2015 Scholarships
Isabel James Bath Endowed Scholarship

Established by the Bath Foundation in honor of Isabel James Bath who graduated from Wayne State in 1951 and pursued a career as a school librarian.

The award recognizes scholastic achievement and provides assistance to students who plan to pursue careers as school, public or academic librarians in the metropolitan Detroit area.
Isabel James Bath Endowed Scholarship Winner

Jessica Hunt
Newaygo, MI
Rosemary Benedetti graduated with a bachelor's degree from the College of Education and a master's degree from the College of Library Science at Wayne State.

Benedetti went on to work as an elementary school library for the Detroit Public Schools for 33 years.

This scholarship fund was established to recognize scholastic achievement and assist students pursuing a career in school librarianship.
Rosemary Benedetti
Endowed Scholarship Winner

Jennifer Parkhurst-Skala
Stockton Springs, ME
The Bookstock Used Book & Media Sale is a community service project through which donations of books and media continue to provide enjoyment and knowledge to the public. The Bookstock Group and its corporate partners have established this scholarship to support students with a commitment to urban librarianship interests in the Detroit metropolitan community.
Bookstock Scholars Award Winner

Megan Domanski
Reading, PA
Sallie Ellison
Memorial Endowed Scholarship

Named in memory of the late Purdy/Kresge Library director, Sallie Ellison, this scholarship recognizes scholastic achievement, encourages continued academic progress, and provides assistance to students who reflect Ms. Ellison’s dedication to the African-American community and to quality library service.

Ms. Ellison joined Wayne State University in 1989 as assistant director of the Purdy/Kresge Library. She was named director of the Purdy/Kresge Library in 1991 and served until her death in 1999. She also served as Director of Media Services from 1991 to 1996.
Sallie Ellison Memorial Endowed Scholarship Winner

Holly Veselenak
Huntington Woods, MI
Gloria A. Francis Memorial Endowed Scholarship

This fund is named in memory of Gloria A. Francis. A graduate of WSU, she began her career with the Detroit Public Library in 1964. She later became Chief of the Rare Book Room where, under her curatorship, the DPL’s collection increased in both number and quality.
Gloria A. Francis Memorial
Endowed Scholarship Winner

Elizabeth Nicholson
Huntington Woods, MI
Margaret Hayes Grazier Endowed Scholarship

Named in memory of the late Professor Emerita Margaret Hayes Grazier, a nationally known librarian and educator.

As a faculty member, Professor Grazier served the LIS Program with distinction from 1965 to 1983. She focused her teaching and research on school library media and library services for children.
Margaret Hayes Grazier Endowed Scholarship Winners

Maeve Devlin
Livonia, MI

Emily Brush
Brighton, MI
Margaret Hayes Grazier Endowed Scholarship Winners

Ashley Rossetto
Novi, MI

Elise Gainer
Howell, MI
This award was established by SLIS alum and adjunct faculty member Paulette Groen, a 1972 graduate of the MLIS program. Groen continues to be active in the LIS community after retiring from the Visteon Corporation as a senior librarian. She is a member of the Wayne State Library System’s Board of Visitors and has served on the SLIS Alumni Association’s board as both a member and president.

The award will provide financial support for students demonstrating a commitment to a career in several areas including public, urban, special and children and youth librarianship.
Paulette E. Groen
Endowed Scholarship Winner

Arielle Starzynski
Wallace, MI
Robert P. Holley Endowed Scholarship

This award, established by SLIS faculty member Professor Robert P. Holley, gives preference to students who have worked in or been involved with libraries serving urban communities in the 50 largest American cities by population.
Robert P. Holley
Endowed Scholarship Winner

Qumisha Goss
Detroit, MI
This scholarship honors Miriam T. Larson, who entered the Library Science Department as a student in 1965. Upon graduation, she was offered a position as an assistant professor in the LIS Program, where she taught medical librarianship.

