textbooks, access clinical tools, and got them on their way to building their basic science knowledge and using evidence-based information in their clinical decisions. We extended this training to the PA Class of 2026, as well as a refresher session to the MD Class of 2026. Also in our orientation mix is getting new graduate students in the Biomedical Sciences PhD program up to speed on research support from the medical library, as well as providing direction to the Bridge to Clinical Medicine master’s degree students as many of them perform their first major research projects. This past summer and into the fall semester, FSU medical librarians have been engaging with FSU-sponsored residency programs throughout the state of Florida, to familiarize residents with using the medical library, and the clinical and research assistance we provide.

All of this is just a snapshot of the library’s involvement in academic, clinical, and research programs, but each year it reminds us of how all of our libraries serve a critical role in welcoming new students and residents, and creating an encouraging environment for everyone to engage in scholarly activity. Medical and health sciences libraries are a vital part of the success of our institutions, and opportunities like these that put us in front of our stakeholders yield dividends that can stretch across the entire academic careers of our patrons.

Maguire Medical Library’s Orientation Welcome Bags for students.
Harriet F Ginsburg Health Sciences Library, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL
Submitted by: Shalu Gillum

Accomplishments
• Terri Gotschall, our Scholarly Communications Librarian, was promoted to Associate Medical Librarian in August. Congrats to Terri!

Publications
• Gillum S, Gotschall T, Herring P, Walton D, Williams N, Dexter N. Themes in Health Sciences Librarianship Literature, 2016–2020: A Keyword and Subject Analysis, Medical Reference Services Quarterly, 2023;42(3) 228-239, DOI: 10.1080/02763869.2023.2225351

USF Health Libraries, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
Submitted by: Tsu Yin Lue

Welcome!
The USF Health Libraries would like to officially welcome and introduce our new Director of Content Management & Discovery, Dr. Julie Evener, MLIS, EdD who joined us in June 2023. She has more than ten years of experience leading in academic health sciences libraries.

In her previous role, she was the Director of Library Services at the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences. She earned her doctorate in higher education leadership from Walden University, and her Master’s degree in Library and Information Science from the University of South Carolina.

Dr. Evener is an Associate Editor for the Journal of Innovation in Health Sciences Education (JIHSE) and a copy editor for the journal, Evidence Based Library and Information Practice (EBLIP). Her research and publications have focused on leadership, information literacy, and outreach, with a current project centering around the role of academic libraries in open educational resources.
Congratulations!
Congratulations to Mohamed Elmenayer on his new position as Assistant Director for Library Operations and Access Services! Mohamed started his new role in May 2023. He was previously our Supervisor of Library Operations. Mohamed’s project management experience makes him a perfect choice to lead USF Health Libraries’ operations.

News
Our paper, Usability Testing for a Health Science Library Website Design, was accepted for presentation at the upcoming SC/MLA conference in New Orleans, LA.

AAU Status
On June 1, 2023, USF President Rhea F. Law announced USF accepted an invitation to join the Association of American Universities (AAU).

USF is the first public university in Florida to be invited to join in nearly 40 years and is one of two institutions from the State University System of Florida to be an AAU member.

Conference
Dr. Ardis Hanson, MLIS, AHIP attended ACURIL 2023 in Kingston, Jamaica where she presented a paper:

- **Hanson A, Chan J.** Engaging the information professional in EBP. A case study from USF. Paper presented at: Association of Caribbean, University, Research, and Institutional Libraries (ACURIL); June 4-8, 2023; Kingston, Jamaica.

Publication

Emory University’s Woodruff Health Sciences Center Library is pleased to celebrate the accomplishments of Shenita Peterson who has been selected as a recipient of the Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries (AAHSL) Leadership Diversity Scholarship. Shenita serves as one of the Public Health Informationists and is the Systematic Review Service coordinator. This competitive scholarship supports professional leadership development opportunities for librarians historically under-represented in US academic health sciences libraries. The award aims to strengthen the profession’s commitment to diversity and inclusivity and develop a more diverse pool of library leaders. Shenita used the Scholarship to offset the costs of participating in the 2023 Harvard Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians.

