



**New & Special Topics Classes
 for Spring 2019**

**LIS 4/5970 Libraries and Popular Culture
 Stewart Brower**

This course will explore popular culture’s functions and roles in contemporary American society, with emphasis on the often-controversial relationships between popular culture and libraries and librarianship.

**LIS 4/5970 Information Retrieval & Text Mining
 Kun Lu**

This is the newest course added to our data analytics course suite. This course covers data collection methods, text analytic processes, textual information retrieval models, and how to use text analytic methods to analyze textual information and interpret text analysis results.

**LIS 4/5970 Cybersecurity Essentials
 Aaron Baillio**

This practical hands-on course will be taught in a computer lab where students will learn to apply tools and techniques to analyze IT security risk assessments.

Banned Books Week

Schusterman Library at OU-Tulsa’s sponsored a gallery exhibit “A Right to Read, a Right to Think” which was created and managed by OU SLIS students and Schusterman Library graduate assistants Melodie Pennington, Tracy Ashby, and Jef Wilson.

About the Exhibit:

“Information empowers communities, and while books are the heart of Banned Book Week, this interactive exhibit highlights attempts at censorship and freedom of information across the book community, from librarians to journalists, teachers and readers. Visitors can explore press freedom across the globe, hear from professionals about the impact of censorship, check out challenged books and more. It is in the name of a right to read information and think for themselves.”

Beta Phi Mu

The International Library and Information Studies Honor Society

SLIS’s Lambda chapter of the Beta Phi Mu honor society, is pleased to announce its leadership team for 2018-2019:

- Melissa Kunz, president
- Melissa Kash, vice-president and president-elect;
- Garnet Nowell, secretary
- Lyssa Prince, treasurer

International Beta Phi Mu News

SLIS faculty member Cecelia Brown was elected in 2018 to be the international Beta Phi Mu vice-president/president-elect!

The international Beta Phi Mu organization has introduced a new membership category, **Professional Memberships**. This category is for graduates of ALA-accredited or approved LIS programs who earned at least a 3.75 GPA in the master’s program, and have professional recommendations.

Visit the Beta Phi Mu website for more information:
<http://www.betaphimu.org>



Opportunities for Students

Scholarships:

SLIS has moved our scholarships to the OU scholarship system, which means that applications are due by February 1 as opposed to March 1. Please go to CASH.ou.edu (or <http://www.ou.edu/scholarships>) to apply.

SLIS is pleased to announce a new scholarship for students who live in Nowata, Osage or Washington county. This is the **Ruth Brown Memorial Scholarship** presented by the Bartlesville Women's Network. Since this scholarship is new, it is not in OU's CASH system yet. Please contact SLIS to apply (sarahee@ou.edu).

The **Beta Phi Mu International Library and Information Studies Honor Society** (Beta Phi Mu) is accepting applications for their 2019 scholarships. See <https://www.betaphimu.org/scholarships.html> for more information.

Professional Organization Scholarships: A variety of professional organizations offer scholarships to MLIS students. Current and prospective students are encouraged to look for opportunities in numerous places. For example, the Oklahoma Library Association has scholarships (<https://www.oklibs.org/page/01Scholarships>), many national organizations such as the American Library Association, ACRL, various diversity-based organizations, and more offer scholarship opportunities.

Professional Development Opportunities:

OU SLIS Alumni Association Paper Award: the Alumni Association is currently soliciting submissions from students for the 2019 Dr. Frances Laverne Carroll Student Paper Award. More information is listed on the alumni section of the SLIS website (<http://www.ou.edu/cas/slis/alumni/alumni-awards>). Due by December 15, 2018.

Oklahoma Library Association Annual Conference Student Session, Fresh Takes: OLA is currently soliciting submissions for presentations in the student session for the March 2019 conference. Submit your short (7-10) minute presentation giving your FRESH TAKE on any topic of interest or concern to librarians. Just fill out the proposal form by January 10, 2019 (<https://www.oklibs.org/page/FreshTakes>).

Job Shadowing at OU Libraries: Interested in exploring career choices in academic libraries? OU Libraries is offering flexible job shadowing options to fit student needs. You can choose your area of interest and a time commitment that fits your needs (a few hours, a half day, a few days, etc.). (http://www.ou.edu/content/dam/cas/slis/docs/OU_Libraries_Job_Shadowing.pdf). Note to other libraries: If you are interested in offering job shadowing to MLIS students, contact SLIS (sarahee@ou.edu).

Ongoing **Volunteering Opportunity** for SLIS Students at the **Oklahoma County Juvenile Justice Center Library:** Dr. Brown states, "We are looking for volunteers from the SLIS community to join us during our monthly visits to the OCJJC to organize and maintain the collection. We typically meet on the third Thursday of the month from 9:30 to 11:30 am. The OCJJC is conveniently located off of I-44 across from the Chesapeake Campus on Classen Curve and has plenty of parking." If you are interested in volunteering, contact Dr. Brown cbrown@ou.edu

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Public Broadcasting Preservation Fellowship Outcomes

IMLS Funded Project through WGBH Boston: Two SLIS master's students, **Evelyn Cox** and **Laura Haygood**, were selected to be fellows in spring and summer 2018 for this national program. For the fellowship, SLIS partnered with **Janette Thornbrue** at the **Oklahoma Educational Television Authority (OETA)** to preserve historically significant broadcasts. **Lisa Henry** from **OU's Political Communication Center Archives** was an advisor on the project, and **Susan Burke** from SLIS was the faculty advisor. Digitized broadcasts are housed in the **American Archive of Public Broadcasting**, a joint project of WGBH and the Library of Congress. You can read more about this project in Laura's blog post (<https://pbpf.americanarchive.org/2018/08/28/guest-post-pbpf-fellow-laura-haygood/>) and Evelyn's blog post (<https://pbpf.americanarchive.org/2018/05/04/guest-post-pbpf-fellow-evelyn-cox/>).



