



# SOUTHERN EXPRESSIONS

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE  
SOUTHERN CHAPTER OF THE MEDICAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

## CHAIR LETTER

Dear Southern Chapter Members,

Ah, Spring! Time for cleaning, new starts, and pollen. What’s not to love, right? We have many beautiful places, people, and things to see or do in the Spring, and I hope you will take a moment to rest and enjoy the season during this refreshing time. Making new connections and reinforcing old ones can bring joy, too. I am looking forward to seeing colleagues at the Georgia Health Science Library Association Annual Meeting, some of whom I have not seen in more than 4 years. So much has changed in that time; it is amazing to remember! There may also be members of the Florida Health Sciences Library Association who had the same experience at their recent meeting. We benefit from staying connected with others in our profession. It may take effort to pitch for educational meeting support at your institution, make travel plans, set up coverage arrangements (at work and home), and - perhaps - prepare a presentation. I hope you feel that this extra effort to attend professional meetings is well spent in terms of your professional growth.

Speaking of meetings, the Medical Library Association Annual Meeting in Portland, OR is fast approaching (May 18-21). I hope that there will be many SC/MLA members attending to learn and present the amazing work that is happening at your library. We have once again supported the MLA Research in Training Institute (RTI) <https://www.mlanet.org/p/cm/ld/fid=1333> with a donation of \$1595. We do this, in part, to support the interests of SC/MLA members, because more than 20 (!) of our members have participated in the RTI to date. Looking ahead to the fall, we will be hosting the joint meeting with the Mid-Atlantic Chapter (MAC-MLA), October 27-30 at the Francis Marion Hotel in Charleston, SC.

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## CHAIR LETTER

The planning committee, led by Chair-Elect/Program Chair Lisa Ennis with MAC Program Chair Corey Harmon is working with the Local Arrangements/Steering Committee, chaired by Shannon Jones (SC/MLA) and Ryan Harris (MAC/MLA) to prepare for an amazing meeting. See more information about the fall meeting in this issue.

In other news, the SC/MLA Honors and Awards Committee has recently made a call for applications and nominations. A copy of that notice is also shared in this issue of Southern Expressions. I encourage you to read about these opportunities and to take the time to consider potential nominees, including yourself. Our chapter's honors and awards highlight the talents of our incredible members. We want to celebrate you and others with this professional recognition.

One final update regarding our bylaws. The Bylaws Committee, headed by Emily Blevins, has updated our bylaws. The changes now reflect the vote taken a few months ago which authorized a change in wording to reflect that MLA membership is no longer a requirement for committee chairs. The updated document is now on our website (<https://southernchaptermla.wildapricot.org/Bylaws>).

A special thanks to the members of all SC committees. They are actively working on several projects, and we look forward to sharing them with everyone soon.



**Christine Willis**

**SC/MLA Chair  
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta**

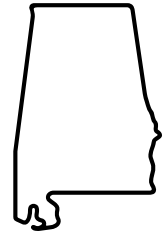


## AROUND THE STATES

### Alabama

Charles M. Baugh Biomedical Library, University of South Alabama (USA)

Submitted by Justin Robertson, MLIS



The Baugh Biomedical Library is building a Graphic Medicine collection. Graphic Medicine, the intersection of graphic form and medical information, is a growing field in research, medical education, and medical humanities. The collection is being overseen by our Assessment and Collections Librarian, Leesha Coleman, who will also be conducting a Lunch and Learn session on the topic in early April. Graphic Medicine will continue to be an important area on our campus as we partner with our College of Medicine to integrate the subject into the curriculum, by building on research that shows how Graphic Medicine can be useful in medical education by improving retention and lowering student stress. The collection includes a supplemental LibGuide. Both will be used to support our programs in nursing, medicine, and allied health.



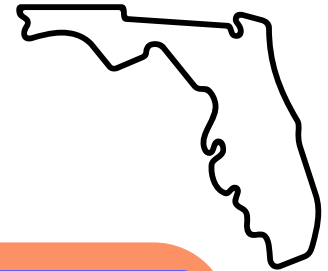
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## Florida

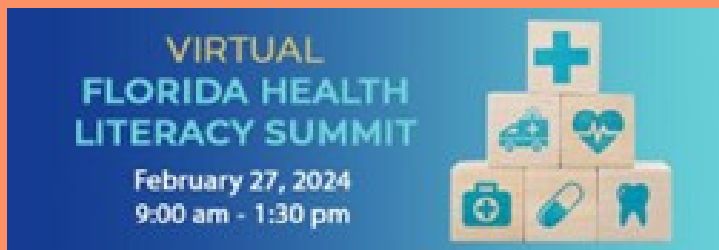
### R.A. Williams Library, AdventHealth University

Submitted by Jessica Daly, BS Ed., MLS

Awesome things have been happening in the R.A. Williams Library of AdventHealth University! The first is the announcement of live 24/7 chat service which enables us to serve our students, staff, and faculty at any time or day. This is especially helpful for our campus in Denver, Colorado.



