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2017 Travel Grant Winner

Posted on March 10, 2017.

Congratulations Kate Spaulding—2017 SLA Silicon Valley Travel Grant Recipient

With batch of highly-qualified applicants, the Scholarship/Grant Committee faced an extremely tough decision on who would receive the 2017 SLA Silicon Valley Travel Grant.

The Committee selected Kate Spaulding—an SJSU iSchool student with a passion for SLA and our Chapter. Kate will graduate this year and shared some very compelling career development reasons for desiring to attend the 2017 SLA Annual Conference. She is thrilled to head to her first professional conference with our financial help. Meet Kate and learn more about why she is pumped for Phoenix:

This year, a classmate and I were chosen to present a paper at the SLA Annual Conference. I am somewhat terrified but mostly excited about this opportunity. We will discuss how participation in professional associations like SLA as a student impacts our careers as LIS professionals. The opportunity to attend the SLA conference and give a presentation will provide me with some

real-world insight into our findings.

This will be my first professional conference as an adult. I attended a few as a kid with my parents, and mostly I remember the free highlighters. This time, however, I'm looking forward to the chance to connect with fellow students, make new contacts, and learn a lot. The MLIS program at San Jose State University is entirely online, which means there are some classmates I've worked with extensively but never actually met. The same is true of instructors and mentors, and I can't wait to meet them in person. Even if we someday develop Hogwarts-style interactive headshots, talking face-to-face will be a huge improvement over email.

I'm sure there will be eye-opening sessions and inspiring speeches, but I know I will also come away with renewed understanding of and appreciation for the people who make up this profession. Attending will teach me a lot, presenting will teach me more, but the librarians there? They will teach me the most.

Kate started at the iSchool in the fall of 2015, and she holds a B.S. in Ballet and History from Indiana University. Among other things, she's been a professional ballet dancer, baker, and cheesemonger. Currently, Kate writes for the iSchool's Career Blog, serves as the SLA student chapter Communications Director, wields a virtual red pen as a copy editor for the Student Research Journal, and works as a Library Assistant in San Mateo. When she's not reading or writing, you can find her licking the brownie bowl or walking along the San Francisco Bay with her (mostly) well-behaved dog and a podcast. She's firmly pro-Oxford comma.

Thank you to all our applicants, who took the time and effort to compose thoughtful submissions! Your dedication to the information profession remains impressive.

Thank you to our generous sponsors!

Travel Grant from SLA-Silicon Valley

Posted on March 30, 2015.

The Silicon Valley Chapter is excited to announce a $1000 travel grant for the SLA Annual Conference, taking place June 14-16 2015, at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center.

This travel grant may be awarded to a student chapter member or a chapter member needing financial assistance to attend the SLA Annual Conference. The grant—given to an applicant who demonstrates interest in and involvement with the SLA Silicon Valley chapter—will help stipend conference attendance.

Award

Awardee will be granted a stipend of up to $1000 to cover costs associated with attending the SLA Annual Conference. Those costs include conference registration, airfare, and hotel. The Board will consider other expenses with written documentation. Awardee will be granted the stipend on award, but will be required to document relevant expenses with receipts, per the post-award requirements. The awardee will be required to return the stipend in the event they are unable to attend the conference or fulfill any of the post-award requirements.

Application

1. Applicants must complete the form found here. The form includes an essay of not more than 500 words describing the

applicant's reasons for wanting to attend the SLA Annual Conference. The essay should also feature expectations for professional advancement related to conference attendance.

2. Applicants must email their résumé to president@siliconvalley.sla1.org.

3. Applications must be received by **April 24th, 2015** for review by the Scholarship/Grant Committee, which is chaired by the chapter's President. The committee will select an awardee no later than May 4th 2015.

Eligibility

Applicants must be a member in good standing of the Silicon Valley chapter, be EITHER a current student OR a member who needs financial assistance to attend the conference. Applicants must be able to attend the conference in the year in which they are applying, be willing to complete the post-grant requirements detailed below, and must not have received the grant in a past year. Current chapter Board members are not eligible.

Post-Award Requirements

1. Within 1 month of the close of the conference, awardee will submit receipts documenting their conference-related expenses.

