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Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-2015

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Executive Summary

In fall 2011, the Academic Resources Unit of the University of South Florida (USF) Library officially launched Scholar Commons, an institutional repository (IR) intended to serve as a virtual showcase for USF's research and creative energies. Scholar Commons, which can be accessed at: http://scholarcommons.usf.edu/, provides digital preservation and free open access (OA) to scholarly works produced by the USF Community. Our vision is to become a vehicle to drive research communication across academic disciplines.

Through our dedication to and outreach of scholarly communications, we have generated many positive outcomes. This report chronicles our initiatives during the 2014/2015 fiscal year (FY), and includes:

- A review of the purpose, people, and platform behind Scholar Commons
- A recap of our design additions and changes
- A summary of where and why new content was added
- A study of current reports and statistics

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Overview

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Vision

Scholar Commons will provide digital preservation and open access to all scholarly works produced by the University of South Florida community. We aim to grow Scholar Commons to drive research communication across academic disciplines.

Mission

The USF Tampa Library strives to develop and encourage research collaboration and initiatives throughout campus. Members of the USF community are encouraged to include their research in Scholar Commons. We commit to assisting faculty, staff, and students in all stages of the deposit process, from managing their work to optimizing access/readership to ensuring long-term preservation. Long-term preservation and increasing accessibility increases citation rates and highlights the research accomplishments of this university. Scholar Commons directly impacts USF's four strategic goals: student success, research innovation, sound financial management, and creating new partnerships.

Personnel

***Please note that italic text indicates personnel who left this fiscal year.

- **Carol Ann Borchert**
  Job Title: Librarian, Coordinator of Serials
  Department: Tampa Library, Academic Resources
  Role: OA Journal Coordinator and Production Editor
- ***Rebel Cummings-Sauls***
  Job Title: Library Operations Coordinator (through December 2014)
  Department: Tampa Library, Academic Resources
  Role: IR System Administrator and Production Editor
- ***Julie Fielding***
  Job Title: Library Operations Coordinator (through August 2014)
  Department: Tampa Library, Academic Resources
  Role: Assistant OA Journal Coordinator and Production Editor
- **Chelsea Johnston**
  Job Title: Library Operations Coordinator (January 2015–Present)
  Department: Tampa Library, Academic Resources
  Role: Assistant OA Journal Coordinator and Production Editor
- **Alex Onac**
  Job Title: OPS (through January 2015); Collections Specialist (January 2015–Present)
  Department: Tampa Library, Academic Resources
  Role: Production Editor and Project Assistant
- **Brenna Mathiasen**
  Job Title: Library Specialist
  Department: Tampa Library, Academic Resources
  Role: Production Editor and Project Assistant
- **Aura Perez**
  Job Title: Library Operations Coordinator
  Department: Tampa Library, Academic Resources
  Role: Production Editor
- **Melanie Griffin**
  Job Title: Assistant Librarian
  Department: Tampa Library, Special & Digital Collections
  Role: Production Editor
- **Jason Boczar**
  Job Title: Digital Scholarship and Publishing Librarian (hired June 2015)
  Department: Tampa Library, Academic Resources
  Role: IR System Administrator

Meetings

Bi-weekly scholarly communications meetings keep our team informed of progress, challenges, new content, and future possibilities. At these meetings, production editors also discuss the current statuses of their individual journals.

Presentations

Fall 2014

- Borchert, C.A. "Digital Commons Private LOCKSS Network." Presentation at the international Private LOCKSS Network Meeting, Stanford, CA, September 4, 2014.

System Information

Platform

Scholar Commons is supported by bepress' Digital Commons platform. Find out more information about the Digital Commons platform here: http://digitalcommons.bepress.com.

