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*People, Libraries
and Agencies* **IN THE NEWS**

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The Philip Weltner Library at Oglethorpe University in Atlanta is proud to announce two new faculty members who joined the team this summer: Chamyre Hynson, a reference and instruction librarian, and Derek Harootune Otis, an instructional technology librarian.



Derek Harootune Otis and Chamyre Hynson

The library has also hired a library Sunday worker, Abdullah Zain. Zain is the inaugural worker for the library's recent efforts to offer those who have little to no experience the chance to work in the MLIS field. The library hopes to encourage other institutions to offer this opportunity to budding librarians.

Chamyre, an HBCU alumni, graduated from University of Maryland Eastern Shore, where she received her degree in English with a minor in telecommunications. After graduation, Chamyre decided to transfer her media skills into the library, which led her to the completion

of her MLIS degree at Valdosta State University in 2021. At Oglethorpe, Chamyre supports students, faculty, and staff by providing library research assistance and workshops every semester.

Derek earned a degree in Chinese language in culture at New College of Florida, where they defended a thesis titled *To Float Above Water: Mapping Modernity & Identity in Recent Chinese Ecocinema*. They went on to earn their MSLS at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign in 2021, where they worked in multiple library positions. At Oglethorpe, they support the purposeful integration of technology with teaching and learning.

Zain graduated from Georgia State University with a journalism degree and a minor in film and media. He is currently pursuing his MLIS at Valdosta State University. He is interested in reference and instruction and wants to learn ways to apply the theoretical aspects of librarianship to real-world situations. In his spare time, he loves to read comic books.



Abdullah Zain

"I am very excited that Chamyre, Derek, and Zain have joined our team and are helping to ensure we serve our mission to support the academic programs here at Oglethorpe," University Librarian Eli Arnold shared. "We are proud that the Weltner Library is a place where we can train new paraprofessionals and professionals to become leaders in the field."