**Jessica Daly**, Head of Library Outreach & Marketing, participated in the Florida Health Literacy Summit 2024 sponsored by the Florida Literacy Coalition. Health sciences and medical professionals from across the state were in attendance. Jessica was part of a panel presentation “Health Communication in Interprofessional Teams” where she spoke about the role of the patient due to her years as a consumer health librarian within a large hospital system in Orlando. She also presented a session on the topic of “Health Literacy & Patient Outcomes.” Librarian Jessica Daly received the Consumer Health Information Specialization Level 1 designation from the Medical Library Association in November of 2023.



The R.A. Williams Library continues to support the whole health of all students, staff, and faculty by offering monthly health literacy webinars on topics suggested by participants. These educational events are live and recorded and made available on our library’s website for those who wish to view the webinar later. This outreach project began in 2023 and due to its success, is continuing in 2024.



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January 2024 marked the beginning of the Student Library Ambassador Program. The Library Ambassadors serve as advocates and representatives for the library and at outreach events and through peer connections. Library Ambassadors also provide valuable feedback on the libraries' initiatives and services, as well as advocate for the perspectives of the student body. The Library Ambassador program provides students with leadership skills, professional connections, and the opportunity to make a positive impact. This opportunity is open to all AHU students.

Advent Health UNIVERSITY | R.A. Williams Library

Introducing

**MARELLA  
GILLIAN  
TUPAZ**

**Student Library  
Ambassador**

*"I love how student centered the library is. I love how it not only caters towards helping with the student's studies but it also helps in boosting their mental health with its environment and resources."*

Marella Gillian Tupaz - BS Nursing

## AROUND THE STATES

### Florida Atlantic University Medical Library

Submitted by Tiffany Follin, MLIS

The FAU Libraries held its second book club program on February 6th, 2024. In coordination with National Cancer Prevention Month and World Cancer Day (Feb 4th), book club attendees discussed Kimiko Does Cancer: A Graphic Memoir by Kimiko Tobimatsu. College of Nursing Liaison **Lauri Rebar** and School of Social Work Liaison **Patricia Fiorillo** helped the medical library promote the book club to their respective colleges, and attendees had engaging conversations that brought their experiences in to interact with Kimiko's story. Once again participants voiced appreciation of both the opportunity to connect and discuss the selected title. The Spring Semester meeting was predominately attended by staff and faculty, which was identified as likely due to the timing of the book club conflicting with student studying and testing. While the event was enriching with the insight of field experts and those interested in the title, it was noted that student voices were missed. The library will continue to work with the Office of the Provost, and key stakeholders in the College of Medicine, College of Nursing, and School of Social Work to plan future dates to connect more widely with the students and Faculty during lulls in their course loads.



L to R: Lauri Rebar, **Michelle Knecht**, **Tiffany Follin**, Patricia Fiorillo

### AHIP Membership

Congratulations to **Tiffany Follin** who was awarded Senior level status in the Academy of Health Information Professionals.





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## University of South Florida Health Libraries

Submitted by Tsu Yin Lue, MLIS

Graphic Medicine, the intersection of the comic/graphic novel format with health information, is increasingly popular as both an interdisciplinary teaching and learning tool. Graphic novels combine text and images to create compelling visual narratives that complement traditional academic resources. This medium can enhance the understanding and retention of complex medical concepts and provide an innovative and engaging way to educate, inspire, and promote empathetic patient care. To learn more about Graphic Medicine, please visit our [Graphic Medicine LibGuide \(https://libraries.health.usf.edu/graphicmedicine\)](https://libraries.health.usf.edu/graphicmedicine).



### **The Library Letter**

A new year, a new semester,  
and a new newsletter. We  
introduced our patrons to  
The Library Letter, our new  
monthly newsletter  
highlighting new and  
existing collections and  
services at the USF Health  
Libraries.

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### Stay Pawsitive

Dog therapy continues to be one of our favorite student events and this spring, we welcomed students back with our Pawsitive Valentine's Day events at Shimberg Library and the Florida Blue Health Knowledge Exchange.

We continue to be grateful and appreciative of our volunteer dog therapy teams who have been working with us for several years.

Also, our retired Library Ambassador, Snitch, celebrated her 15th birthday in March. Happy Birthday Snitch! Thank you for all the joy and love you have given our entire USF Health and USF communities during your years of service!





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### Harriet F. Ginsburg Health Sciences Library, University of Central Florida

Submitted by Shalu Gillum, JD, MLS

#### Exploring Stories of Illness and Health Through Graphic Medicine

The library held a reception this March for its newest traveling exhibit from the National Library of Medicine, “Graphic Medicine: Ill-Conceived and Well-Drawn.” The exhibit explores the art of comics to tell an author’s personal experience of illness and health. The reception also provided an opportunity to highlight the library’s new graphic medicine book collection. During the event, attendees were encouraged to check out a book. Attendees also participated in a comic-making activity. Drawing prompts and templates for three-, four-, and six-panel comics, along with art supplies, were provided. The resulting comics were displayed next to the exhibit.