To see a complete list of other universities and colleges using this platform, please visit the bepress listing of institutional repositories: http://digitalcommons.bepress.com/institutional-repository-colleges/all.html

Digital Commons is ADA compliant. You can read the Accessibility Statement at: http://scholarcommons.usf.edu/accessibility.html

Security and Preservation

Scholar Commons and bepress have implemented several levels of preservation to ensure the integrity and security of materials in the repository:

- The bepress platform features a multi-tiered disaster recovery plan that utilizes fail-over servers. These servers have regular on-site and off-site backups
- Most of the Scholar Commons journal content is preserved in LOCKSS (an OAIS-compliant preservation strategy that provides tools for libraries to back up each other's content).
- Internal weekly backups of Digital Commons and Dublin Core metadata, made available by bepress OAI, are collected and stored within Research Computing servers here at USF.
- USF Research Computing performs its own backups, which are stored at a location in Winter Haven, FL. Quarterly reports of content are delivered by bepress and also secured at this location.

- This year we formally established the Digital Commons Private LOCKSS Network (DC PLN) in conjunction with other Digital Commons users. Memorandums of Understanding have been signed and we are still working on getting all members live and harvesting content.

All content will be preserved indefinitely. A specific request for removal of a specific item would be directed to and approved by the IR managers. If you believe that your copyrighted material has been deposited into Scholar Commons without consent, please contact us.

Metadata Registration

CURRENT

1. Registry of Open Access Repositories (ROAR), http://roar.eprints.org, ROAR ID: 4566 http://roar.eprints.org/4566/
2. The Directory of Open Access Repositories (OpenDOAR), http://www.opendoar.org. OpenDOAR- ID# 2505, http://www.opendoar.org/find.php?rID=2505. *Forwards information to Celestial.*
3. Open Archives Initiative (OAI), http://openarchives.org, http://www.openarchives.org/Register/BrowseSites?viewRecord=http://scholarcommons.usf.edu/do/oai/
4. Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ), http://www.doaj.org/. *Qualifying journals only.*
5. Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations (NDLTD), http://www.ndltd.org, http://ndltd.vtls.com/search/query?match_1=PHRASE&field_1=text&term_1=Scholar+Commons&match_2=PHRASE&field_2=text&match_3=SHOULD&field_3=text&match_4=NOT&field_4=text&theme=NDLTD
6. Open Access Theses and Dissertations (OATD), http://oatd.org/, http://oatd.org/oatd/search?q=%22University+of+South+Florida%22&field=publisher&language=&date=&def_op=auto&pagesize=30
7. OCLC-WorldCat, http://oaister.org. There is not a complete IR listing within this database although portions of our records, including a complete set of ETD records, are housed within OCLC.
8. Primo Central, http://www.exlibrisgroup.com/category/PrimoCentral

Memberships

1. CrossRef, http://www.crossref.org/ ; http://www.crossref.org/01company/07libraries.html
2. Digital Commons Private LOCKSS Network (DC PLN), http://www.lockss.org/community/networks/; http://www.lockss.org/locksswp/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/DC-PLN-FAQ.pdf
3. Library Publishing Directory 2015, http://www.librarypublishing.org/resources/directory/lpd2015

