LISSA wins ALA Student Chapter of the Year

From the official announcement:

“The New Members Round Table (NMRT) and the American Library Association (ALA) Awards Committee wish to congratulate the University of South Carolina as the winner of the 2015 ALA Student Chapter of the Year Award and Indiana University as this year’s runner-up.

The Student Chapter of the Year Award is presented in recognition of a chapter’s outstanding contributions to ALA, its school, and the profession... This year’s Student Chapter of the Year Award Committee praises the University of South Carolina for its excellence in each of the six categories—communication, financial health, membership, leadership, and programs related to the Student Chapter of the Year Award. Items that especially impressed the committee included the chapter’s commitment towards creating a sense of community with their on-campus and distance students alike through various communication efforts and streaming events, its leadership both within their own LIS program as well as within local library associations, and its creative fundraising efforts and social activities.

Congratulations, University of South Carolina!”
Taylor Says GOODBYE

As the semester ends, along with my time at SLIS, I have found myself reflecting on the past two years. Some of my favorite times in graduate school have been LISSA events and activities, and I was honored to be the 2014-2015 LISSA President. I’m very proud that we were named the ALA Student Chapter of the Year award winners, and I cannot wait to see what LISSA does in the future! Good luck to you all, and congratulations to my fellow graduating classmates!

Lindsay says HELLO

First of all, I am thankful and honored to be the 2015-2016 President of the Library and Information Science Student Association. I’m very excited about all the possibilities for the next year of LISSA, and would love to discuss any ideas you have regarding service opportunities, workshops, and other ways we can engage with our local community and each other.

If you have any questions, please email slislissa@gmail.com. We’re also on Facebook (LISSA-University of South Carolina) and Twitter (@LISSAatUSC). Last but not least, be sure to join our listserv!
The first conference that I ever attended was the South Carolina Archival Association’s annual conference. It was held in Newberry, SC in October 2014. I went only as an attendee and merely observed the day’s presenters from a distance. As I sat in the audience, I can remember thinking to myself, “There is no way that I could ever give a presentation! Everyone is so knowledgeable!” Little did I know that in the spring of 2015, I would be looking into the audience as I gave a presentation of my own. On March 7th, I travelled to Augusta, GA for the Georgia Regents University Women’s and Gender Studies department’s annual symposium. The theme for this year’s symposium was “Mobilizing through the Media.” Presentations touched on the ability of digital media, such as social media, blogs, and film, to facilitate real social change. I presented on a panel with my fellow SLIS students, Ramona La Roche, Porchia Moore, and Travis Wagner. We presented on the various ways that information professionals can promote social activism through the user community’s ability to access information. Each of our presentations pertained to different topics within the library and information science field, including cataloguing standards, archives, youth service, museums, and information organization. In my presentation, I showed an example of the way that library science skills can be used in the world outside of the library. It was based on my recent work with a non-profit organization based in Columbia, SC. I discussed the strategies and methods that I’ve used while organizing the non-profit organization’s vast library of files. I also discussed the benefits that other non-profit organizations could receive from implementing simple file organization techniques. Our panel was scheduled as the final presentation of the conference at the end of a long day. We had a rather underwhelming audience turnout because of this fact. However, our presentations were very well-received by the audience members that attended. After my presentation was over and I had a chance to catch my breath, I was able to explore the city and have a bit of fun. I met James Brown that night in downtown Augusta. Unfortunately, he was just a statue. My apologies for misleading you, reader. This was not actually my first conference and I didn’t actually meet the real James Brown. But, I did successfully give my first presentation at a conference without fainting from anxiety.

6 Tips for Presentation Success:
• Have a plan for the order of your notes and slides
• Practice, practice, practice
• In your notes, indicate the places that you will need to change slides
• Arrive early to your presentations destination and set up your technology
• Don’t worry if no one shows up to watch you—and don’t worry if everyone shows up!
• Remember to breathe
Who to “follow” on your favorite social media platforms (cited in APA format, of course)


Upcoming LISSA Events for Fall 2015
Locations and Times T.B.A.

AUGUST
15th - (Orientation) New Semester Dinner Social
22nd - LISSA’s Welcome Week Book Swap Party

SEPTEMBER
12th - Volunteer Day
16th - Trivia Night at Mellow Mushroom

OCTOBER
3rd - Volunteer Day
17th - We Explore RiverBanks Zoo

NOVEMBER
7th - Volunteer Day
13th - Game Night of DOOM :)

DECEMBER
4th - End of Semester Dinner Social
(14th - Winter Graduation!)
Meet the Officers of LISSA

President

Lindsay Rogillio is currently a first year student in the MLIS program at USC, planning to graduate May 2016. She moved to Columbia, SC from Augusta, GA where she received her B.A. in English literature from Augusta State University in 2012. She is currently the Graduate Assistant for Prospect Research in University Development, and will be interning at the South Carolina State Library over the summer of 2015. After graduation, Lindsay plans to become a professional genealogist.