2. Within 3 months of the close of the conference, awardee will write a brief article (approximately 1,000 words) on the conference experience for the chapter blog.

3. In the year following their award, the awardee will be asked to serve on the Scholarship/Grant Committee, and assist in selecting the following year's winner.

Please email Cory Laurence (president@siliconvalley.sla1.org) with any questions.

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Cory Laurence Awarded SLA-SV Student Scholarship

Posted on June 1, 2014. Tags: Student Scholarships

Cory Laurence was awarded one of the two Scholarships sponsored by the **Silicon Valley Chapter** at SJSU School of Library & Information Science. Congratulations Cory on this well deserved award!

We invited Cory to share her career goals and professional path. Cory writes…

I started the program at SJSU SLIS in January 2012 and expect to finish by May 2015. I began with little more than a feeling – which has grown stronger as I continue – that this was where I should be. I consider myself very lucky to have spent last 10 years raising my three young daughters, but this program has been exactly what I needed to help make the transition into a new career. Over the last few years, I have been working to obtain as much experience as I can in as many areas as possible. I have volunteered at both the San Jose Public Library and the SJSU library in different capacities, and I worked this semester as an information research intern at HP Labs in Palo Alto. This summer, I plan to complete an internship with the U.S. Army. I am volunteering at and attending the SLA conference in Vancouver next month.

As I take more classes, I am beginning to narrow my focus. When I realized how diverse non-traditional library jobs were, my interest started to lean definitively towards special librarianship. After attending the SLA-SV holiday party in December, I joined the mentoring program at SLA-SV. I have really been enjoying getting to know my mentor, **Valerie Sweeley**, and other

participants in the program. Meeting like-minded individuals in the SLA-SV group has been very helpful for me, particularly as a student in an all-online program. I set up a discussion group about the book Lean In at fellow SLA-SV member **Cindy Hill**'s house with the mentoring group, and I'm really looking forward to our discussion. I truly value the personal connections I make with professionals already working in the field. I hope that in the future I will be able to return the favor of mentorship to a library school student like myself.

Each experience I have had in library school and with SLA has taught me more about myself, connected me with individuals who have taught me about their particular area of the information professional world, and brought me closer to my goal: finding a meaningful career that both interests and challenges me. – *Cory*

There is one more scholarship sponsored by our chapter that will be awarded later this year. SJSU- SLIS Director **Sandra Hirsh** writes: "*Due to the small number of students who are members of the Silicon Valley Chapter of SLA, we were only able to award one scholarship. We will open the scholarship again in Fall and hopefully we'll be able to award the second scholarship to another deserving student*." SLA-SV student members, mark your calendars to apply in the Fall semester.

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Silicon Valley Chapter Announces Scholarships

Posted on February 25, 2014. Tags: Student Scholarships

The Silicon Valley Chapter is pleased to announce that the chapter's two sponsored scholarships are now listed on the website at San Jose State School of Library and Information Sciences.

https://slisweb.sjsu.edu/current-students/scholarships

This is the first SJSU-SLIS scholarship specifically directed at students interested in a career in special libraries.

The chapter will be using the San Jose State's team and forms to process and award the scholarships. Using this process means that awardees will not pay taxes on their award.

They will be taking applications during March, and will make the award in April. The scholarships awarded in April are then applied to fall registration fees. All student chapter members are encouraged to apply!

The chapter is offering two scholarships at $1000 each. Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

(1) Must be enrolled part time (at least) in the MLIS program.
(2) Must be a SLA-SV chapter member.
(3) Should live within the SLA-SV Service area (San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, Monterey, or San Benito counties).
(4) Must submit a short essay on his/her interest in special librarianship as a career and anticipated contribution to the SLA Silicon Valley Chapter.

If you have any questions about the chapter involvement with the program, please contact:

Kathleen Gust
treasurer@siliconvalley.sla.org

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Silicon Valley Announces "Design A Program Challenge" Winners

Posted on March 4, 2010. Tags: Design a Program Challenge, San Andreas Chapter, Silicon Valley Events

Abby Dansiger, Gayle Pellizzer, Susie Quinn, Rowena Weger and Mia Jaeggli are the winners of the San Andreas Chapter SLA Design A Program Challenge. The award is sponsored by the local San Andreas chapter of the SLA.

