IN MEMORIAM: PENNY HAYNE
APRIL 4, 1955 - NOVEMBER 24, 2008

Penny Hayne was one of the most beloved members of the SLIS faculty, and her death is a loss not only to her family, friends and students, but to the library profession as a whole. Liz Qunell has set up a tribute page to Professor Hayne at http://www.libsci.sc.edu/adjuncts/hayne/memories.html. Her obituary follows:

COLUMBIA - Penelope “Penny” Phillips Hayne, wife of Theodore Brevard Hayne IV, died Monday, November 24, 2008.

Born April 4, 1955 in Columbia, S.C., she was the daughter of the late Cyril Cloyd Phillips and Mary Mozingo. Mrs. Hayne was a National Merit Scholarship Finalist at W. J. Keenan High School. She was a magna cum laude graduate of the University of Georgia where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She received a Master of Library & Information Science from the University of South Carolina and did additional graduate work at USC and Furman University. Next to her family, Penny’s greatest passion was her love for books and the vast world that they could unlock for children. As the Librarian Media Specialist at elementary schools throughout the Midlands and currently at Lake Murray Elementary School, she delighted her students with the wonder of literature. As a National Board Certified Media Specialist, she served not only her school but her profession as President of the S.C. Association of School Librarians, as a consultant and mentor to impaired schools, as advisor to former First Lady Rachel Hodges Books Selection Committee, for the “Reading with Rachel” Program, and on numerous other professional committees. Penny not only practiced her craft but taught it as well. She taught as an adjunct professor at The Citadel, Columbia College, the University of South Carolina, and at Lesley University.

Penny was an active member of St. John’s Episcopal Church, where she served as a member of the Vestry, President of the Episcopal Church Women, a member of the Barr Center Building Committee, Secretary of the Rector’s Search Committee, and as a member of St. Monica’s/St. Bridgette’s Guild.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Douglass Hayne Smith and Orville Stanley Smith, IV; and a son, Theodore Brevard Hayne V.

The funeral will be held on Friday, November 28, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at St. John’s Episcopal Church. The Reverend J. Fletcher Montgomery will officiate. The family will receive friends prior to the service between 12:00 and 2:00 in Heyward Hall at the church. Memorials may be made to St. John’s Episcopal Church, 2827 Wheat Street, Columbia, S.C. 29205. Dunbar Funeral Home, Devine Street Chapel, is assisting the family.
President’s Notes

Hello SLIS! I hope that you all have working hard and enjoying the school year; I know I have been trying my best to do both. I am really proud of all the hard work that LISSA has done this semester. We have worked all summer and this semester to get the ball rolling on some projects and they are starting to take shape.

LISSA has had an excellent colloquium series this semester. Our first colloquium featured Dr. Ron Brown, who talked about some of the great research projects he has been working on, including Second Life educational facilities and the digitization of NASA footage! We have also had our first student colloquium of the year featuring former LISSA President Travis Ferrell, Allison Read, and Jane Demko talking about their experiences at the IFLA conference this past August in Quebec, Canada.

Currently, LISSA is working with the Alston Wilkes Society on revamping their life skills course, which includes basic literacy training. Some members of LISSA will also be aiding in the instruction of this course as well. This is a great project to help the city of Columbia and the state of South Carolina. You can visit the Alston Wilkes Society web page at http://www.alstonwilkesociety.org/. LISSA has also been working with Thomas Cooper Library to establish some possible collaboration on various projects that range from collection maintenance to special events support.

In November we had a colloquium with Dr. Albright about HIV/AIDS information dissemination in Africa. Additionally, Dr. Greg Wilsbacher, director of the USC Newsfilm Library, discussed processes involved in organizing and preserving films that have been donated to USC, including much of the original Movietone News footage. For more information about the Newsfilm Library and to view some old clips visit http://www.sc.edu/library/newsfilm/index.html. LISSA also held a 10K Walk/Run on November 8th at the Riverfront Park in Downtown Columbia. It was a successful event in terms of mingling with students, raising money, and getting some exercise!

