

Southern Chapter/Medical Library Association

Research Committee

Annual Report 2003

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The Research Committee completed several major tasks this year:

Research Spotlight column in *Southern Expressions*

- Promoted and encouraged chapter research with articles in “Research Spotlight” column
 - “John Orriola – Winner of Annual Research Committee Award,” by Rita Smith. Win 2003; 19(1): 3, 8.
 - “Research in the Chapter,” by Priscilla Stephenson, Spr 2003; 19(2): 3, 6, 21.
 - “Research Project Grant Funding Available,” by Addajane Wallace, Sum 2003; 19(3): 17.
 - “Research Interests at Southern Chapter’s SLIS Programs,” by Rita Smith, Sum 2003; 19(3): 18.
 - “Southern Chapter Research Project Grant,” by Addajane Wallace, Fall 2003; 19(4): 14.
- A survey of members’ ongoing research interests and projects was completed using SOCHAP-1. Results were published in a “Research Spotlight” column.
- All SLIS programs in the Southern Chapter’s geographic area were contacted for input regarding current research efforts by their faculty or students. Results were published in a “Research Spotlight” column.

Web Page

- Updated and re-organized all Committee pages on the chapter web site. From these updated pages, a Committee Manual was developed and posted on the web site, summarizing the Committee’s role within the Chapter and providing a timeline for annual activities. A short history of the Committee was developed and added to the online manual.
- Reviewed the abstracts of all papers and posters presented at the 2002 Annual Meeting held in Nashville, TN and posted those with a research focus on the chapter’s web site.
- Our Research Mentors were each contacted and asked if they were willing to continue serving in that capacity. Updated curriculum vitae were obtained for them and added to the web page.

Research Project Grant

- Revised the guidelines and application process for the Research Project Grant. New awards for this grant will be funded in two stages, with the second payment following receipt of a mid-year progress report in February. A final report to the Committee will be due prior to the Annual Meeting in October. The Committee still requires that results of the study be published in *Southern Expressions*.
- Reviewed one application for the 2003 Research Project Grant and but did not recommended funding at this time.

Research Papers and Posters

A new program of awarding cash prizes for the best research papers and the best research posters presented at the Annual Meeting was instituted with the 2003 meeting. The evaluation criteria were researched and developed to reflect the current standards of the MLA Research Committee.

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Chair, Research Committee

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