Please join the WHSC Library in congratulating our colleague Erin Reardon who has been selected as a recipient of the Sewell Stipend Travel Award for librarians to participate in the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association. The award covers the cost of membership and early-bird conference registration to attend the annual meeting, to be held November 12-15, 2023 in Atlanta, GA. Awardees also receive a small stipend to offset travel and other meeting costs. Award recipients are required to identify a professional mentor working in public health, submit a conference summary and participation highlights, and complete volunteer service hours. Erin serves as the library’s Public Health Informationist.
The WHSC Library Celebrates 100-year Anniversary
Emory University’s Abner Wellborn Calhoun Medical Library was established in 1923 with a $10,000 gift from the Calhoun Family to support the Emory University School of Medicine. After opening its doors in 1924, M. Myrtle Tye was selected as the first full-time librarian and tasked with building and maintaining the library collections. Following Tye’s death in 1933, a $175 gift from her family established the Tye History of Medicine book collection which continues to this day.

Beginning during World War II and continuing until the early 1980s, the library additionally served as the designated southeast regional medical library. In support of local and community health initiatives, hospitals, and physicians, these regional library efforts were part of a network that has since come under the National Library of Medicine. In 1987, the library moved from the third floor of the Woodruff Memorial Building to its current location at 1462 Clifton Road. Following this move, the library incorporated the Stephen W. Foster Dental Library collection and was renamed the Robert W. Woodruff Health Sciences Center Library. In 1988, the library dedicated the Alice Kydd Davis Nursing Collection, which is now incorporated into the larger library holdings.

The WHSC Library now serves a diverse health science population including the School of Medicine and Allied Health Programs, Schools of Nursing and Public Health, the Graduate Division of Biomedical and Biological Sciences, the Emory National Primate Research Center, and the Emory Healthcare system. Locations include the main campus library, still housed at 1462 Clifton Road, and five hospital branch libraries and service points at Emory University Hospital, Grady Hospital, Emory Midtown Hospital, Emory Johns Creek Hospital, and Emory Saint Joseph’s Hospital.

A celebration event will be held on Thursday September 14th on the Emory Campus. Dr. Patricia Brennan, director of the National Library of Medicine, will serve as keynote speaker followed by a panel discussion with current and past partners and collaborators highlighting the impact of the WHSC Library on their campus programs and missions. Additional programming will be held in conjunction with the 20th annual J. Willis Hurst History of
Medicine Symposium on Saturday, October 21st on the Emory Campus. Library presentations will include highlights of the WHSC Library history of medicine collections and archives, legacies of the library's five directors, and details of the Atlanta-Tbilisi Health Partnership by invited guest speaker Carol Burns, former director of the WHSC Library (retired). Additional event details will be shared on the chapter listserv.

Morehouse School of Medicine
On Wednesday, August 16, more than 100 faculty and students joined us to learn how Elsevier supports them via Osmosis, ClinicalKey Student, and Complete Anatomy. This event was a collaboration with OSLER (the Office of Student Learning and Educational Resources) and the Library and was held in both the Library E-Lab and the lobby area in front of the Library. While it was a drop-in event, many faculty stayed for more than an hour to learn about the capabilities of these software products directly from members of the Elsevier Global Medical Education team: Tara Heneghan, Jill Cummings, and Lindsay Brandes.
Welcome Reception
The USC School of Medicine Library was pleased to host a welcome reception for Interim Dean Gerald Harmon and Mrs. Harmon on August 2, 2023. Numerous faculty and staff greeted Dean Harmon and Mrs. Harmon on the Library’s second floor and enjoyed light refreshments. A nice gallery of photos is available.

Brain Injury Conference
Steve Wilson, Web Architect & Outreach Librarian, exhibited and promoted the Center for Disability Resources Library at the 2023 Life with Brain Injury Conference in Columbia, South Carolina on July 28, 2023.