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### Our New Public Services Team Member

Last fall **Emily Hannum** joined the library team as our Library Technical Assistant intern, managing our circulating technology. We are excited to announce that Emily is now part of the library's Public Services team as a Library Technical Assistant III. Emily will be working with **Shalu Gillum**, Head of Public Services, and **Natasha Williams**, User Services Librarian. She will be assisting with library programming, marketing, and social media. Welcome, Emily!



**Emily Hannum, Library Llama, and Shalu Gillum** at our recent exhibit reception.

### Presentations at Upcoming Conferences

Members of the library team will be presenting posters at upcoming meetings. Emily Hannum will be presenting a poster titled, "Puzzle Successes in Public Services," at the Florida Health Sciences Library Association annual meeting in Orlando, Florida in March 2024. Dr. Nadine Dexter and Emily Hannum will be presenting a poster titled, "Stronger Together – Exploring Medical Students' Experiences with ChatGPT," at the Medical Library Association annual meeting in Portland, Oregon in May 2024.

### Staff Publication

Walton, DJ. A review of the Native Health Database. Doody's Collection Development Monthly. <https://dcdm.doody.com/2024/01/a-review-of-the-native-health-database/>. Published January 23, 2024. Accessed January 24, 2024.

### A New Library Baby!

Congratulations to Natasha Williams, our User Services Librarian, on the birth of her second baby boy! Avery was born March 6, 2024. Mom and baby are doing well.





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## Georgia

### Emory University Woodruff Health Sciences Center Library

Submitted by: Kimberly R. Powell, MIS



We are excited to announce that Rachel Chandler has joined the Woodruff Health Sciences Center Library staff as our new Clinical Informationist for Graduate Medical Education. Rachel joined the Informationist team in February of 2024. She previously served as the Science and Data Visualization Librarian at Georgia State University. Rachel has a master's in biomedical illustration, and she completed her MLIS in 2023. She has previously worked as a freelance medical illustrator.

We welcome her to Emory and to the MLA Southern Chapter!

#### Emory Healthcare Acquires UpToDate

After over a decade of negotiations, Emory Healthcare (EHC) has signed an agreement with Wolters Kluwer for UpToDate, providing access for Healthcare clinicians, faculty, private practice providers, student trainees, and administrators. Following EHC's recent migration to the EPIC platform for electronic medical records (also a Wolters Kluwer product), this announcement comes from the Chief Information Office of Healthcare and is not tied to Emory University or WHSC Library subscriptions. Access is available within the EHC Virtual Desktop or while on the Emory campus network.



**Rachel Chandler**

#### WHSC Library Hosts NLM Exhibit on Mental Health

The WHSC Library is proud to host the National Library of Medicine traveling exhibition, Care and Custody: Past Responses to Mental Health. The six-panel exhibit is physically located on the plaza level of the library near the Information Desk and open during WHSC Library hours. Care and Custody includes an education component featuring a new university module and a digital gallery that further explores selected works from the historical collections of the NLM, which are also available in their entirety in NLM Digital Collections.

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### **Library Director Sandra Franklin Receives Second AAHSL Oppenheimer Cornerstone Award**

In November 2023, **Sandra Franklin** was named among three others (Lori Fitterling, Joanne Muellenbach, and Stephanie Ferretti) as recipients of the 2023 AAHSL Oppenheimer Cornerstone Award for important contributions to the mission of the Association of Academic Health Science Libraries (AAHSL). The group formed the Osteopathic Membership Task Force and gave formal recommendations for the inclusion of academic libraries serving osteopathic programs to be included as full members of the association. Prior to October 2022, libraries serving schools under the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine could join only as Associate Members.

Sandra previously received the AAHSL Oppenheimer Cornerstone Award for lifetime achievement in 2022. Sandra has been the Emory University representative to AAHSL since 2000 and served as a member of the board from 2009-2012. She chaired the Future Leadership Committee (2014-2017) and served on the Joint Legislation Task Force with the Medical Library Association (2006-2009; 2019-2020) and the Scholarly Communications Committee (2008-2010). In 2020, Sandra served as AAHSL President and was key to shepherding the organization through the early responses to the global COVID-19 pandemic.