Laura and Evelyn have presented at several conferences about their work on this project:

Conference Posters:

Evelyn Cox and Laura Haygood. "Collaboration & Replicability: Passing on the Knowledge of AV Station Creation." Poster Presentation. OK-ACRL 2018 Annual Conference. Edmond, Oklahoma. November 9, 2018

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Evelyn Cox, Laura Haygood, and 7 fellows from other universities presented: "Opening up Audiovisual Archives Education: The Public Broadcasting Preservation Fellowship." Poster Presentation. Society of American Archivists Annual Conference 2018. Washington, D.C. August 12-18, 2018.

Conference Presentations:

Laura Haygood, Tanya Yule, Steve Wilcer, Virginia Angles, Rebecca Framow, Sarah Buchanan. "Evolving an A/V Education Infrastructure: The Public Broadcasting Preservation Fellowship." NDSA's Digital Preservation 2018. Las Vegas, NV. October 17-18, 2018.

Evelyn Cox. "Broadcasting Preservation Fellowship Process for Long-Term Audiovisual Preservation Curricula at OU." Fresh Takes. Oklahoma Library Association Annual Conference. Tulsa, OK. April 25, 2018.

Laura's webinar on how to use the digitization equipment was recorded and will be available at a later date.

News of Alumni, Faculty, Staff, and Students

(send news items for upcoming newsletters to Susan Burke)

State-level Award: Congratulations to **Cecelia Brown** for being named the 2018 Outstanding Alum by the OU SLIS Alumni Association!

New Staff: SLIS is pleased to welcome Cony Craighead who has joined the SLIS office as staff.

Faculty Leaving: Congratulations to faculty member **Kyungwon Koh** who has moved to the iSchool at the University of Illinois.

Faculty Tenure and Promotion: Congratulations to faculty member **Ellen Rubenstein** on receiving tenure and promotion.

New Internship Documents Coordinator: We are pleased that **Buffy Edwards** is piloting new, streamlined internship processes for the undergraduate and graduate internships. Thanks, Buffy!

OU Staff Senate: Congratulations to SLIS staff member **Sarah Connelly** for becoming the President Elect of OU's Staff Senate.

CONGRATULATIONS! STUDENTS WIN NATIONAL AWARDS:

Laura Haygood won a Mayo Drake Award to attend the annual conference of the South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association (SCC/MLA) in San Antonio, TX, October 21-23, 2018.

Evelyn Cox. AERI Emerging Archival Scholarship Program (EASP) Scholar. Archival Education and Research Institute 2018. Tuscaloosa, Alabama. July 8-13, 2018

Tulsa student **Codi Jones** is a 2017-19 ARL Diversity Scholar.

Natasha Seymour received a 2018 ALA Spectrum Scholarship.

Melodie Pennington was selected for the 2019 ALA Student to Staff program.

Alumni Leadership Success: SLIS alumna **Julie Ballou** has been named the new Executive Director of the Metropolitan Library System in Oklahoma City. Congratulations to Julie on her prestigious new position!

Library Journal Movers & Shakers: Two SLIS alumni were named movers and shakers in 2018, **Twila Camp** and **Elizabeth Negrete Gaylor**. Congratulations on the national recognition of your ground-breaking work!

Sad News: SLIS alumna **Cindy Hulsey** (MLIS 2002), long-time TCCL staff member and co-founder of the Tulsa Literary Coalition and Magic City



Cecelia Brown at ASIS&T 2018 with her poster, "Online Scholarly Tools: Use and Value." Co-presenters Shengmeng Xu and Bradley Hemminger



Cony Craighead, new SLIS staff

Welcome Fall 2018 Ph.D. Cohort!

Moses Muendo Munyao
Suanne M. Wymer
Evelyn D. Cox

News About the School

NEW: Affiliate Member of the iSchool Consortium. OU SLIS has joined our national and international institutional colleagues by joining the iSchools as an affiliate member. Read more about the iSchools <https://ischools.org>



SLIS Main Offices New Look

In Summer 2018 SLIS got a facelift in the main offices with new carpeting for the first time since the 1980s, and a re-envisioning of the office layout. We love our fresh, clean, new look and are anticipating updates to the rest of our space within the next couple of years.



New SLIS Website: Check it out! <http://www.ou.edu/cas/slis>

SLIS' OU Foundation Giving Page Updated

Donors can now choose the scholarship to which they want to make a donation by using a drop down menu on the SLIS Foundation page:

<https://giving.oufoundation.org/OnlineGivingWeb/Giving/OnlineGiving/slis>

News About SLIS Programs

NEW: Graduate Certificate in Data Analytics for Information Professionals: This graduate certificate is designed to prepare students who do not have a computer science background to apply analytical tools to solve organizational problems. The most popular free data analytical tools, R and Python, are some of the technology tools covered. The coursework consists of four courses. Two are required: one in data analytics and another in data mining. Two other courses will be chosen from a list of electives that include courses in information visualization, information retrieval and text mining, database design, and an overview course of current widely used technologies for workplaces. More specific information can be found at: <http://www.ou.edu/cas/slis/programs/certificates>

Stay tuned for additional course and program news as SLIS continually strives to bring students the most up-to-date curriculum and programs for LIS careers.