Design

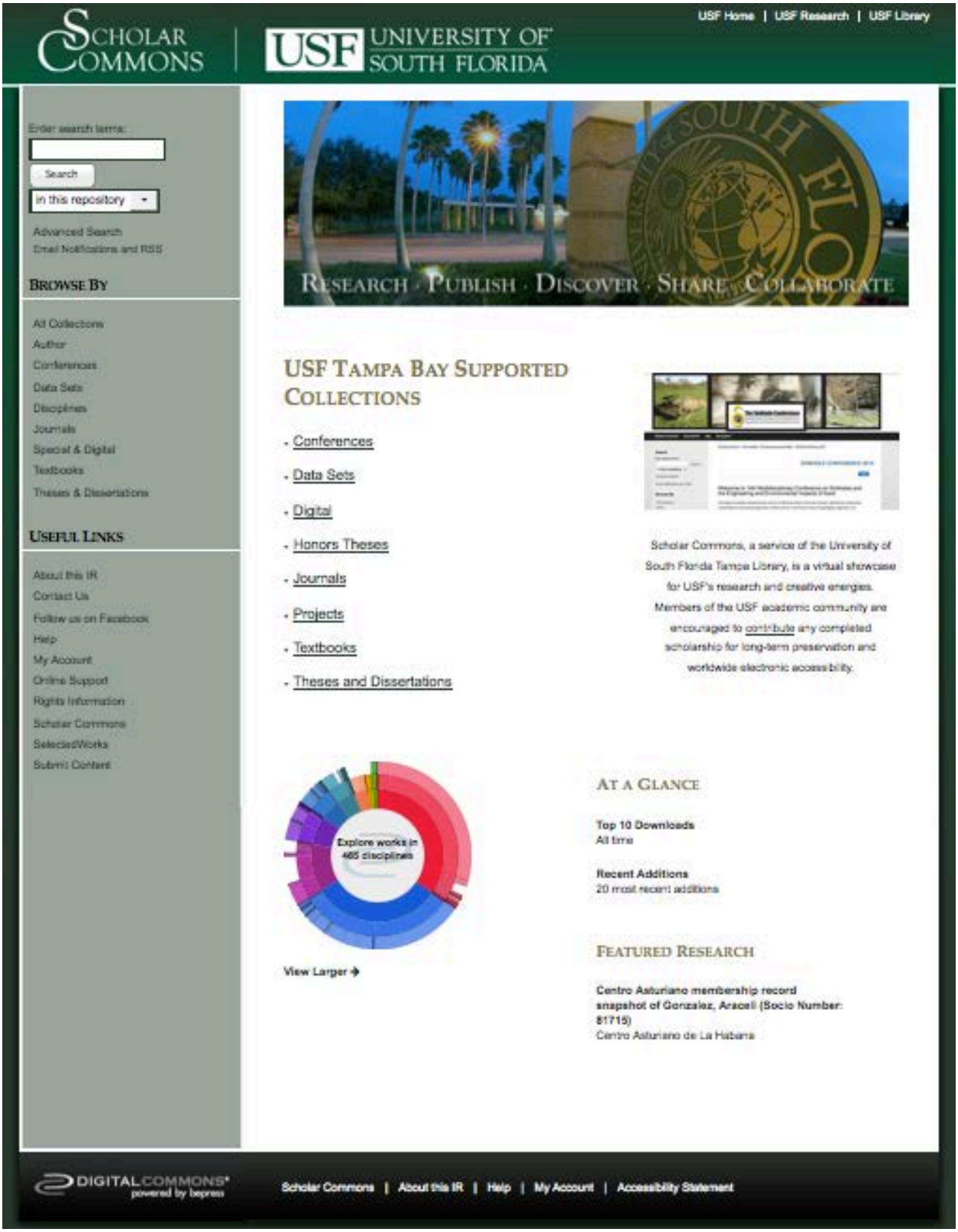
The Scholar Common pages are periodically reviewed for adjustments. This year, the Scholar Commons homepage had a few exciting changes.

The sidebar links (under "Browse By" and "Useful Links") were adjusted to help facilitate easier navigation throughout the repository. Links were added so our Open Access Collections, Most Popular Papers, Recent Additions, and USF Faculty Publications could be directly accessed from the sidebar.