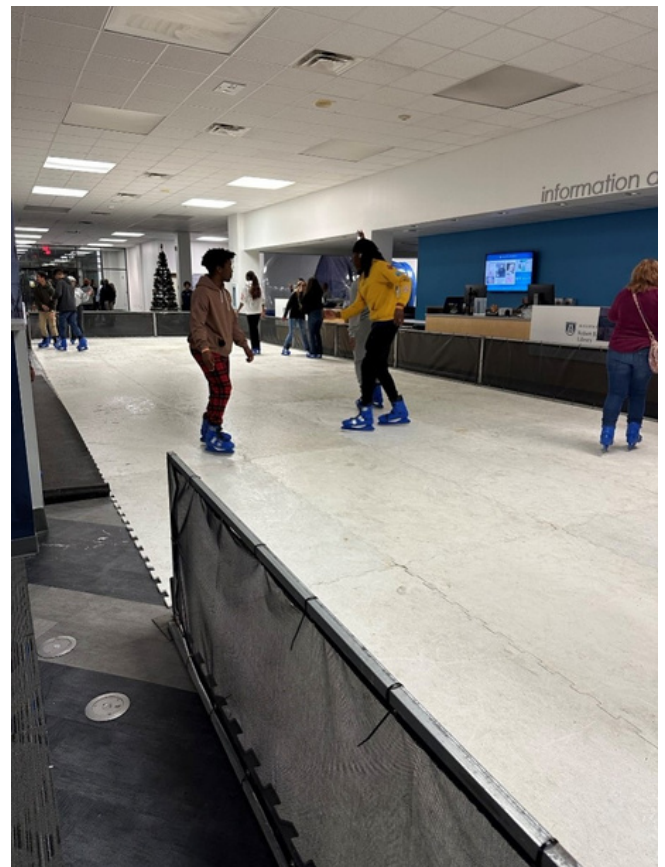
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## Augusta University Robert B. Greenblatt MD Library

Submitted by Emily Harris, MLIS

### Care & Custody: Past Responses to Mental Health

The Robert B. Greenblatt, MD Library hosted a panel discussion on January 25, 2024, regarding the history of mental health in conjunction with the NLM traveling exhibition *Care & Custody: Past Responses to Mental Health*. The panel featured the following Augusta University Faculty: Dr. Wendy Turner, Professor of History; Dr. Vaughn McCall, Department Chair of Psychiatry and Health Behavior; and Ms. Morgan Fields, Director of the Bachelor of Social Work Program in the Pamplin College Department of Social Sciences. AU Libraries Special Collections Librarian Courtney Berge moderated the discussion session held in the Historical Collections & Archives room.



### “Go Back to Greenblatt”

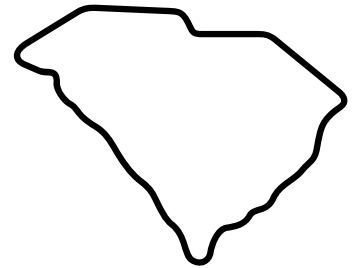
On January 6, the Robert B. Greenblatt, MD Library at Augusta University co-hosted a late-night “Go Back to Greenblatt” event with the Office of New Student and Family Transitions for returning freshmen. About 100 students tried ice skating. (Yes, you read that right, ice skating IN the library!) They sampled refreshments from the hot chocolate bar, played in the “snow” in the life-sized inflatable snow globe, and sang karaoke. Overall, 275 students attended the event.

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## South Carolina

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

Submitted by Felicia Yeh, MLIS



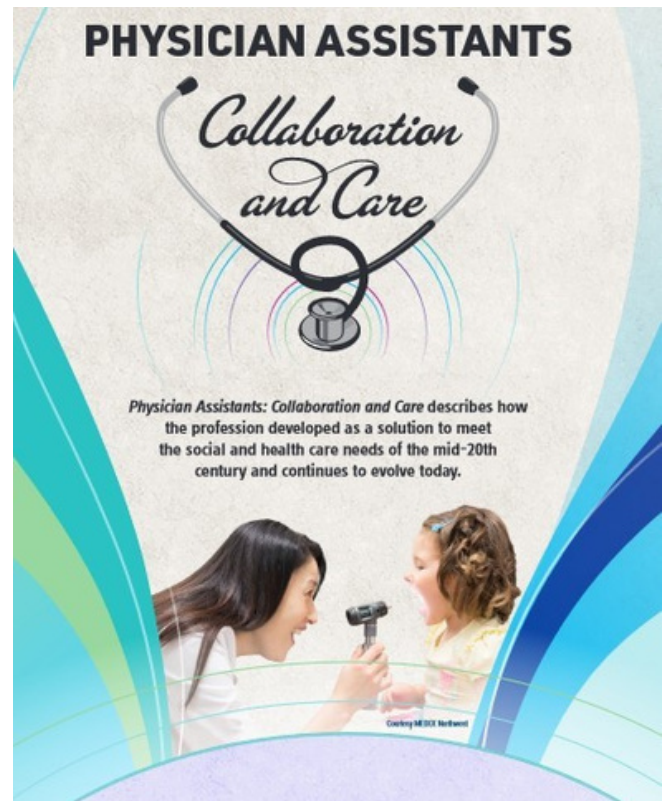
The School of Medicine Library is excited to host one of the National Library of Medicine's Traveling Exhibits, "Physician Assistants: Collaboration and Care," in partnership with the Physician Assistant History Society, March 11 – April 20, 2024 in the library's first floor space.