I would like to say thank you to everyone that helped out with my favorite thing of the year, the making of the The Mildly Attractive Men of SLIS Calendar. Our new tradition is complete and was available to the public this November. The calendar looks great and I think it is better than the first. To purchase the 2009 Mildly Attractive Men of SLIS (and a baby) Calendar, please visit http://students.libsci.sc.edu/lissa/2008/11/2009-mildly-attractive-men-of-slis-and.html. You can also see a sneak peak at some of the photos in the calendar.

I feel really good about all the work that LISSA has been trying to get started and we are now seeing some if the fruits of the hard work. I hope to carry this momentum into the next semester and further in the future. If anyone would like to participate in any of the projects that we have been doing please contact me.

Save the Date: Second Annual Celebration of Latino Children’s Literature Conference

The second annual Celebration of Latino Children’s Literature Conference will be held in Columbia, SC on April 24th and 25th. The conference will feature authors and illustrators Maya Christina Gonzalez, Lulu Delacre, Lucia Gonzalez, and Irania Patterson. The keynote address will be delivered by nationally-recognized, Puerto Rican Children’s Literature and Multicultural Education scholar Dr. Sonia Nieto.

Registration is limited and will begin in January 2009. For more information, please see http://www.libsci.sc.edu/latinoconf/announcement2nd.html, or visit the conference website, http://www.libsci.sc.edu/latinoconf/.
LISSA Holds First Student Colloquium of the Year
Contributed by Travis Ferrell

This summer, LISSA sponsored five students to attend the conference of the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) in Quebec City. IFLA is rarely held in North America, so it was a unique opportunity for the students who attended. Attending IFLA was one of the most valuable professional opportunities I have ever had, and the other attendees have said much the same to me. We all learned a great deal from IFLA, and part of the obligations of the attendees is to share what we learned at the conference with our fellow students. Wednesday, Oct. 23rd, this is exactly what we did during the first Student Colloquium of the Year. Jane Demko, Allison Reed, and I took this opportunity to be the first to present what we learned from our experiences. Ms. Demko and Ms. Reed focused on preparing for IFLA and how to negotiate the conference successfully, and I focused on an IFLA session I attended focusing on services to low vision and blind patrons. Ten people were in attendance, and the colloquium was webcast live.

I invite everyone to watch the recording of the colloquium, which will be made available soon on the LISSA website. I also invite you to visit the IFLA website for copies of papers available at the following address: http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla74/Programme2008.htm. Scroll down the page to you see red links, and various papers will be available in a pdf format.

LISSA would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who offered support (fiscal and emotional) to our IFLA efforts. This includes Thomas Cooper Library and the Thomas Cooper Society for an extremely generous donation, William and Elizabeth Sudduth for supporting various fundraising efforts, the South Carolina Center for Children’s Books and Literacy and the South Carolina State Library, Elizabeth Quenell for a very generous donation, and everyone at SLIS in general. Two special statements of gratitude go to Dr. Feili Tu for her constant support and encouragement and to Dr. Samantha Hastings for her remarkable generosity. Our many thanks.

Grant offered me the opportunity to say goodbye to everyone at SLIS in this article. I moved to Chicago last Monday and am having a wonderful time. I want to offer all my best to all the professors and all my fellow students who made my time at SLIS and in LISSA such a good time in my life. I am sure I will see many of you at the ALA 2009 Conference in Chicago, especially as many have already asked to crash at my place during the conference. Thank you for many good memories, and all my best.

A Round of Applause and Thanks Go To . . . .
Contributed by Travis Ferrell

I want to thank the following people for their generous help and support with the Quebec trip:

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- Walter Edgar: autographing his book, the South Carolina Encyclopedia, and allowing LISSA to auction it for money
- Dr. Scott / Rare Books and Special Collections: auctioning a signed copy of the South Carolina Encyclopedia at the SC Book Festival as a fundraiser
- SC Book Festival / T. J. Wallace: allowing the South Carolina Encyclopedia to be auctioned
- SCCCBL / SC State Library: a generous donation
- Copy PickUp of Columbia, SC: discount on the printing and binding of the first Mildly Attractive Men of SLIS Calendar
- Grant, Matt, Patrick: Mildly Attractive Men of SLIS Calendar
- Heidi: helping promote Mildly Attractive Men of SLIS Calendar
- Everyone who allowed themselves to be photographed for the Mildly Attractive Men of SLIS Calendar
- Everyone who bought or purchased cookies for our bake sale
- Everyone who participated in or donated to our 5 K run / walk: we raised $840
The New Faces of the SLIS Student Services Office
Contributed by Sarah Keeling

You may have noticed some changes around the SLIS Student Services Office – for example, an entirely new staff! Tilda Reeder joined the staff in February as the admissions and placement coordinator. Andy Thomas began his position as the undergraduate advisor for the brand new SLIS Bachelor of Science in Information Science degree. Sarah Keeling and Larialmy (pronounced like Laramie, WY) Brown both started in June. Larialmy is the new student services administrative assistant and Sarah is the new student services manager.

As the new team became more familiar with their jobs and with SLIS in general, you probably noticed even more changes. Sarah stated, “I am currently updating the student database to reflect the most accurate information. We’re also hoping to scan all alumni files and store them electronically. Additionally, more processes and procedures may change in the future and we’ll do our best to get the word out and make everyone aware of what is happening.” The Student Services Staff expressed their gratitude to everyone for being patient with them during this huge transition.

Be sure to keep up to date on everything SLIS and SLIS Student Services! Check out the student services blog at http://students.libsci.sc.edu/studentservices/index.htm and follow SLIS Student Services on Twitter - http://twitter.com/slisss.

Dr. Ron Brown and Dr. Jennifer Arns Shared Research Interests at SLIS Colloquium
Contributed by Matthew Landau

Dr. Ron Brown and Dr. Jennifer Arns shared their research interests to a curious audience on October 15th. For those that missed this learning opportunity, here is a brief recap.

Dr. Arns described an on-going project to explore the impact of libraries on the economy. She described the ways in which to conduct impact studies, such as measuring the market price of the services a library provides and comparing that to the cost of providing these services. Her project aims to explore the existing literature of impact studies, and then to aggregate the numbers she finds in order to provide a robust estimate of the economic benefit of libraries. Having a solid estimate can be a powerful tool in expanding library funding. Dr. Arns invited students who are interested in doing this sort of research to contact her (jarns@mailbox.sc.edu).

Dr. Brown provided a forward-looking overview of his research on enhancing literacy initiatives through technology, and of providing educational videos through an online platform. There was an open discussion of the ways in which technology can benefit lifelong literacy. Dr. Brown also described his work with NASA in providing a digital library for educational videos. I think many in the audience came away with an appreciation of the potential in Dr. Brown’s research.

These colloquia are intended to be a vehicle for knowledge sharing within the SLIS community. LISSA extends an invitation to all students, faculty, staff, and friends to participate in these colloquia, either as an audience member or as a presenter. One can view these colloquia as live Breeze sessions and as recorded videos http://students.libsci.sc.edu/lissa/presentations.html. Please let us know what we are doing right and what we can improve. I look forward to seeing you at the next colloquium.
Hi everyone, and happy fall! I hope this finds you all having a wonderful semester and enjoying a beautiful fall season. The season and semester are a busy time for all, and amidst the flurry of activity, several SLIS students and professors have just returned to campus following the American Society for Information Science and Technology’s (ASIS&T) annual conference in Columbus, Ohio.

Founded in 1937, ASIS&T now has members from over 50 countries worldwide and offers interdisciplinary opportunities for information professionals to help improve access to information. As an organization said to help lead the search for new and improved theories, techniques, and technologies and access to information, ASIS&T is truly a dynamic organization whose face is one of diversity and leadership. What an awesome opportunity it was to be in attendance and to gather with others to discuss the future of Library and Information Science and other Information professions. Conference attendees and presenters came from a multitude of professions, backgrounds, cultures, and languages, and they each had informed opinions and unique perspectives regarding the future of information and Information fields. Coming together offered information professionals and leaders critical opportunities for discussion, new research ideas, and planning for the future.