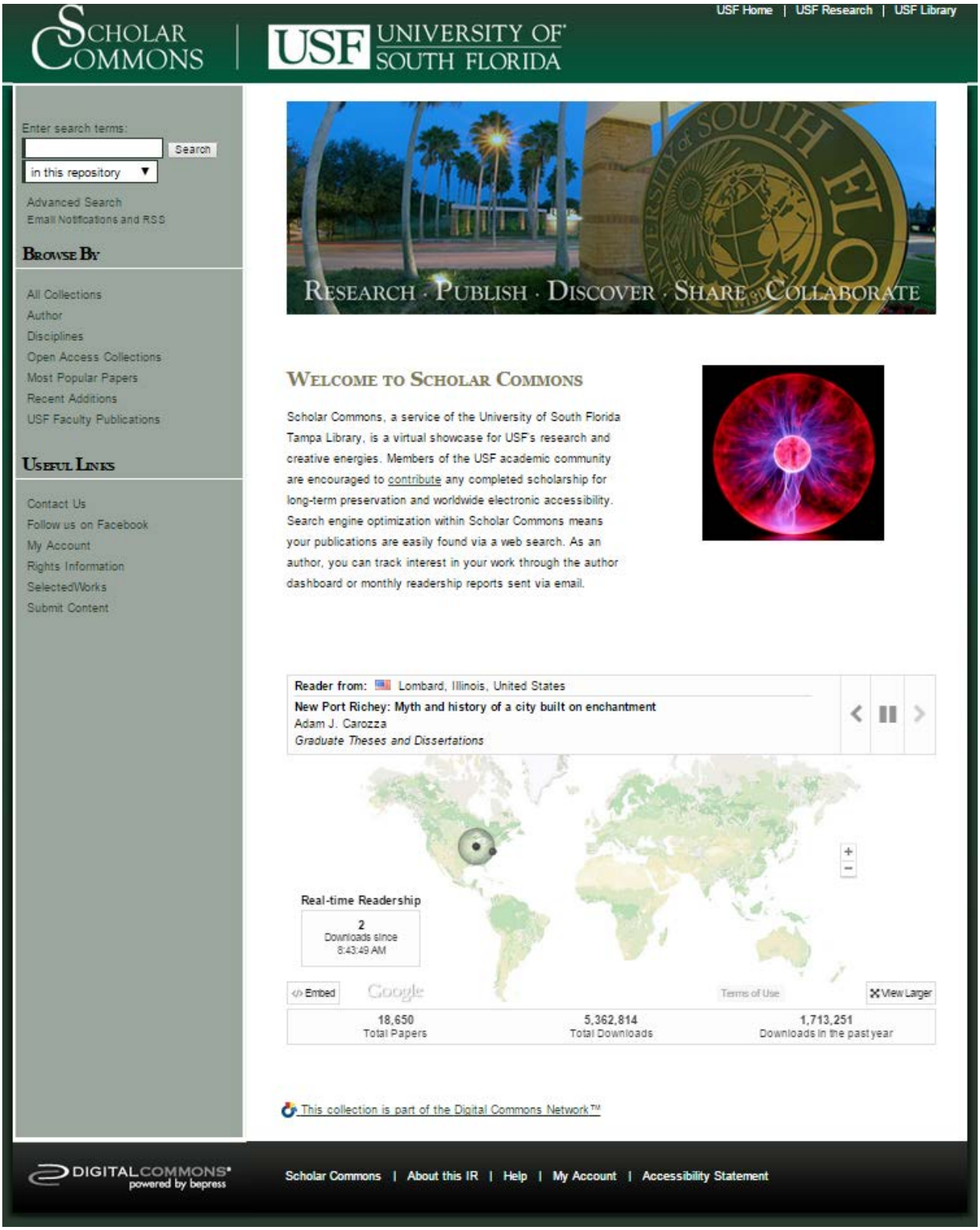
We also added some cosmetic changes to the homepage. First, we expanded the homepage's "welcome note" to better educate visitors about Scholar Commons. We updated the rotating featured images (which are switched out on a regular basis by our Library Specialist, Brenna Mathiasen).

Our most notable homepage change is the inclusion of a readership map. This new feature from bepress provides a live display of what's being read and where (the map can be customized to show readership on an hourly, daily, weekly, or monthly average). The readership map is included on journals' homepages.

Homepage Design July 2014



Homepage Design July 2015



Ongoing Projects

FAIR/CV Bank Project

Now that we have copies of the records within the FAIR Vita Bank, we are working on adding content harvested from faculty curriculum vitae (CVs) to include in the repository. This will involve determining which publishers allow preprints or post-prints to be included in the repository, and which will need a link out to the full text on an external site. Any items already within Scholar Commons will be removed to avoid duplication.