Vice President

Chris Fite is a second year MLIS student focusing on Archives and Special Collections. He is also pursuing an M.A. in Public History. A native of North Alabama, Chris graduated from Samford University in 2011. Before coming to South Carolina, he spent two years working for a nonprofit organization in Alabama. Chris is currently a graduate assistant in South Carolina Political Collections and the Folklife Resource Center at the McKissick Museum. In his free time, he enjoys reading, listening to jazz music, and playing the occasional game of tennis.

Treasurer

Ashley Woodruff is a first-year MLIS candidate. She is currently interested in academic libraries and had a great experience working at the circulation desk of her previous institution’s library. She got her B.A. in German from Mercer University in GA with minors in Psychology and Chemistry. In her free time she enjoys reading (of course), traveling, and hanging out with friends. Ashley is super excited to be a LISSA officer and looks forward to working with everyone!
Meet the Officers of LISSA

Social Co-Chair

Amanda Bullington graduated from the University of South Carolina in 2010 with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. She started the MLIS program in Fall 2014. Amanda is currently a graduate assistant in the Student Services office of the School of Library and Information Science. She also works at the South Caroliniana Library. Her hobbies include cooking, collecting vintage treasures, tweeting at @librariankitsch, and hanging out with her black cat, Wizard. Amanda hopes to retire in Twin Peaks, Washington.

Social Co-Chair

Megan Coker was one of the first undergraduate students here at SLIS, graduating with her BSIS in 2012. She went on to earn an MA in History & Museum Studies at UNCG before returning to USC to join the MLIS program in Fall 2014, specializing in Cultural Heritage Institutions. Meg is currently LIS professor Dr. Moorefield-Lang’s graduate assistant, as well as working in the USC Office of Oral History in the Caroliniana Library. She will be interning this summer in the Library/Archive of the Witte Museum. Her favorite things include culture, curiosity, creativity, and a good story--ask about the time when she worked in a historic house supposedly haunted by a ghost which threw buttons at the maintenance staff.

Secretary

Erin Patterson: Innnn......west central Georgia born and raised.
In the library where I spent most of my days.
Readin’ all the books, didn’t care that I wasn’t cool.
Went to Mercer U (Go Bears) then came to Carolina for library school.
Met some fabulous gals who were super cool.
Started makin’ plans to improve this for you.
Elections came along and we were prepared.
We all said “We want our fellow MLIS students to be aware”
(of all the events that we do!)
Come be a part of LISSA!!
Congratulations to our graduating officers!

We’d like to thank you for all of your many meaningful contributions to LISSA. You have put plenty of blood, sweat, and tears into our little group. We deeply appreciate all of your time and efforts, from looking after all of the minutiae involved in calendar planning to attending all of the karaoke and taco nights we could throw at you.

Taylor Atkinson was born and raised in Columbia, South Carolina, and received her BA in Religious Studies from the University of South Carolina in May 2013. She began earning her MLIS in the fall of 2013, and graduated in May 2015. Taylor is currently working as an intern at Thomas Cooper Library, and is the graduate assistant for the Programs and Partnerships department at the Main Branch of the Richland Library. She tweets at @taylorcatkinson, and enjoys reading, traveling, kayaking, and Netflix marathons.

Travis Wagner was a MLIS student at USC and also pursued a Graduate Certificate in Women’s and Gender Studies. Now that he has graduated, we have to wonder: who is going to archive this? He is currently an intern at the Moving Image Research Collection and has an undergraduate degree in History from Augusta State University in Augusta, GA. Travis has an unhealthy obsession with movies which has led him to writing and research on it in its various formats from film to VHS for which he has been published. He is also passionate about language and access in cultural institutions and has presented at conferences on both areas of interest. In his free time, Travis desperately tries to do everything he can to become a cyborg.
Help Us Help You!

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JOIN LISSA

To join our merry band of information hunters, metadata gatherers, and other varieties of LIS students & cardigan professionals in-training, please fill out the form below (or send us the information from the form) via email, mail, or in person to one of our LISSA Officers.

Don’t forget your one-time membership fee of $20, which helps LISSA survive and thrive. You can pay in person or by mail:

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