Comprised of six graphic banners, the traveling banner exhibition and companion website explore how the Physician Assistant (PA) profession developed as a solution to meet the social and health care needs of the mid-20th century and continues to evolve today. Learn more about the exhibit here:

<https://www.nlm.nih.gov/exhibition/pa-collaborationandcare/index.html>

### Presentation at Assistive Technology Expo

**Steve Wilson**, Web Architect & Outreach Librarian, exhibited at the 2024 South Carolina Assistive Technology Expo on March 12 in Columbia. The program included a full day of exhibits and workshops showcasing assistive technology for people with a wide range of disabilities.





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### Archives Donation and Reception

The Library hosted a reception on March 5 to honor the donation of the antique medical apothecary box displayed on the 2nd floor. The box was donated by Judie Nye in memory of Dr. O'Neill Barrett, Jr., Distinguished Professor Emeritus and Chairman Emeritus of the USC School of Medicine Department of Internal Medicine.



**L to R:** Gerald Harmon, MD, Interim Dean at the School of Medicine Columbia; Judie Nye, member of the Library Circle of Friends; Charles S. Bryan, MD, Heyward Gibbes, Distinguished Professor of Internal Medicine Emeritus, School of Medicine Columbia.

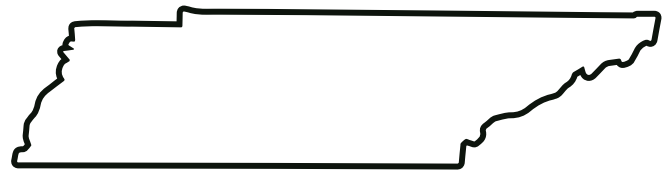


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## Tennessee

Eskind Biomedical Library, Vanderbilt University

Submitted by: Rachel Lane Walden, MLIS



### Staffing Updates

Eskind Biomedical Library is pleased to welcome **Emily Adydan**, our new Health Sciences Informationist, who started on April 8, 2024. Emily recently graduated with an MSLS from the University of Kentucky in December 2023. She is a native New Yorker and had been working as a Library Clerk at the Liverpool Public Library. She enjoys reading contemporary and classic fiction, painting, and hiking. Previous library experience includes a student assistant position at the LeMoyne College Noreen R. Falcone Library and internships with the National Library of Medicine and the University of Cincinnati Donald C. Harrison Health Sciences Library.

A big congratulations goes to Rachel Davis, Library Specialist, Document Delivery Assistant. Rachel has accepted the position of Information Specialist – Open Science at the University of Texas at San Antonio. Rachel completed her MLIS in 2021 from Valdosta State University (GA) while working at the John Overton High School Library in Nashville. She came to EBL in October 2021 to gain experience in academic libraries and has been a phenomenal addition since day one. We would like to thank Rachel for her contributions to EBL and wish her the best of luck.



Rachel Lane Walden has been promoted to Assistant Director for Research and Education Services. She will be identifying new opportunities, developing services, and supervising the health sciences informationists staff. Rachel has been a valuable member of the EBL team since 2015 and has an impressive record of performance, research, and service. Rachel's experience in MLA's Rising Star program and her leadership role in SC/MLA will provide valuable knowledge and skills in this new role. Rachel's goals are to improve the library's services and resources to meet the changing needs of our users and build new collaborations with other units on campus.

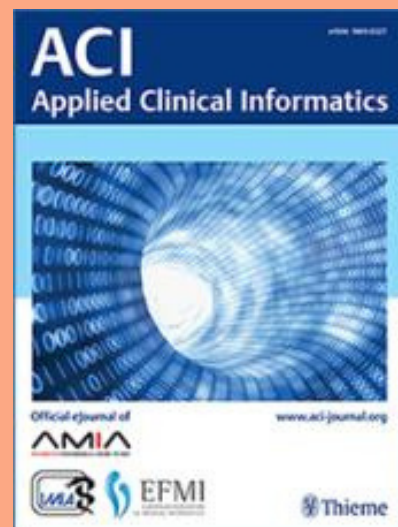
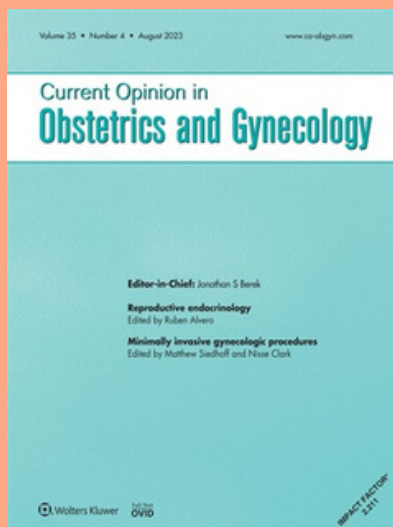




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## Presentations and Publications