CAS Pilot Project

Through previous connections with Chuck Connor in the School of Geosciences, we were able to start the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) pilot project in late fall 2013. We worked with three specific departments—Psychology, Communication, and the School of Geosciences—to obtain updated CVs from faculty members with their permission to load these items into their associated series. We also created a document to record the name of a faculty member who decided not to participate. We will retain this file and use it in the future to record any other faculty members who express the desire to opt out of having their content included within the IR.

In 2014, project assistants Alex Onac, Ashley Peltzman, and Frankie Fernandez converted these citations to spreadsheets. These spreadsheets were updated and checked before loading into their respective series. After loading the items, the project assistants completed a quick Google search on each item to try and locate a URL to an electronic source or reference to each item. These URLs were reviewed for accuracy and then added to each record. The project assistants then reviewed each item within SHERPA/RoMEO to determine if we have permission to load the pre-print, post-print, or publisher version of the full-text.

This project stalled after the departure of USF's institutional repository manager in early 2015. However, the Scholar Commons team is growing and we have picked up where we left off. Currently, we are locating the contact email for the person or unit responsible for article (or book chapter) permissions. We are finished with the Geosciences collection, approximately 2/3 of the way finished with the Communications collection, and are continuing to work our way through the Psychology collection.

OA Textbooks Collection

http://scholarcommons.usf.edu/oa_textbooks

Scholar Commons hosts 8 open access textbooks, with another 3 titles being listed with links out to the full text. Eight of the titles focus on mathematics, with the remaining three covering writing, journalism, and social science. The most heavily used title is *Social Science Research: Principles, Methods, and Practices*, with 203,964 downloads since it was first uploaded to Scholar Commons. Like the bulk of the repository content, all of the OA textbooks are preserved in the Digital Commons Private LOCKSS Network for long-term, stable archiving.

Our OA textbooks are part of the Textbook Affordability Project (TAP), saving students at USF and worldwide the cost of expensive textbooks. In turn, this increases students' chances of continuing their education affordably. In 2015, the TAP team began to develop USF's first funded open access textbook: a children's literature textbook by Dr. Jennifer Schneider. Another exciting development in Textbook Affordability is that funding shifted to the Library, and we are taking the lead with Innovation Education as partner for our next open access textbook as announced by the Provost.

Conference Collection

http://scholarcommons.usf.edu/conferences

Scholar Commons provides a page for sponsoring faculty member(s) to centralize their conference information. Because the sites are hosted in Scholar Commons, they enjoy the discoverability benefits of the platform. Some sites were designed to provide the program information for the conference, and some use the submissions feature to manage conference abstracts or even full-text papers. All sites are archived in Scholar Commons.

We added support for several conference sites in 2014-2015, including:

- Promoting Collaboration and International Partnerships to Combat and Mitigate Human Trafficking
- International Workshop on Ice Caves (IWIC)
- Research That Matters: Sustainable Food Conference People, Policy, and Practice
- 2015 Race and Place
- Sinkhole Conference 2015
- Couch-Stone Symposium
- DeepKarst 2016

ETD Collection

http://scholarcommons.usf.edu/ETD/

The Electronic Theses & Dissertations (ETDs) in Scholar Commons is one of the largest and most heavily used portions of the repository. There are 5,450 ETDs currently in the collection, which have been used a total of 3,561,822 times. Rather than having to request a print copy of a dissertation through interlibrary loan, ETDs are easily discoverable online through the repository. Our ETDs are harvested by the Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations (NDLTD) and are preserved in the Digital Commons Private LOCKSS Network.

With some department departures and technical issues, the upload of ETDs was delayed this year. However, despite these challenges, Scholar Commons has able to add 213 graduate student works in the past year.

Journal Collection

http://scholarcommons.usf.edu/journals.html

Scholar Commons now hosts fifteen journals in the USF institutional repository, with two more in progress. These open access journals allow researchers across the world 24/7 access to research that has traditionally kept behind a subscription firewall or limited to a few physical print copies. Twelve of our journals are peer-reviewed, keeping to the same quality standards as traditional journals. One of our journals, *International Journal of Speleology*, is in Scopus and has an impact factor.