The winning submission, "Creating Digital Exhibitions Using Open Source Solutions", was judged on creativity, feasibility of production, cost effectiveness, relevancy to the profession and level of interest to information professionals.

Winners receive free admission to the program of their design and two additional chapter events during the 2010 programming year. In addition, the chapter is sponsoring them for a full year SLA membership, including extra dues to cover one extra chapter in addition to San Andreas chapter membership. This will enable winners who don't live in the Bay Area to also join a chapter closer to their home base.

Please watch the San Andreas SLA blog for date and time of the award winning event presentation.

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NEW SAN JOSÉ GATEWAY PHD PROGRAM IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

Posted on April 8, 2008.

The School of Library and Information Science at San José State University is pleased to announce its new San José Gateway PhD Program. The doctoral degree will be offered through a partnership with the Queensland University of Technology (QUT), a top Australian university with global connections and leading scholars in the information science community. Responding to demand from graduates for a high-quality, flexibly-delivered doctoral degree program, the part-time doctoral program will be delivered through distance learning with short residencies in San José. Students will focus on well-defined research areas in Library and Information Science (LIS), such as archives and records administration, information retrieval, information systems and technologies, information use, LIS education, management and leadership, and youth services.

Director Ken Haycock said, "As we explored our options for developing the San José Gateway PhD Program, the School sought a premier partner and was pleased to join with QUT in this endeavor. Our international advisory council recommended QUT, and they in turn are eager to work with our faculty to deliver the program. Our new program builds upon the research strengths of QUT and San José and on our School's track record of successfully delivering distance learning programs to thousands of graduate students in Library and Information Science."

More information regarding the San Jose Gateway PhD Program, including entry requirements and application deadlines, can be found at http://slisweb.sjsu.edu/gatewayphd/. Applications for the first cohort are currently being accepted.

The School of Library and Information Science at San Jose State University (http://slisweb.sjsu.edu) offers the world's largest accredited master's degree program in Library and Information Science, with more than 2,200 graduate students. In June 2007, the School entered its 40th year of continuous accreditation by the American Library Association. Students who are interested in pursuing a career in electronic records management enroll in the School's Master in Archives and Records Administration degree program.

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SJSU-SLIS Colloquia Series – George Plosker on April 30th

Posted on March 20, 2008.

The School of Library and Information Science at San Jose State University is pleased to invite you to attend another presentation in our continuing Colloquium Series:

George Plosker
Client Services Manager, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
Title: "scitopia.org – Collaboration for More Successful Science and Technology Research"
Wednesday, 30 April 2008
Time: noon – 1:00 p.m.
Location: SJSU campus, Clark Hall 322

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The Nation's Fourth Executive MLIS Cohort!

Posted on March 20, 2008.

Do you have experienced managers or supervisors looking to take the next step in their professional growth? If so, they may be interested in earning an ALA-accredited MLIS degree that fits around their current responsibilities and places them in a stimulating learning environment with other successful professionals. The San Jose Executive MLIS complements their experience, offers relevant curriculum focused on management issues, and conveniently delivers instruction in a format that doesn't require them to move near campus or take long periods of time off work.

Please pass this information along to your experienced leaders who do not have an MLIS degree. The deadline to apply is **March 31**.

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Solo Librarians Meeting on May 7th

Posted on March 20, 2008.

The Solo Librarians will be meeting at the NASA Ames Library in Mt. View at **5:30 P.M. on May 7th**. Directions and a map are below. (Note the change in time from 5 P.M.)

There is expected to be a tour of the NASA facility followed by a more detailed presentation about the library. Please note that we will be meeting at the badge office adjacent to the front gate at NASA before 5:30 P.M. so that we can receive our badges in order to have access to the facility and have some daylight for the tour. We will need a few days notice of your anticipated attendance in order to get the badges made.

If you are a U.S. citizen, you will only need to show one piece of picture ID at the gate. For foreign nationals, including permanent residents, we need 30+ days of processing time. So if anyone who is NOT a US citizen wants to attend, we need to know within the next week.

There may be a limit to the number that can attend, so get your reservation in ASAP.

We will be sharing a meal after the tour of the library. The present intention is to have a Cinco de Mayo meal from Chilis.

