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Asked how the S2S program might benefit her, she replied, “This will be my first ALA conference and I can’t wait to experience all that the conference has to offer. I won’t just be attending, I’ll be behind the scenes working with members of the ALA to make sure everything is running smoothly.”

Beyond the inside view of operations, Broz is eager to see how the program might also provide networking opportunities: “The chance to meet the actual movers and shakers of the ALA is so exciting! I’m eager to make those connections.”

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Director’s Note

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April 13 | 10:00 a.m.
USU Center for Computation & Technology Theatre.

The presentation will be live streamed.

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**Faculty News**

**Dr. Alma Dawson, Featured as a Pioneering African-American Librarian**

Dr. Alma Dawson, Professor Emerita of the School of Library & Information Science, was one of five African-American librarians honored in American Libraries, the magazine of the American Library Association. Dr. Dawson’s career at LSU spanned 32 years including 14 years at Middleton Library and 18 years in SLIS. She held the Russell & Long Fellowship in Library and Information Science from 2003 to her retirement in 2015.

She earned her BS from Grambling State University in secondary education in 1943 and worked as a teacher in Louisiana in the Jim Crow era of segregated schools early in her career. She recognized the need to improve the school library’s book collection and assisted the librarian in obtaining materials to better serve the needs of students. She went on to earn her Master’s degree in Library Science from the University of Michigan in 1974, and was Education and Library Science Librarian at LSU for 14 years. She later obtained her PhD in Library and Information Science from Texas A&M University in 1986. In 1996, she joined the School of Information Science as a faculty member.

Among her other achievements as a faculty member at LSU, Dr. Dawson earned tenure as library faculty and SLIS faculty. The Institute of Museum and Library Services awarded her a $750,000 grant for “Project Recovery,” the program restored 130,000 items for students in SLIS. She held the position of students with tuition, fees and a stipend in exchange for working 10 hours per week in academic, public, and school libraries that experienced staff shortages following hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

In the article, Dr. Dawson impressed upon readers the importance of having goals and objectives that inspire them to move forward even when circumstances don’t work to their advantage. She also emphasized librarians’ duty to provide people with access to information during times of crisis, saying, “Librarians are the ones opening their doors when others in the community are retreating.”

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**Presentations**


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Staufler, Suzanne M. **“Utilizing This New Medium of Mass Communication: The Regional Film Distribution Program of the Cleveland Public Library, 1946-1951.”** Library & Information History 33, no. 4 (2017): 258-274.


**Grants**


**Other**


SLIS’s proposal to host the Library History Seminar XIV in 2020 was accepted.
The School of Library & Information Science recently held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of its new Recording Lab in Coates Hall. The lab allows faculty and staff to record lectures for online classes, create video tutorials and webinars, and host virtual recruitment events for SLIS students. The lab saw heavy use during its first months and will continue to be used during the spring semester. Additionally, the lab allows faculty recording lectures, guest speakers, the spring student orientation, and LSU voter registration drives in Ouachita Parish.

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Donor Spotlight: Ollie Burns

The Ollie H. Burns Scholarship was established in 2003 for a deserving minority student enrolled in the MLIS program. The scholarship was created in honor of the legacy of Ollie MacKenzie Burns, the first African-American to graduate from the School of Library & Information Science at Louisiana State University.

Ollie Burns enrolled at Southern University in 1929, but was unable to continue her college education at the time due to the Great Depression. She instead began to teach kindergarten and elementary school students within Ouachita Parish where she had been raised. She returned to Grambling College, graduated in 1947, and continued to work in the Ouachita Parish School system as a teacher and librarian before entering the library science program at LSU in 1954.

She pursued educational goals at the height of desegregation tensions and recalled many experiences with students and faculty who openly opposed the 1951 court-ordered admission of African-American students to institutions of higher education. She recalled attending a meeting at a local church where State Senator Willie Karisch, member of the Louisiana Joint Legislative Committee, was in attendance as a guest speaker. Upon seeing her seated in the church audience, Senator Ratliff left the premises and refused to speak. “A humble student of color from North Louisiana had effectively quieted the vocal, vitriolic segregationists”, said Burns of the experience.

After graduating from LSU in 1957, she continued to work in public education and school libraries and was also regarded as an active community member. She was the first African-American appointed to the Ouachita Parish School Board of Control, serving two terms as chairman, and the first African-American to serve as Chair of the Public Libraries Section of the Louisiana Library Association (1966-1969). She also received the Midost Award from the Louisiana Library Trustees in 1961 for her outstanding contributions as a Louisiana Library Trustee. Burns was an active member of the League of Women Voters and the Louisiana Democratic Women's Voter League in the 1950s. Burns and her husband routinely participated in voter registration drives in Ouachita Parish. She also established the first legal aid program in Ouachita Parish and was a member of the City of Monroe Human Rights Council. Upon retiring in 1977, Burns obtained state funding for an after-school tutoring program and served as Chair of the New Way Center, where Burns served as director for 20 years. The program served as a model for the development of similar programs throughout the county.

Ollie Burns exemplified leadership in the face of adversity, demonstrated a commitment to inclusivity in her professional and educational pursuits, and encouraged minorities to pursue careers in the library and information science field. We continue to remember the accomplishments of this revolutionary woman and alumna through the Ollie H. Burns Scholarship at SLIS.
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SPRING 2018 Newsletter

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