Subject matter is varied, ranging from geology to homeland security to the humanities. Nine titles are in the Global LOCKSS Network, with the remaining 6 titles being preserved in the Digital Commons Private LOCKSS Network. This ensures that this content is available even if something were to happen to the repository itself.

Periodically, and as requested, statistics for all journals are pulled and analyzed. For our top journals, we are able to pull additional Google Analytics. To help increase all journals' statistics, we provide periodic announcements through Facebook and Twitter for launching journals, recent issues, and calls for submissions.

The central Scholar Commons email is consistently monitored for journal activity and forwarded as needed. Assistance and training for journal editors are provided as requested.

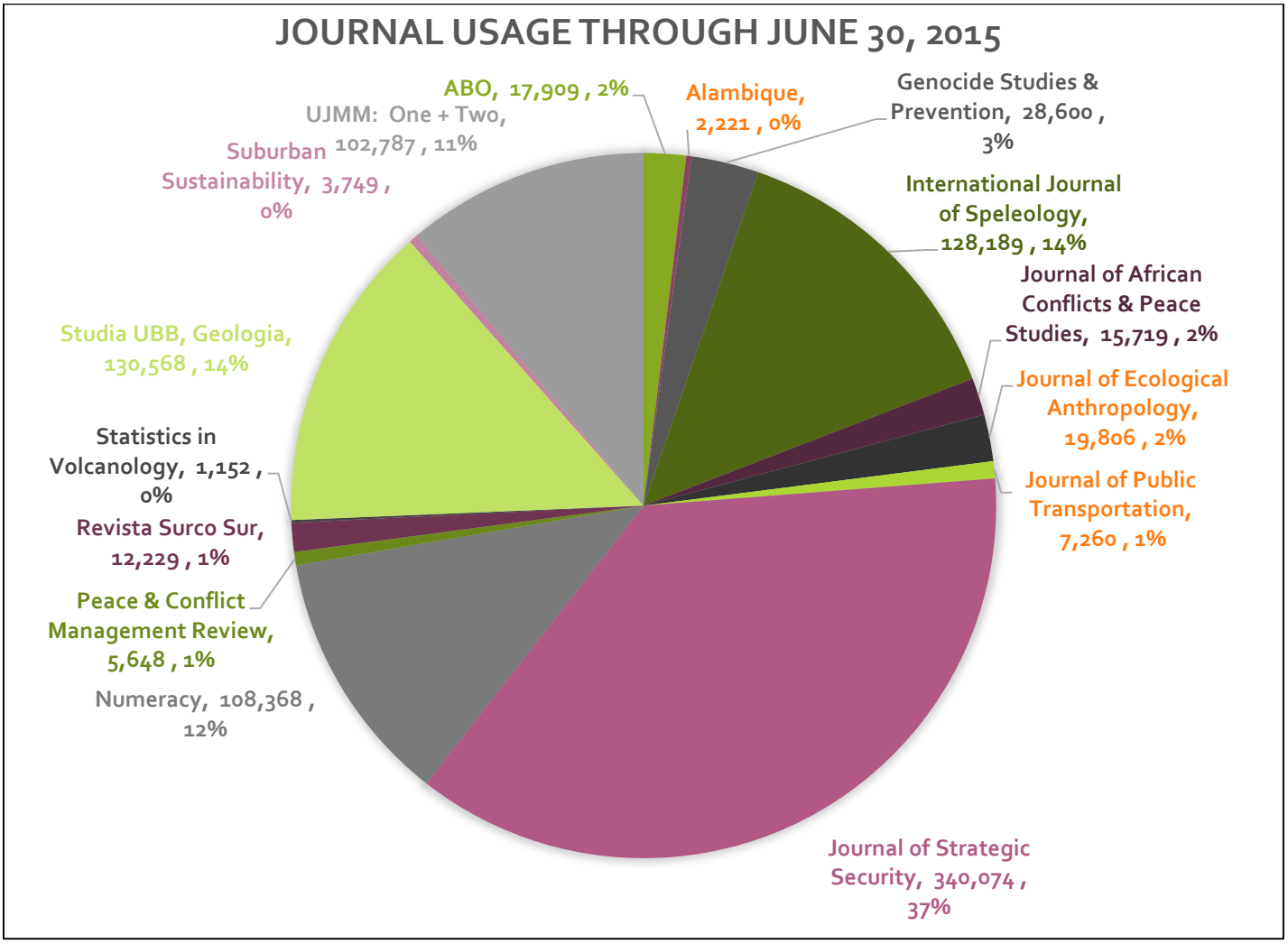
- *ABO: Interactive Journal for Women in the Arts, 1640-1830*
  - Published Volume 4, Issue 2
  - Published Volume 5, Issue 1
  - Volume 5, Issue 2 in progress
  - Chelsea Johnston joined as Production Editor
- *Alambique*
  - Published Volume 2, Issue 1
  - Aura Perez joined as Production Editor
- *Genocide Studies and Prevention: An International journal*
  - Published Volume 8, Issue 3
  - Published Volume 9, Issue 1
  - Volume 9, Issue 2 in progress
  - Layout design revised for a cleaner look and feel
  - Chelsea Johnston joined as Production Editor
- *International Journal of Speleology*
  - Published Volume 43, Issue 3
  - Published Volume 44, Issue 1
  - Published Volume 44, Issue 2
  - Volume 44, Issue 3 in progress
  - Alex Onac and Chelsea Johnston joined as Production Editors
  - *IJS*'s impact factor increased to 1.656
- *Journal of Ecological Anthropology*
  - Published Volume 17, Issue 1
  - Volume 18, Issue 1 in progress
  - Alex Onac joined as Production Editor