- Cook E, Fajardo O, **Walden RL**, Harvey L. Gynecologic counseling for patients undergoing bariatric surgery: a scoping review. *Curr Opin Obstet Gynecol*. 2023;35(4):321-327. doi:10.1097/GCO.0000000000000878
- Hollabaugh WL, Sin A, **Walden RL**, et al. Outcomes of activity-related lower extremity muscle tears after application of the British athletics muscle injury classification: a systematic review. *Sports Health*. 2023;0(0). doi:10.1177/19417381231195529
- **Gill KD**, Hutcherson TC, Kalabalik-Hoganson J, et al. Scholarship of drug information and library sciences instruction in North American pharmacy education: a systematic review of English-language research. *Am J Pharm Educ*. 2024;88(1):100626. doi:10.1016/j.ajpe.2023.100626
- Pope R, English W, **Walden RL**, et al. Non-operative approach to contained perforated marginal ulcers: a systematic review and case series. *Am Surg*. 2024;90(4):810-818. doi:10.1177/00031348231209533
- Tinker RJ, Fisher M, Gimeno AF, **Gill K**, **Ivey C**, Peterson JF, Bastarache L. Diagnostic delay in monogenic disease: a scoping review. *Genet Med*. 2024 Jan 17;26(4):101074. doi: 10.1016/j.gim.2024.101074.
- **Walker PD**, Ivory CH. Using technology to facilitate evidence-based practice during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Nurs Clin North Am*. 2023;58(1):97-106. doi:10.1016/j.cnur.2022.10.009
- Wieben AM, **Walden RL**, Alreshidi BG, et al. Data science implementation trends in nursing practice: a review of the 2021 literature. *Appl Clin Inform*. 2023;14(3):585-593. doi:10.1055/a-2088-2893



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### University of Tennessee Health Science Center Health Sciences Library

Submitted by: Sarah Thompson, MSIS

#### Hilary Heads West for AI

Research and Learning Services Librarian **Hilary Jasmin** joined UTHSC's Center for Healthcare Improvement and Patient Simulation (CHIPS) at the International Meeting for Simulation in Healthcare (IMSH) in San Diego to discuss the use of AI in healthcare simulation case development. Hilary, library liaison to CHIPS, as well as **Sarah Newell**, Assessment and Data Services Librarian, partnered with CHIPS on a 60-minute session helping simulationists in use of ChatGPT and Bard AI to develop simulation scenarios. Hilary discussed principles of information literacy for users to keep in mind when employing text-generative tools.

Lemoine, T., Agee, X., Kelley, C., **Jasmin, H.**, **Newell, S.** Artificial Intelligence-Leveraging a New Technology in Simulation Case Creation. Workshop presented at the International Meeting on Simulation in Healthcare 2024 Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA.



**Hilary Jasmin** (far right) poses with her co-authors from the UT Health Science Center College of Pharmacy at the International Meeting for Simulation in Healthcare conference.



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### Sweet Treats and Fresh Leaves

The UT Health Science Center Health Science Library held two student events in the past month. At the first we passed out 20 dozen donuts to students on Thursday, February 29, during our annual “Going Do-NUTS for Patrons.”

The “plant prop swap” event was a huge success, with several patrons bringing plants to swap. A plant prop swap is an event where attendees bring cuttings of their plants to share with others, while trading for cuttings from other people’s plants. These cuttings can then be planted to grow new plants. Some 71 cuttings found new homes. There were 45 total attendees who described the event as community building. Librarians and patrons alike enjoying “talking prop” over tea and cookies. This event was planned after a successful plant event held in October. There will be a second prop swap at the end of March.



Jenessa McElfresh (left) shows off a plant to a patron.



Patrons enjoy donuts at our second “Going Do-NUTS for Patrons” event.

### Welcoming Dr. Crawford

The UT Health Science Center’s Health Science Historical Collection helped welcome Dr. Alvin Crawford back to Memphis for signings of his newly released memoir “The Bone Doctors Concerto.” Dr. Alvin Crawford started his journey into pediatric orthopedics at the UT Health Science Center as its first African American graduate in 1964. Since then, he has become a world-renowned orthopedic surgeon, specializing in scoliosis.

The Health Sciences Historical Collection staff made copies of the book available at several signings and assisted in coordinating an on-campus signing event. They also added two physical copies of the book to the library’s permanent collection.



Dr. Crawford signs a book for an old friend from his days in Memphis.

Photo Courtesy of the UT Health Sciences Center.

# MLA 2024 PRESENTATIONS BY SC/MLA MEMBERS

## MLA 2024 Presentations by SC/MLA Members

### Augusta University

- Edwin Sperr, **Emily Harris**, Shafter Tharrington, Kathy Davies, Amy Baldwin, Janette Hill, Julie K. Gaines. Health Professions Students' Use of Generative AI Applications. Lightning Talk.
- **David Petersen** (University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine), **Emily Harris** (Augusta University). Medical and Health Science Librarian Advertised Salaries Compared to the Living Wage and the MLA Salary Survey: An Exploration of Alignment. Poster.