Ms. Larson retired in 1979 after twenty years of service and dedication to the field of medical librarianship.
Miriam T. Larson Memorial Endowed Scholarship Winner

Crystal Thomas
Grosse Pointe Park, MI
This award was established by the School of Library and Information Science Alumni Association to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to graduate students in financing their education at SLIS.
Library and Information Science Alumni Association Scholarship Winner

Joseph Mhanna
Zouk Mosbeh, Lebanon
Supported by alumnae and other friends of the School, this scholarship recognizes students who show academic achievement, potential for leadership and financial need.
LIS General Scholarship

LaTeesa James
Berkley, MI

Wesleyann Johnson
Holly, MI

Lauren Schilling
Grand Rapids, MI
This scholarship was established in honor of Margery A. Long, a longtime WSU audiovisual archivist who began her career here in 1972 at the Archives of Labor History and Urban Affairs (before it was the Reuther). In addition to being an archivist at WSU, she was also an exhibit curator, an author, and a photo preservationist. The award recognizes scholastic achievement and provides assistance to students in the archival administration graduate certificate program.
Margery A. Long Scholarship for Archival Administration Winner

Kiron Johnson
Southfield, MI
The MDMLG Scholarship is given to promote and introduce students to the specialization of health sciences librarianship.

The MDMLG serves as a channel of communication for its members and provides a mechanism for studying common problems, working on joint projects, and enhancing the quality of service in biomedical libraries.

The award provides a one-year membership to MDMLG and a monetary award.
Metropolitan Detroit Medical Library Group Winner

Kimberly Kelly
Redford, MI
Joseph J. Mika and Marianne Hartzell-Mika Endowed Scholarship

Established by long-time SLIS Professor and Former Director Joseph Mika and his wife, Marianne, to recognize high scholastic achievement and to assist students currently working in a library.
Joseph J. Mika & Marianne Hartzell-Mika Endowed Scholarship

Tzvetana Petrov
Palinfield, IL

Stephanie Chapman
Plainwell, MI
Roger S. and Muriel A. Pepper Scholarship

This award recognizes scholastic achievement and provides financial assistance to students enrolled in or accepted for study in the School of Library and Information Science.

The award was established by Alice and Barbara Pepper in memory of their parents, Roger S. and Muriel A. Pepper.
Edith B. Phillips
Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship honors Professor Emerita Edith B. Phillips and her many contributions to the LIS Program.

After almost 20 years working in various library settings, in 1968 she came to Wayne State where she taught various courses in cataloging and technical services until her retirement in 1991.
Edith B. Phillips Endowed Scholarship Winners

Megan Kipp
Canton, MI

Jennifer Wright
Ypsilanti, MI
Diane M. Rockall Scholarship

Diane Rockall graduated from the Library Science program in 1977 while working for the *Detroit News* in the Reference Department.

Mrs. Rockall recognized the difficulty of putting oneself through school. Through her scholarship, she assists those who wish to improve and advance themselves.
Diane M. Rockall Scholarship Winners

Ellen Fisher
Cleveland, OH

Lauren Hoehn
Bridgeman, MI
Established by the Friends of the Detroit Public Library through the generous donation of Kathryn A. Russell, in memory of her mother, Clara Lulis Russell.

Family illness and the Depression forced Mrs. Russell to discontinue her education and her dream of becoming a librarian. This scholarship enables other women to pursue their professional dreams in the field of library and information science.
Clara Lulis Russell Memorial Endowed Scholarship Winners

Laura Doutsas
Blissfield, MI

Allison Fiscus
Maumee, OH

Crystal Gleason
Niles, MI
Established in memory of Charles Samarjian, who operated Books Unlimited on Cass Avenue for nearly 40 years and was a familiar face to WSU students and faculty.

The scholarship commemorates Mr. Samarjian’s love of reading, his knowledge of books, and his commitment to the campus and neighborhood.
Charles Samarjian Memorial Endowed Scholarship Winners

Sarah Andrus  
Livonia, MI

Autumn Diaz  
Ypsilanti, MI
Any graduate student enrolled in the School of Library and Information Science. Recipients shall be selected on the basis of scholastic achievement with a grade point average of at least 3.0 and qualities of character and leadership.
Peter and Jane Spyers-Duran Endowed Scholarship Winners

Davidson Hook
Ann Arbor, MI

Stacy Loveridge
Brooklyn Park, MD

Heather Goupil
Lansing, MI
The Friends of the Herrick District Library sponsor this scholarship to support students who are employed by the Herrick District Library or a resident of Ottawa or Allegan County.

