



## SLIS eNewsletter -- September 2016

Greetings all,

It amazes me how fast the summer months move and the fall semester arrives. This past summer kept our faculty busy with conference presentations, publications, and several research grants. Drs. Stewart and Yang spent the summer focused on their research funded by the highly competitive LSU Office of Research & Economic Development (ORED) Summer Stipends. In May, Dr. Benoit received the inaugural research grant from the Society of American Archivists Foundation for his continued work with social tagging and moving image materials. As the summer wound down, we received exciting news that the National Science Foundation funded the grant project, "Understanding Social and Geographical Disparities in Disaster Resilience Through the use of Social Media." This \$834,000 grant includes Dr. Yang as one of the Co-PIs.

We are also excited about the future directions of SLIS. This fall we are starting a series of Continuing Education Workshops for individuals in library and information science, education, and related fields. All workshops will be held at LSU in Baton Rouge. Continuing education units are available. A complete list of workshop topics and dates can be found under *Upcoming Events* below.

During the spring semester, thanks to Dr. Jin's hard work, we will officially launch a new graduate certificate in Records and Information Management (RIM). We are also launching an undergraduate minor in Library Science and offering our first general education course in the spring. See our website for more information on the workshops, RIM, and the minor.

### ***Faculty News***

Dr. Lee Shiflett, 1947-2016. Dr. Lee Shiflett [died](#) on May 27, 2016, after a five-month battle with small cell lung cancer. Dr. Shiflett was a member of the SLIS faculty from 1979 until 2001. In 2001, he became Professor and Chair of the Department of Library and Information Studies at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro. He was a scholar, researcher, editor and author, as well as a beloved teacher. Memorial gifts may be made to the UNCG Library and Information Studies Endowment, which was established to honor Dr. Shiflett upon his planned retirement. Contributions should be made to the LIS Alumni Endowment in honor of Orvin Lee Shiflett, University Advancement, P.O. Box 26170, Greensboro, NC 27402. - See more at: <http://www.lsu.edu/chse/slis/news/rememberingshiflett.php#sthash.YnietLCN.dpuf>

Dr. Seungwon Yang's (Co-PI) research team was awarded an \$834,000 [National Science Foundation](#) grant for their project “Understanding Social and Geographical Disparities in Disaster Resilience Through the Use of Social Media.”

Dr. Edward Benoit III received [funding](#) for his project, “Analyses of User-Generated Descriptions of Moving Image Materials,” from the Society of American Archivists Foundation. This was the first grant ever funded by the SAAF.

Dr. Ju published two articles:

Ju, B., Jin, T., & Stewart, B. (2016). Investigating Communication Hindrance in Interdisciplinary Collaboration: A Grounded Theory Approach. *Proceedings of the Association for Information Science and Technology 2016*.

Albertson, D. & Ju, B. (2016). Perceived self-efficacy and interactive video retrieval. *Journal of Documentation*, 72 (5), 832-857.

Dr. Tao Jin's co-authored paper, "Research Activities and Networks in CAIS Conferences for the Period of 1993-2015: Social Network Analysis" was presented at the 44th Annual Conference of the Canadian Association for Information Science in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, on June 3, 2016.

Dr. Edward Benoit III presented preliminary findings from the Virtual Footlocker Project at the [Archival Education and Research Institute](#) at Kent State University.

Dr. Benoit's [research](#) “User-Generated Description: A Matter of Time” was presented at the Society of American Archivists Annual meeting in Atlanta.

Dr. Suzanne Stauffer's [paper](#), “From Saigon to Baton Rouge: East Baton Rouge Parish Library and Vietnamese Refugees, 1875-1985” was presented at the World Library and Information Congress: 82<sup>nd</sup> IFLA General Conference and Assembly in Columbus, Ohio, on August 17, 2016.

Dr. Edward Benoit III represented LSU and SLIS by appearing on the [CBS 9 WAFB](#) local morning news show, giving a [demonstration](#) and [sharing tips](#) for flood recovery.

### ***Alumni and Student News***

SLIS alumnae Cheryl A. Middleton and Pixey Anne Mosley were [elected](#) to presidential positions in national library associations.

SLIS alumnus Andrew Tadman was invited to the [White House](#) for the National Maker Faire.

SLIS alumna Alyson Gamble received the [Frank B. Sessa Scholarship](#) for continuing professional education from Beta Phi Mu (the International Library and Information Honor Society).

SLIS alumna Casey Davis was [honored](#) as a 'Great Advocate' by the Society of American Archivists.

SLIS alumnae Casey Davis and Leslie Bourgeois represented SLIS at the American Archive of Public [Broadcasting](#).

SLIS student Sarah Harrington's [research](#) was highlighted by the [Society of American Archivists](#).

SLIS alumna Emily Cogburn's debut [novel](#) was reviewed by LillieNews.

### *Upcoming Events*

"What is data? Preserving Earth Science Samples for the Future" by [Sarah Ramdeen](#), EarthCube Distinguished Lecturer & Early Career Scientist.

Ms. Ramdeen's presentation will highlight the role of librarians, information scientists, and archivists in the "future proofing" of earth science data. The presentation will take place on Monday, October 3 from 1:00-2:30 pm in 225 Peabody Hall.

### [Continuing Education Workshop Series](#)

All workshops will be held in 225 Peabody Hall at LSU, Baton Rouge.

November 12, 2016 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Researching Grant Opportunities and Crafting the Proposal: Foundational Knowledge to Get Started

November 12, 2016 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Serving the Legal Information Needs of Public Library Patrons

December 3, 2016 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Genealogical Reference Work: What You Need to Know About Working with Family Historians and the Simply Curious

December 3, 2016 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Teen Programs on a Budget

December 10, 2016 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Practical Databases: How to Answer the Questions Patrons Really Ask

### *Upcoming Faculty Presentations & Conferences*

Drs. Boryung Ju, Tao Jin, and J. Brenton Stewart will present “Investigating Communication Hindrance in Interdisciplinary Collaboration: A Grounded Theory Approach” at the 79th Annual Association of Information Science & Technology Conference, October 14-18, Copenhagen, Denmark.

Dr. Edward Benoit, III will present “Moving Image Social Tagging Professional vs. Amateur Production Comparison,” at the Association of Moving Image Archivists Annual Meeting, November 9-12, Pittsburgh, PA.

I will be attending the Virginia Library Association Conference in October and the Arkansas Library Association Conference in November. If any of you will be at the conferences, please be sure to come find me in the exhibits hall. If any of you are in those geographic areas, but not attending the conferences, please send me an email if you'd like to get together.

So, that's the current news from SLIS. To keep in touch with SLIS news, you can also follow us on Twitter (<https://twitter.com/lsuslis>), Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/lsuslis>), and LinkedIn (<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/LSU-School-Library-Information-Science-8496840/about>).

If you have changed your email address or moved, please consider updating your information with our alumni office by completing the form at: <http://www.lsu.edu/chse/alumni/update.php>

Thanks to those of you who contacted us with your feedback. Please continue to share your news with us, be it a new job, an award or anything newsworthy. We'd love to hear from you. You can send it directly to me at [carolbarry@lsu.edu](mailto:carolbarry@lsu.edu).

Best to you all,

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