### Emory University

- **Erin Reardon**. This is How We Do It: Tenure & Promotion in Academic Health Sciences Libraries. Paper. Sunday, May 19, 2024, 10:30 AM - 10:45 AM PT.
- Sharon Leslie, **John Nemeth**, Shenita Peterson, and **Mia White**. Cultivating a Search Hedge Repository for a Systematic Review Service. Poster.

### Medical University of South Carolina

- **Christine Andresen**. Teaching the Art of Reading Research Articles: A Fruitful Pilot Project. Poster Session. Monday, May 20.
- **Christine Andresen**. Advocating for Inclusivity in Health Sciences Education with Librarian-Led Textbook Affordability Initiatives. Poster Session. Monday, May 20.

### Nova University – Tampa Bay Regional Campus

- Chloe Hough. Inclusivity Initiatives for Health and Medical Library Workers: Recommendations for Practice Based on a Scoping Review. Lightning Talk.
- Chloe Hough. Supporting Arts in Medicine and Health Humanities Through Collaboration. Paper.

### Preston Medical Library, University of Tennessee Knoxville

- **J. Michael Lindsay**, **Martha Earl**. Joining Kindred Spirits to Develop an End-of-Life Resource Guide. Paper.
- **David Petersen** (University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine), **Emily Harris** (Augusta University). Medical and Health Science Librarian Advertised Salaries Compared to the Living Wage and the MLA Salary Survey: An Exploration of Alignment. Poster.



# MLA 2024 PRESENTATIONS BY SC/MLA MEMBERS

## University of South Florida

- **Julie Evener.** Scoping Reviews in Library and Information Science. Paper. Tuesday, May 21, 9:45 AM PT.

## University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center

- **Jenessa McElfresh.** Defining Our Scope: Eliminating "Service Creep" in Library Systematic Review Support Services. Lightning Talk. Sunday, May 19, 2024, 1:45 PM - 1:50 PM PT.
- **Jess Newman, Annabelle Holt, Sarah Newell, Jenessa McElfresh, Megg Doolin.** Going Further Together: Collaboratively Building a Brand-New Research Impact Challenge. Paper.
- **Sally Smith, Rachel Whitney, Leila Ledbetter, Cozette Comer, Rachel Lane Walden, Jenessa McElfresh.** Speed Dating through Evidence Synthesis Education: Finding your Instructional Match. Immersion Session. Monday, May 20, 2024, 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM PT.
- **Lin Wu.** How do Journals and Publishers of Highly Selected Journals React to Submissions of Artificial Intelligence Assisted Manuscripts? Paper.

## Vanderbilt University

- **Alexander Carroll** (Science and Engineering Library, Vanderbilt University); **Jason Reed** (Associate Professor of Library Science, Purdue University). ChatGPT and Information Literacy Instruction: A Multi-Site Case Study of Possible Models for Introducing Students to AI LLMs in the Classroom. Room: C121-122. Monday, May 20, 2024, 2:00 PM - 2:15 PM PT.

*\*Presentation dates and times are not final as of press time! Check the 2024 MLA official program for correct information.*



# SOUTHERN CHAPTER AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Submitted by Sally Smith, MSLS, Honors & Awards Committee Chair

The Honors & Awards Committee is currently accepting applications for our 2024 awards and scholarships! The committee has provided a few highlights of each award and scholarship. All awards require recipients to be SC/MLA members. Refer to the Southern Chapter website for complete information about the criteria, procedures, and guidelines. See links below for details. Most applications take only a few minutes to apply! The call for nominees closes August 31, 2024, unless otherwise noted. Submit all recommendations for these awards to Sally Smith, chair of the Honors and Awards Committee, at [sally2@clemson.edu](mailto:sally2@clemson.edu) unless otherwise directed.

## AWARDS

### Academic Librarian of the Year Award

- Mid-career librarian – 5-15 years' experience; cannot be a library director
- MLA membership required.
- Provide CV or résumé and detailed list of accomplishments.
- Must have worked in an academic health science library for the preceding 5 years.
- Outstanding regional, national, or international contributions demonstrated in leadership, publication, research, service, or a combination of these.
- **Deadline to submit nominations is August 31.**

### Honorary Membership Award

- Current SC/MLA member or recently retired
- Must have made significant and consistent contributions to SC/MLA or the profession.
- MLA Fellows may also be considered.
- **Deadline to submit nominations is August 31.**

### Hospital Librarian of the Year Award

- Must be a hospital librarian at the time of the award.
- Five (5) years or more as a hospital librarian; at least 3 years of experience immediately preceding the award.
- Must have made notable contributions to hospital librarianship.
- Submit [application form](#) to Christine Willis ([christine.willis@choa.org](mailto:christine.willis@choa.org))
- **Deadline to submit nominations is September 17.**