The scholarship was created in honor of Mr. Robert L. Sherwood, former director of the Herrick District Library for 21 years and an employee of the library for 38 years.
Robert L. Sherwood Endowed Scholarship Winner

Molly Walker
Grand Rapids, MI
This scholarship was established in honor of Cymbrie Pratt Trepczynski who graduated with her MLIS and Archival Administration certificate from Wayne State in 1993 and pursued a career as an archivist working on projects for GM, Detroit Federation of Teachers and the Reuther Library of Labor and Urban Affairs at WSU. The award recognizes scholastic achievement and provides assistance to students in the archival administration graduate certificate program.
Cymbrie Pratt Trepczynski Endowed Scholarship for Archival Administration Winner

Julia Westblade
Detroit, MI

Adam Mosseri
Westland, MI
Established to honor Carolyn R. Williams, a WSU graduate, who was the LIS Program’s Administrative Assistant for 20 years.

Mrs. Williams, who retired in 2000, was often described as the “heart” of the LIS Program.
Carolyn R. Williams Endowed Scholarship Winner

Maria Nuccilli
Hazel Park, MI
H.W. Wilson Endowed Scholarship

Created by the H.W. Wilson Company, a publisher of reference and bibliography resources, to provide support for library and information science education.
H.W. Wilson Endowed Scholarship Winners

Maralee Carlin
Provo, UT

Timothy Streasick
Ypsilanti, MI
SLIS conducts an annual competition to encourage and to acknowledge excellence in student writing. Documents submitted to the competition are typically papers or other media originally created for classroom assignments for the current academic year; original writing may also be submitted.
Paper Title:

Reading in the Margins: A Brief Examination

From LIS 7790 – History of Books, Printing, and Publishing

Colleen Alles
Grand Rapids, MI
Paper Title: Newspaper Preservation: Today’s News for the Future
From LIS 7920 – Digital Curation and Preservation

Courtney Whitmore, Laura Gentry, Greg McElhatton, Elizabeth Nicholson (from left to right)
2015 Student Groups and Officers
American Library Association
ALA@Wayne

- Elissa Zimmer, President
- Analise Johnson, Vice President/Secretary
- Roxanne Brazell, Webmaster
- Susan Gotthelf, Distance Liaison
ALA@Wayne promotes library service and librarianship:

- Networking
- Career enrichment
- Touring libraries and attending conferences
- Discussion about librarianship matters and responsibilities
ALA@Wayne Banned Books Week Event on September 23rd, 2014. Students met at Always Brewing, a Detroit café, to get into the neighborhoods and talk about banned books and literature with the local community.
Future Librarians for Inclusivity and Diversity (FLID)

- Nichole Manlove, President
- Nakenya Lewis, Vice President
- Lauren Catoni, Treasurer
- Marna Clowney-Robinson, Secretary
- Tracy Walker, Social Media Specialist
- Akiema Buchanan, Service Liaison
Future Librarians for Inclusivity and Diversity (FLID) provides a safe space for future library and information science (LIS) professionals to gain a better understanding of diversity within the profession and underserved populations in preparation for working with individuals from these groups. This purpose shall be effectuated through: exposing SLIS students to diverse cultures, lifestyles, physical abilities, and religious beliefs by promoting and organizing both on-campus events and off-campus events and excursions; organizing extracurricular educational opportunities for SLIS students (i.e., teach-ins, workshops, lectures, etc.); holding regular discussion forums for SLIS students to respectfully exchange ideas about diversity and inclusion issues in the LIS field; and promoting awareness of the LIS profession among underrepresented groups.

Learn More About FLID!
Contact Nichole Manlove, President, ao9178@wayne.edu
National Digital Stewardship Alliance (NDSA)

- Adam Mosseri, President
- Lauren Schroeder, Vice President
- Chris Bonadio, Secretary
- Mike Dutkewych, Digital Liaison
- Roxanne Brazell, Research Chairperson
- Courtney Whitmore, Marketing and Events Chair
Digital Preservation 2014: Annual NDSA National Meeting

• Posters presented by Laura Gentry (left), Courtney Whitmore (co-author with Laura) and Adam Mosseri (right)

“Web Archiving: Capturing Best Practices and Tools”

“Building an Archive from the Ground-UP: New Ways to Recruit Volunteers”
### New Initiatives

- **Research Initiative:** Helping to promote scholarship and brainstorming research ideas for student projects.
- **This Week In NDSA:** Weekly blog posts highlighting student projects, regional meetings, volunteer and learning opportunities, and current events of interest to MLIS students.