The conference objective is to provide a forum for the exchange of information on programs, resources, and best practices in brain injury rehabilitation and services. The conference targets individuals with brain injury, family members, caregivers, and professionals working in the field of brain injury.
New Laptop Risers and Rolling Desks

The USC School of Medicine Library recently purchased adjustable laptop risers and mobile rolling desks after noticing students placing chairs on tables and using empty shelving to hold their laptops while standing up to study.

MUSC Libraries - Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC
Contributed by Rachel Whitney, MLIS, AHIP

Evidence-Based Practice for Health Sciences Librarians:
MUSC Libraries recently hosted the workshop, "Evidence-Based Practice for Health Sciences Librarians". The EBP for HSL Workshop was organized by library faculty from MUSC Libraries, Indiana University's Ruth Lilly Medical Library, New York University (NYU) Langone Health's Health Sciences Library, and Duke University Medical Center Library & Archives, and taught by librarians from around the country. This workshop is intended for health sciences librarians who want to learn evidence-based practice concepts in order to comfortably teach and support EBP at their institutions.

Promotions:
Congratulations to two librarians who were promoted on July 1, 2023:
- Emily Brennan was promoted to the rank of Professor
- Rachel Whitney was promoted to the rank of Assistant Professor

Other Faculty Accomplishments:
- Emily Brennan, Heather Holmes, and Kris Alpi were the co-recipients of the MLA President’s Award in recognition of the MLA Statement, "It's Time to Acknowledge Authorship for Librarians and Information Professionals on Evidence Synthesis Publications."
• **Ayaba Logan** received the Certificate of Excellence from Center for Transformation and Change 2023

MLA/SLA 2023 Presentations:

• **Andresen C**, Hoover J. *The Future of OER Outreach*. Education Session at the Medical Library Association/Special Library Association 2023 Annual Meeting, Detroit, MI. [https://thescholarship.ecu.edu/handle/10342/12700](https://thescholarship.ecu.edu/handle/10342/12700)


• **Lubker IM, Coral A, Rana P.** *Forging ahead: Key insights on global health & equity from around the world*. Immersion presentation at the Medical Library Association Annual Meeting in Detroit, Michigan, 2023.
Other Presentations:

- Guy JW, Wisniewski CS, Oestreich JH, **Whitney R.** *Fall into a Learning Wonderland: a Pathfinder Game to Enhance Student Engagement.* Session to be presented at American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) Pharmacy Education 2023, Aurora, CO. (1.0 contact hour continuing education credit)


Publications:

- **Emily Brennan, MLIS** – co-authored one of the top-cited articles published in the Laryngoscope between 2021-2022:


- Scott J, Burrison S, Barron M, **Logan A**, Magwood GC. Exploring Nursing Strategies to Engage Community in Cardiovascular Care. Current Cardiology Reports. (Accepted for Publication, 2023)
Impact Challenge

During the first full week of August, UTHSC researchers, students, and faculty were invited to complete the brand new UTHSC Research Impact Challenge. Sixty-four patrons signed up to receive email introductions to each of the five days of asynchronous research impact activities. Additionally, there were 352 views to the Research Guides created for the event during the week of the challenge.

One participant said regarding the challenge, “This comprehensive five-day course surpassed my expectations, and I find myself wishing it had been accessible from the outset of my research journey. I wholeheartedly advocate for all members of the research faculty to receive strong encouragement from their department chairs to participate in this course.”

The UTHSC Library is proud of Jess Newman McDonald, Research Data & Scholarly Communications Lead, for organizing the event as well as Megg Doolin, Jennifer Langford, Tamara Nelson, Jenessa McElfresh, Sarah Newell, Hilary Jasmin, Randall Watts, and Annabelle Holt for their contributions to the challenge.

Systematic Review Summer

Nine employees at the UTHSC Health Sciences Library made their summer a systematic review summer by agreeing to complete the The Campbell Collaboration’s open course “Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis-Open & Free” with the Library’s Systematic Review Coordinator Jenessa McElfresh. The group has met every Thursday afternoon since June 15th and will be done with the training soon. McElfresh has done a fantastic job making the meetings fun and engaging.
Papers & Publications


See you in New Orleans!
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