Getting Involved: SLIS Professional Organizations & Conferences

A LIBR 203 Meet-up – August 18, 2011
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Poll – Session Topics

What are you most interested in hearing about in this session?

A. Student Organizations
B. Publication Opportunities
C. Professional/Regional Organizations
D. Conferences
E. All of the above

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Poll – Student Organizations

Which student organization are you most interested in?

A. SLISConnect (SLIS networking organization)
B. ALASC - American Library Association Student Chapter
C. ASIST&TSC - American Society of Information Science and Technology Student Chapter
D. SAASC - Society of American Archivists Student Chapter
E. None of the above/Other

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ASIS&TSC is a society for information professionals with an interest in improving access to information. It has a diverse membership including computer scientists, linguists, librarians, engineers, etc.

- **Full Name:** American Society of Information Science and Technology Student Chapter
- **Website:** http://slisgroups.sjsu.edu/asistsc/
- **Facebook:** http://www.facebook.com/sjsuasist
- **Getting Involved:** Open to all SLIS students. Fee is $40 per year. Follow the directions found here: http://slisgroups.sjsu.edu/asistsc/join.html
SAASC aims to provide social networking opportunities and a sense of community to SLIS students interested in archival work. They organize repository tours and guest speaker presentations.

- **Full Name:** Society of American Archivists Student Chapter
- **Website:** http://slisgroups.sjsu.edu/saasc/
- **Getting Involved:** Open to all SLIS students. Can join SAA for $44 per year, but not required. Email Lori Lindberg for directions to join (lori.lindberg@sjsu.edu).
Student Orgs - SLISConnect

SLISConnect aims to foster connections between current and former students of the SLIS program through communications, events, and programs.

- **Full Name:** SLISConnect (formerly LISSTEN - Library and Information Science Students to Encourage Networking)
- **Website:** [http://slisgroups.sjsu.edu/lissten/](http://slisgroups.sjsu.edu/lissten/) (*new site under development*)
- **Facebook:** [http://www.facebook.com/SLISConnect](http://www.facebook.com/SLISConnect)
- **Getting Involved:** All currently-enrolled SLIS students are members and invited to participate in events and functions.
ALASC organizes virtual events, library tours, and volunteer opportunities for SLIS students interested in pursuing involvement in ALA. They aim to provide opportunities to build students’ professional networks.

- **Full Name:** American Library Association Student Chapter
- **Website:** http://slisgroups.sjsu.edu/alasc/index.shtml
- **Facebook:** http://www.facebook.com/alasc
- **Getting Involved:** All currently-enrolled SLIS students are automatically members and invited to participate in events and functions.
Other Networking Opportunities

• California Library Association Student Interest Group
  • Provides formal and informal networking and professional development opportunities for current and recent library students.
  • Website: http://www.cla-net.org
  • Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/groups/67721473041/

• Special Libraries Association Events
  • Maintains 56 chapters worldwide of corporate, academic, and government information specialists.
  • Website: http://www.sla.org/
  • Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/slahq
Publications - SRJ

SRJ is a peer-reviewed publication that promotes graduate scholarship and intellectual inquiry in the fields of library and information science, archives and records management, and museum studies.

- **Full Name:** Student Research Journal (SRJ pronounced “surge”)
- **Website:** http://scholarworks.sjsu.edu/slissrj/
- **Getting Involved:** Watch for the calls for papers, which occur twice a year and submit a paper. Consider joining the Editorial Board.
Publications - Other

These SLIS organizations also offer publication opportunities in a fun, somewhat informal, online newsletter/blog format.

- **SLISConnect** - The Call Number
  - [http://thecallnumber.blogspot.com/](http://thecallnumber.blogspot.com/)

- **ALASC** - SLIS Descriptor
  - [http://slisdescriptor.blogspot.com/](http://slisdescriptor.blogspot.com/)
Local Orgs - Where are you?

Use the pointer and click where you are located on the map. If you’re outside the US, click on the globe.
Professional/Regional Organizations

- ALA Affiliates Event Calendar:
  - http://www.ala.org/ala/conferences/events/afficalendar/index.cfm

- California Library Association & California School Library Association Annual Conference
  - 2011: Pasadena, CA (November 11-13)
  - 2012: San Jose, CA
  - Website: http://www.cla-csla.org/

- Internet Librarian
  - Monterey, CA (October 17-19)
  - Website: http://www.infotoday.com/il2011/
Conferences – SJSU Receptions

SJSU sponsors receptions at numerous conferences each year. They are an amazing (& free!) opportunity for SLIS students to network with faculty, students & Alumni:

- **SLIS Conference Calendar**
  - [http://slisweb.sjsu.edu/faculty/conferences/](http://slisweb.sjsu.edu/faculty/conferences/)

- **Previous Conference Receptions**
  - ALA Conference & Mid-Winter Meeting
  - California Library Association
  - Oregon Library Association
  - Public Library Association
  - Special Libraries Association
  - Society of American Archivists
  - ARMA (Authority on Managing Records & Information)
Conferences – SJSU Courses

*SJSU offers LIBR 298 Special Studies – Trendspotting (1 unit) in conjunction with the following conferences:*

- **Fall Semester**
  - Internet Librarian Conference
  - California Library Association Conference

- **Summer Semester**
  - American Library Association Conference
  - Special Libraries Association Conference
Conferences – Outside California

- **American Library Association Conferences**
  - ALA Mid-Winter Meeting - Dallas, TX (January 20-24)
  - ALA Annual Conference – Anaheim, CA (June 21-26)
  - Public Library Association – Philadelphia, PA (March 13-17)

- **Special Libraries Association Conference**
  - Chicago, IL (July 15-18)

- **Ontario Library Association SuperConference**
  - Toronto, ON, Canada (February 1-4)

- **Canadian Library Conference**
  - Ottawa, ON, Canada (May 30 – June 2)
Conferences - Virtual

An increasing number of conferences are presented online using web conferencing software.

- Handheld Librarian
  - http://www.handheldlibrarian.org/

- Library 2.011 WorldWide Virtual Conference
  - November 2-3, 2011
Questions?

Feel free to email us, or visit the organizations’ websites and email them directly.

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