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## Georgia Library Association - Research and Assessment Interest Group

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## **Georgia Library Association Research and Assessment Interest Group**

The Research and Assessment Interest Group (RAIG) gathered on March 9, 2017 for a casual day of knowledge-sharing and collaboration. Twenty-five members attended this hybrid meeting; half of the attendees participated online while the other half met at the Macon Campus Library of the Middle Georgia State University (MGA).

Dr. Michael Gibbons kicked off the meeting with his presentation "Avoiding Research Pitfalls" in which he highlighted the importance of proper and well-considered research design. Dr. Gibbons is director of MGA's Center for Applied Research and Education and interim director of MGA's Office of Institutional Research. A recording of this informative session is now available to all through the Georgia Library Association's (GLA) Vimeo page.

The computer lab at MGA's Macon Campus Library offered the technology and support needed to make this interactive, hybrid meeting a success. RAIG would like to thank MGA's warm and helpful staff for their assistance, Dr. Gibbons for sharing his time and expertise with RAIG, Valdosta State University's MLIS program for helping to extend an invitation to their students, and GLA for funding this event.

Plans are now underway for a similar meeting in July, with the in-person meeting to be held in Athens. Please keep an eye out for details.

In other news, RAIG is pleased to announce that the 2016 COMO session "Removing Barriers to One-Shot Assessment" can now be viewed through GLA's Vimeo page. This online recording was made possible thanks to GLA funding and the cooperation of the speaker,

Amy Fyn of Coastal Carolina University.



Finally, RAIG recently formed two new subcommittees to help advance the work of the interest group. The LIS Research Subcommittee is working to identify and

propose ways that RAIG can support library and information Science (LIS) research in Georgia. The Online Activities Subcommittee will soon be presenting to RAIG members opportunities for online discussion through the RAIG listserv and/or regular online meet-ups. Both subcommittees welcome new members.

Any GLA members who are interested in LIS research and/or library assessment may join RAIG at no additional cost. To learn more, please contact Cristina Hernández Trotter at [chtrotter@gmail.com](mailto:chtrotter@gmail.com) or visit RAIG's web page at: [http://gla.georgialibraries.org/interest\\_assessment.htm](http://gla.georgialibraries.org/interest_assessment.htm).