### Library and Information Science (LIS) Student Award

- Currently enrolled in an ALA-accredited library school in the region.
- Requires a letter of recommendation on institutional letterhead from an LIS instructor or Health Sciences Librarian.
- Submit a brief essay answering: "What do you hope to gain professionally and/or personally by attending the SC/MLA Annual Meeting?"
- Provide a brief report of the Annual Meeting to the SC/MLA's newsletter, *Southern Expressions*, following the meeting.
- **Deadline to submit nominations is August 31.**



# SOUTHERN CHAPTER AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

## SCHOLARSHIPS

### First-time Attendee Scholarship

- Member of SCMLA, and not a student, attending their first SC/MLA meeting.
- Must attend a CE course and all SC/MLA sessions.
- Must submit a letter of need from an administrator.
- Submit a brief essay answering: "What do you hope to gain professionally and/or personally by attending the SC/MLA Annual Meeting?"
- Provide a brief report of the Annual Meeting to the SC/MLA's newsletter, *Southern Expressions*, following the meeting.
- **Deadline to submit nominations is August 31.**

### Jocelyn Rankin Memorial Scholarship

- Must be a current, non-student Southern Chapter member who wants to attend a research-related continuing education course or workshop.
- The award, not to exceed \$500.00, can be used to defray expenses necessary for the fulfillment of the course (tuition, travel, etc.).
- Preference will be given to courses sponsored by Southern Chapter or MLA; however, the jury will consider courses sponsored by other organizations.
- Awardees must pay for their expenses up front and then submit a request for reimbursement after the meeting.
- Upon completion of the course, the recipient must submit a written report to the Chair of the Honors and Awards Committee for submission to *Southern Expressions*.
- Submissions accepted throughout the year.
- The deadline for application is 30 days prior to the course or workshop the applicant wishes to attend.

### Martha C. Watkins Memorial Scholarship

- Applicants must be current Southern Chapter members who work in a hospital library and who want to take a course or workshop at the Southern Chapter annual meeting.
- The amount awarded will not exceed \$500.00 and can be used to defray any expenses necessary for the fulfillment of the course (tuition, travel, etc.).
- All awardees must pay for their expenses up front and then submit a request for reimbursement after the meeting.
- **Deadline to submit nominations is August 31.**



# RESEARCH PROJECT GRANTS

Submitted by Valerie Vera, MLIS, Research Committee Chair

The Research Committee is currently accepting applications for Research Project Grants. These grants provide support for research projects that promote and stimulate excellence in the fields of health science librarianship and information science. Grants may be used to support all or part of the costs of a study, up to a maximum of \$1,000. Applicants must be current members of SC/MLA.

Before submitting a full application, please submit a letter of intent by May 15th to the Chair of the Research Committee, Valerie Vera, at [lookingv@email.sc.edu](mailto:lookingv@email.sc.edu).





# CAPHIS' CONSUMER CONNECTIONS

## **CAPHIS' *Consumer Connections*: Call for Original Articles**

Do you have an interesting consumer health initiative or project taking place at your library? Have you been spearheading innovative work related to consumer health and want to let the world know? Do you have NNLM Health Information or Community & Engagement Award project results to share?

*Consumer Connections*, the newsletter of the Consumer & Patient Health Information Services Caucus of the Medical Library Association, is a great place to publish your work. We want to hear from you, whether you are a seasoned writer or if you've never published before. Articles can be about research you've done, projects you've implemented, or other topics related to consumer/patient health and librarianship. If you've presented at a conference or worked on a grant, consider expanding your presentation and reports into a brief (500-1200 words) article.

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If you've got a proposal for an article or have any questions please reach out to Valerie Prilop (<mailto:vgprilop@mdanderson.org>), Original Articles Section Editor, and/or Karin Bennedsen (<mailto:kbenneds@kennesaw.edu>) *Consumer Connections* Editor.



## JANE BRIDGES MEMORIAL

Southern Chapter members will be sad to learn about the passing of Jane Bridges on March 7 at her home in Tybee Island, Georgia. She was active in our chapter activities for many years, during the period when she was a hospital library director in Memphis and later at Mercer University's Memorial University Medical Center. Jane also worked as a librarian at Savannah State University and Candler/St. Joseph Hospital in Savannah. Jane was a creative force in any group, outgoing, and fun, organizing projects, lending her voice to songs and skits, and a willing volunteer for various Chapter projects. Her obituary <https://foxandweeks.com/obituaries/o/10253/Gloria-Jane-Bridges> speaks of her volunteer efforts in support of her community theater, local history groups, and her church's work with the homeless. We will miss her and send condolences to her family. The family requested memorial gifts be sent to the Hospice of Savannah at 1352 Eisenhower Dr., Savannah, GA 31406, the Emmaus House at 18 Abercorn St. Savannah, GA 31401, or the charity of your choice.



Jane Bridges and Mary Fran Prottzman at the Greenville, SC/MLA meeting Oct. 1999.



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