### Up-Coming

- **2015 Colloquium:** Organized and run by the student organization. This year’s theme: “Putting the Pieces Together: Digital Curation, Preservation, and Metadata.”
- **Summer projects**
- **Applying to present work at conferences**
This Week in NDSA Close-Up!

April 15, 2015
This Week in NDSA – Digitizing Audio Reels!

March 2, 2015
This Week in NDSA: The Graystone International Jazz Museum

January 27, 2015
This Week in NDSA: Digitizing Cassette Tapes for the Charles H. Wright Museum

February 10, 2015
This Week in NDSA: Onion Paper at the Library of Michigan!

February 2, 2015
This Week in NDSA: Digitizing Detroit Artists’ Workshop Publications
Society of American Archivists (SAA)
WSU Student Chapter

• Elizabeth Nicholson, President
• Devin Erlandson, Vice President
• Nichole Manlove, Secretary/Treasurer
• Kris Kniffen, History Department Liaison
• Devin Erlandson, Social Media Manager, Webmaster
Society of American Archivists
WSU Student Chapter 2014-15 Academic Year

• Behind-the-Scenes Tour of Troy Historic Village
• Hosted Academy of Certified Archivists Presentation
• Tour of Historic Fort Wayne for Civil War Christmas
• Tour of the Benson Ford Research Center at the Henry Ford Museum
• Visit and Q&A with alum Caitlin Brennecke
• Collaborated on a blog post for SAA’s Student and New Archives Professionals blog
Aspiring Youth and School Librarians (AYSL)

- Newest LIS student organization

Focus of this group is to provide LIS students with:

- Professional Development outside the classroom
- Opportunities to meet with fellow classmates
- Discussions on current technologies and emerging trends
Aspiring Youth and School Librarians

• Maeve Devlin, President
• Lauren Catoni, Vice President
• Megan Domanski, Outreach Coordinator
• Wesleyann Johnson, Secretary
Future Plans

• Over the next academic school year:
  – Reach LIS students that are interested in working in schools or in youth services.
  – Hold monthly meetings to hold discussions and meet with one another
  – Contact professionals in the field to give presentations at meetings
  – Begin plans for outreach programs in the surrounding area
Student Organizations in LIS (SOLIS)

- Nakenya Lewis, President
- Juan E. De La Rosa, Secretary

SLIS Students at a post orientation Mixer hosted by SOLIS!
Faculty Recognition:
Dr. Robert Holley will retire in August 2015 – 1988 – 2015 – Over 25 years at WSU!
1988 – 2015 – Dr. Holley has over 25 years in WSU Libraries and SLIS!

- Professor of Library and Information Science, School of Library and Information Science, 2001-2015
- Interim Director, 1994.
- Adjunct Professor, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, College of Liberal Arts, 1991 Present.
- Part-Time Faculty Member, Library Science Program, Wayne State University, 1992 1993.
Faculty Recognition:
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SLIS Faculty, staff and students wish Dr. Holley the best in his retirement. He will be greatly missed!
Patricia Knapp Award

Awarded each year to the graduating student who has demonstrated a high level of scholarship and shows promise of success in a career in library and information service. The recipient shall be selected on the basis of demonstrated scholastic achievement, evidence of research capability and professional commitment.
Patricia Knapp Award Winner

Kevin Barton, MLIS ‘14
Cleveland, OH
Distinguished Alumni Award

This award is presented to a SLIS graduate who has made outstanding contributions to the library and information science field. It recognizes those who have achieved distinction in the profession based on job performance, service, publications or other relevant professional activity.
Distinguished Alumni Award Winner

Kathleen Roe
Director of Archives and Records Management, New York State Archives
In addition to overseeing programs operating the New York State Archives archival facility, Roe, MLIS ’79, is the current president of the Society of American Archivists. In that capacity, she has challenged archivists to spend a “Year of Living Dangerously for Archives” to focus on raising awareness of and advocating for archives. She has also served as president of the Council of State Archivists and on various committees for SAA and regional archival associations.
Professional Service Award