Those who are planning to attend need to contact Eric Kristofferson as soon as possible at ekristofferson@sjm.com or (408) 522-6697.

Eric Kristofferson
Sonia Dorfman
San Andreas Solo Librarians

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UCB Distinguished Lecture Series

Posted on February 27, 2008.

San Andreas Chapter members may be interested in the Distinguished Lecture Series at UC Berkeley's School of Information. "*Is the Web a Threat to Our Culture*" is scheduled for Wednesday, March 19; and "*Privacy in Context*" is scheduled for Wednesday, April 2. Details for both of these lectures, as well as for previous ones, can be found on the UCBSI Web site at http://www.ischool.berkeley.edu/about/events/dls

Helen Josephine
Engineering Library

Stanford Terman Engineering Center

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SJSU SLIS presentation: "How to Get Published"

Posted on February 27, 2008.

San Andreas Chapter members are invited to attend the SLIS presentation, "How to Get Published," being presented by Charles Harmon, Vice-President, Neal-Schuman Publishers and SLIS Advisory Council member, on **Thursday, March 6th, 1:30-4 pm**, at **SJSU Clark Hall 304**.

This workshop looks at the two major print arenas for publication in the LIS field: scholarly and professional books and journals. The difference between "scholarly" and "professional" media is described, and the various approaches to both venues are discussed. Guidance is given for contacting editors prior to submission and for preparing initial e-mails and query letters for optimum response. Both financial consideration (fees for articles and royalties for books) and intellectual property consideration (copyright ownership, right of first publication, etc.) are described.

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SJSU SLIS Newsletter Devoted to Special Librarianship Now Available

Posted on November 29, 2007.

The Fall issue of *The Call Number*, the newsletter of the SJSU SLIS student organization LISSTEN (Library and Information Science Students to Encourage Networking) is devoted to special librarianship. Read all about it at http://slisgroups.sjsu.edu/lissten/

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SJSU-SLIS Reception at Internet Librarian Conference in Monterey, CA

Posted on September 21, 2007.

Gearing up for the 2007 Internet Librarian Conference sounds, sights and people? Be sure to save the date for San Jose State University's School of Library and Information Science Alumni Reception on Tuesday, October 30th, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, in the Los Angeles Room of the Monterey Marriott Hotel. It will be a great opportunity to say hello to SLIS Director Ken Haycock, to touch bases with alumni, faculty and students, and even to munch a bit. Let us know if you can make it by sending your RSVP at http://slisweb.sjsu.edu/faculty/conferences/il/ilrsvp2007.htm before October 23rd. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

We also invite you to take a break from the busy conference and drop by our SLIS Booth #223 in the Exhibit Hall. Say "hi" to Rhonda Dahlgren, our Events Coordinator, and chat with a few of the SLIS students who have volunteered to help at the booth.

And don't forget, the ARMA Conference is coming up October 5-10th in Baltimore, MD.

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SJSU-SLIS Reception at CLA-Long Beach Conference

Posted on September 21, 2007.

Save the Date! We're hosting a SJSU-SLIS Alumni Reception at the California Library Conference in Long Beach on Saturday,

October 27th, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. We'd like to invite you to come join us and socialize a bit with SLIS Director Ken Haycock, alumni, faculty and fellow students. We'll be emailing details about where the reception will be held later on. But for now, if you'd like to come, please RSVP online at http://slisweb.sjsu.edu/faculty/conferences/cla/clarsvp07.htm.

We will also be having a special SLIS booth in the Exhibit Hall during the conference. Be sure and stop by to chat when you get a chance and relax with friends. Look us up at Booth #617!

And for those interested, this is just a reminder that the ARMA Conference is coming up October 5-10 in Baltimore, MD.

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Nominate Outstanding Alumni for SJSU SLIS 40th Anniversary Accreditation Celebration!

Posted on September 18, 2007.

SLIS Commemorates 40th Anniversary of ALA Accreditation

Celebrate "Forty for Forty" – Forty Outstanding Alumni to Be Recognized

SLIS celebrates its fortieth accreditation anniversary in 2008. During the past forty years, SLIS alumni have applied the knowledge, values, and skills they learned while in graduate school to make significant contributions in a wide range of library and information settings. The "Forty for Forty" celebration will honor the profound impact that SLIS alumni have had in both the public and private sectors.