A leader in our own right, SLIS presence at the ASIS&T conference was fantastic. We participated in everything – from researched poster presentations and conference sessions to social events and the awards ceremony – SLIS was a “shining star.” Opening day of the conference began with a poster presentation by SLIS doctoral student Christine Angel, who discussed her current work, “How Do Children Construct Personal Meaning from Museum Artifacts and How Is Intrinsic Motivation to Learning Expected to Change with Contextual Variations?” SLIS leadership and participation continued throughout the conference, with research panel and session presentations from Dr. Hastings and newly-instated SLIS Associate professor, Dr. Paul Solomon. Highlights of the conference were many in number, but for SLIS professors Dr. Jennifer Arns, Dr. Ron Brown, and Dr. Paul Solomon, SLIS Distinguished Professor Emeritus Dr. Bob Williams, and SLIS doctoral students Christine Angel, Robin Fogle Kurz, and me (Clayton Copeland), no highlight was greater than being present as “Dr. Sam” Hastings was honored with ASIS&T’s Watson Davis Award. Established in honor of ASIS&T founder Watson Davis in 1975, the award recognizes an ASIS&T member who has demonstrated continuous, dedicated service to the organization and who has actively participated in and supported ASIS&T programs, chapters, SIGS [Special Interest Groups], committees, and publications. What a high, high honor and privilege it was for those of us who have been touched by Dr. Hastings to be in attendance as she was recognized and received her award. Truly, “our” Dr. Hastings is the professor of a lifetime. We are all privileged to have her as our leader and SLIS director.
Hope you are ready for a lovely and relaxing holiday season. I'm headed to Florida for a break and looking forward to the sound of the surf and being silent. As always, I am so very grateful for our wonderful school and the fine faculty, staff and students that make it work and yet, very much want to not talk and not react and not plan. . . might only last a day or two but aaahhh sounds good.

I've been writing learning outcomes and assessments for SACs. Things like:

Learning Outcome 1.4.
Students recognize the major professional organizations, their roles and functions, and the responsibility of the professional for participating in them.

Criteria
Students are encouraged by the faculty to join professional associations and to be active in their Library and Information Science Student Association (LISSA) which is a student chapter of the American Library Association. 80% of the students will have a professional affiliation.

Methods
Data is collected on the number of student presentations and papers at professional association meetings and at LISSA events. The number of students with professional memberships is collected.

I still need to do the methods and results so have more to look forward to. I will be happy to let you write them for me ☺ My point in bringing this up is that I saw Curtis Rogers today (at the spectacular SCCCBL open house), almost past president of SC Library Association and got to thinking about how fortunate we are to have such healthy and vibrant professional associations. SCASL and SCLA are very important to our libraries and I love seeing our graduates in their professional modes at conferences--very rewarding.

Sometimes when budgets bleed and everyone worries about everything, we let our professional memberships lapse. Please don’t do that. Without our associations we lose strength at a time when we might need our colleagues the most. I would like to see a recession category in membership dues structures but I know these associations operate on the thinnest bottom line.

Speaking of budgets. . . I see a very bright future for our School. We are using these budget cuts and financial restrictions to make sure we are doing everything in the most efficient way and that brings its own rewards. As painful as some of the actions required can be, we will be better and stronger when the pendulum swings.

What I REALLY wanted to share with you is from Dewey: The Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World by Vicki Myron with Bret Witter, Grand Central Publishing, NY, 2008. Chapter 13 of this charming tale is titled “A Great Library” and it opens with:

“A great library doesn’t have to be big or beautiful. It doesn’t have to have the best facilities or the most efficient staff or the most users. A great library provides. It is enmeshed in the life of a community in a way that makes it indispensable. A great library is one nobody notices because it is always there, and it always has what people need.”

I've read many definitions of value and worth and why libraries are important but I just love the sweet simplicity of this one. So hug a librarian and read a book to someone you love! I hope you and yours have a lovely holiday. Looking forward to the new year,

Dr. Sam