This award acknowledges Wayne State alumni and other individuals who have made significant and sustained contributions to the Michigan library community during their careers and have supported the School of Library and Information Science.
Kathleen Lester, MLIS ’01, School Librarian/Technology Integrationist at Plymouth-Canton Schools, has worked throughout Michigan as a School Library Media Specialist. In 2012, her library in Howell won the State Librarian’s Excellence Award. She has been active in the Michigan Association for Media in Education (MAME) having served as newsletter editor, Fall Conference Chair, and President and is a member of the Library of Michigan’s School Library Workgroup. In 2014, Lester was instrumental in obtaining support from the Michigan State Board of Education to require school libraries to be staffed by certified school media specialists.
Project IDOL: Increasing Diversity of Librarians

- Project IDOL, which began September 2014 and runs through September 2016, is a collaboration between the Wayne State University School of Library and Information Science and the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Library Alliance. WSU SLIS and the HBCU Library Alliance have received funding from the IMLS Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program to increase the diversity of the library profession.
In this 3-year project, the two partner organizations are recruiting, mentoring, and delivering an online Master of Library and Information Science degree to 10 students from historically underrepresented groups in order to achieve greater diversity among practicing library professionals. SLIS is overseeing the entire project and delivering the educational component with its online MLIS format. The HBCU Library Alliance is leading the mentoring component and assisting with student recruitment.

10 Project IDOL Fellows enrolled in Fall 2014.
Project IDOL Personnel

• Dr. Stephen Bajjaly, Principal Investigator; Associate Dean, WSU SLIS
• Dr. Kafi Kumasi, Lead Instructor, Assistant Professor, WSU SLIS
• Sandra Phoenix, HBCU Liaison
• Ephranette Brown, Mentorship Coordinator
• Marvelyn Thomas, Mentor Consultant; Human Resources Director, Robert W. Woodruff Library at the Atlanta University Center.
Project IDOL Fellows
Alyssa Brissett lives in Brooklyn, New York and works as an Access, Delivery, & Resource Sharing Assistant at the Elmer Holmes Bobst Library at New York University. Alyssa holds a BA in English Literature and Anthropology from Cornell University and a MA in Childhood Education from New York University.

Alicia Byrd lives in Portland, Oregon and works as a Library Outreach Specialist at the Multnomah County Library. She holds a BS in Political Science from Portland State University.
Marna Clowney-Robinson lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan and works as the Circulation Supervisor for the University of Michigan Music Library. Marna has a BA in Psychology and Sociology from Concordia University in Ann Arbor and did graduate work in Women/Gender Studies and Psychology at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Kalana Cooper lives in Detroit, Michigan and has worked as a Customer Support Assistant for the Detroit Public Library since 2005. She holds a BA in African Studies from Wayne State University, where she was a four-year Presidential Scholar.
Project IDOL Fellows

Jose Guerrero lives in Berkeley, California and works as a Bookstore Assistant for Meyer Boswell Books, Inc. and Libros Latinos. Jose graduated from the University of California - Santa Cruz in 2012 with a BA in Literature, concentrating on creative writing and Spanish literature.

Rachel Esguerra lives in San Diego, California and works as a Library Clerk in the Literature Department of the San Diego Public Library. She holds AS and BS degrees in Electronics Engineering Technology from ITT Technical Institute and an MBA from the University of Phoenix.
Aaron LaFromboise, works at the Blackfeet Community College in Browning, Montana as a Library Technician and is a member of the Blackfeet Nation. She was selected as a 2014 ALA Emerging Leader program.

Jacqueline Freeman lives in Ann Arbor, Michigan and works for the Print Acquisitions Department of the University of Michigan Library as an Information Resources Assistant Intermediate. She holds a BA in English and French from Kalamazoo College and an MA in English from Michigan State University.
Jesse Lopez moved to Detroit to study for his MLIS at Wayne State. A native of the San Gabriel Valley east of Los Angeles, he previously served as a linguist and analyst in the United States Marines. Jesse received his BA in History from the University of California - Santa Barbara in 2008.

Nakenya Lewis lives in Detroit, Michigan. She holds a BA in Journalism from Wayne State. She is a substitute teacher in Belleville, Michigan, and president of the Friends of the Library for the Belleville Area District Library (BADL).
Mantra Henderson  
Director of Library Services  
James H. White Library  
Mississippi Valley State University  
Itta Bena, MS

Daren Hubbard  
Senior Director of Enterprise Applications  
Computing and Information Technology Division  
Wayne State University  
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Cotina Jones  
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North Carolina Central University  
Durham, NC

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