Did you know that a SLIS alumnus has served as California State Librarian? Were you aware that a SLIS alumnus, working as a school librarian, played a key catalyst role in getting Francis Ford Coppola to transform W.E. Hinton's The Outsiders into a cinematic classic? Our Forty for Forty dinner and reception will be held on November 29th — plan to attend and help us to recognize the achievements of our graduates by making your nomination for an Outstanding Alumnus!

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Upcoming Distinguished Lecture Series at UCB iSchool

Posted on September 14, 2007.

Wednesday, October 3, 2007
Disruptive Innovations I Have Known and Loved – Part 1: The Personal Computer
Distinguished Lecture
Speaker: Mitch Kapor
South Hall, 4:00pm-6:00pm

Wednesday, October 17, 2007
(Re-)Defining the Public Domain
Distinguished Lecture
Speaker: Carl Malamud
South Hall, 4:00pm-6:00pm

More events can be found on:
http://www.ischool.berkeley.edu/about/events/isd

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SJSU-SLIS Colloquium Series – Fall 2007

Posted on September 5, 2007.

The School of Library and Information Science at San Jose State University announces the beginning of the Fall 2007 Colloquia Series on 12 September 2007. We are pleased to invite you to attend these one-hour presentations featuring SLIS faculty and invited guests as they address the challenges and promises of our rapidly changing profession. Presentations are free and open to the public.

Our September 2007 speakers are

April Gage
Archivist, NASA Ames Research Center – History Office
Topic: *Free Your Mind and Your 299 Will Follow:*
Demystifying the Thesis Option
Wednesday, 12 September 2007
Noon-1:00 pm
Clark Hall 322
SJSU Campus in San Jose

and

Dr. Lili Luo
Assistant Professor, SLIS, San José State University
Topic: Toward Sustaining Professional Development:
Identification of Essential Chat Reference Competencies and Effective Training Technique
Wednesday, 26 September 2007
Time: Noon-1:00 pm
Clark Hall 322
SJSU Campus in San Jose

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Track Your Volunteer Efforts!

Posted on April 9, 2007.

Are you keeping your professional volunteer resume current? Hadn't thought about it?

SLA
tracks your commitments if you have an Executive Board position in a chapter or
division, or at the association level, but not committee positions. In the chapter some of the committee work can
be tracked on an as-need basis through our bulletin issues, especially if you
chaired a committee, but not always if you were a member of the committee, and
identifying committee members over time gets increasingly harder.

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What's New at SJSU SLIS

Posted on March 25, 2007.

By Beverly McLeod, Student Relations Liaison, San Andreas Chapter

E-Portfolio
Last summer the administration changed the culminating requirement for the MLIS degree. All students who do not plan to write a thesis must now complete an e-portfolio in order to graduate. Despite some initial grousing, students took up the challenge of

the e-portfolio; last fall 229 students (91% of the 252 students enrolled) successfully completed the course and received their degree, according to program coordinator Jane Fisher. (A few students needed more time to finish the project, and are continuing to work on it this semester.) Another 200+ students are currently enrolled in the e-portfolio course.

The e-portfolio must consist of a 3-5 page statement of professional philosophy, an introduction and several pieces of evidence supporting the student's mastery of each of 14 areas of professional competency, and a concluding section addressing the student's professional growth plan. Most students used the simple format provided by SLIS for their e-portfolio, but some chose to present their material by creating their own Web site. J. Michael DeMars even designed his site in blue and gold, SJSU's school colors (www.demarsfamily.com/library289webdocs).

Faculty Strike
Faculty at the 23 CSU campuses voted overwhelmingly to authorize a strike if labor negotiations are unsuccessful. The strike, unprecedented in the history of the CSU system, would mean suspension of classes for two days in April at SJSU. It is unclear how the strike would affect the mostly online courses at SLIS.

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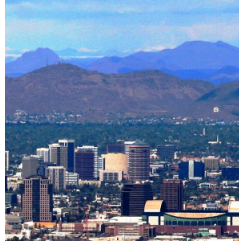

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