

# Library School Association of Alabama

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## **NOMINATIONS DUE AUGUST 1<sup>st</sup> FOR DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD**

Nominate alumni who have made an outstanding contribution to the library, information, media or book arts professions and who have thereby achieved distinction. Nominees will be judged on the full range of their professional accomplishments. They may be graduates from any of the SLIS programs.

**[Click here for DAA nomination information.](#)**

## **SAVE THE DATE: 2017 ALUMNI DAY**

Visit Gorgas Library **November 10, 2017** for Alumni Day. Catch up with former classmates and current friends! [Click here to find info and pictures from previous Alumni Days on Facebook.](#)

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## **UA SLIS GRANTED CONTINUED ACCREDITATION THROUGH 2024**

Congratulations to Dr. Prentice, UA SLIS faculty and staff, students, alumni and everyone who helped to ensure our quality program continues to be available for future librarians. Well done to all involved!

## **DR. SWEENEY AWARDED ALA 2017-2018 DIVERSITY RESEARCH GRANT**



[From the ALA Press Release:](#) The one-time \$2,500 grant for original research is awarded to Dr. Miriam E. Sweeney, UA SLIS assistant professor, and Dr. Nicole A. Cooke, Assistant Professor and MS/LIS Program Director, School of Information Sciences, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign for the project, “**Minority Student Experiences with Racial Microaggressions in the Academic Library.**” This study uses surveys and focus groups to garner further insight into the specific experiences surrounding racial microaggressions directed at racial and ethnic minority students in the context of accessing library spaces and services on campus. Congratulations to Dr. Sweeney!

## **SUPPORT YOUR LSA: JOIN OR RENEW TODAY**

Visit [alabamalsa.org](http://alabamalsa.org) now to support your profession while keeping current with UA SLIS and librarianship activities throughout Alabama. Your support is essential; [please join or renew your membership today.](#)

**Bonus:** your LSA membership dues directly [contribute to a number of scholarships,](#) including the one highlighted below. Additional donations are always appreciated so that we can all continue to support SLIS education in Alabama. [Click here to join or renew now!](#)

## **FEATURED SCHOLARSHIP: KATE WEBB RAGSDALE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

The Kate Webb Ragsdale Endowed Scholarship was established in 2013 from gifts donated by the Library School Association, as well as by family, friends, and supporters who wished to honor the memory and legacy of Kate Webb Ragsdale and to promote the education of deserving graduate students in The University of Alabama’s College of Communication and Information Sciences. Priority consideration is given to graduate students pursuing a degree within SLIS who have excellent academic credentials and who wish to pursue a career in academic libraries. The scholarship is renewable annually, provided the student is registered in SLIS and maintains a 3.8 GPA.



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