- *Journal of Public Transportation*
  - New journal, containing research and case studies related to public transportation and transportation/policy issues, added to our collection in March 2015
  - Obtained back files for Volume 5, No. 2 to date and loaded them through batch upload
  - Published Volume 18, Number 1
  - Published Volume 18, Number 2
  - Volume 18, Number 3 in progress
  - Alex Onac joined as Production Editor
- *Journal of Strategic Security*
  - Published Volume 7, Number 3
  - Published Volume 7, Number 4 (Special Issue Winter 2014: Future Challenges in Drone Geopolitics)
  - Published Volume 8, Number 1/2 (double-issue)
  - Alex Onac joined as Production Editor
- *Military Cyber Affairs*
  - New journal in progress as of June 2015
  - Plans to launch first issue later this year
- *Numeracy: Advancing Education in Quantitative Literacy*
  - Published Volume 8, Issue 1
  - Published Volume 8, Issue 2
- *La Revista Surco Sur*
  - Published Issue 7
  - Published Issue 8
- *Statistics in Volcanology*
  - Published two articles
  - Carol Ann Borchert joined as Production Editor
- *Studia Universitatis Babes-Bolyai, Geologia*
  - Published Volume 59, Issue 1/2
  - Alex Onac joined as Production Editor
- *Suburban Sustainability*
  - Published Volume 2, Issue 2
  - Published Volume 3, Issue 1
  - Chelsea Johnston joined as Production Editor
- *Undergraduate Journal of Mathematical Modeling: One + Two*
  - Published Volume 6, Issue 1
  - UJMM editors are searching for ways to balance the workload caused by heavy copyedits
    - Solutions currently being explored are bringing new editors on board and finding alternate means of funding (e.g., grants) to support their work.
  - Chelsea Johnston joined as Production Editor

Statistics

Full-text downloads for Scholar Commons have grown 45 percent from 3,481,956 to 5,061,597. While we were not able to continue doubling the number of items in the repository, high download trends have continued.

Open access academic journals, the original reason for the creation of this initiative, have consistently added new content. The addition of *Journal of Public Transportation*, with back content, also helped to increase the journal content count. When comparing download counts, many of our journals have more than doubled the number of full-text downloads versus last year.



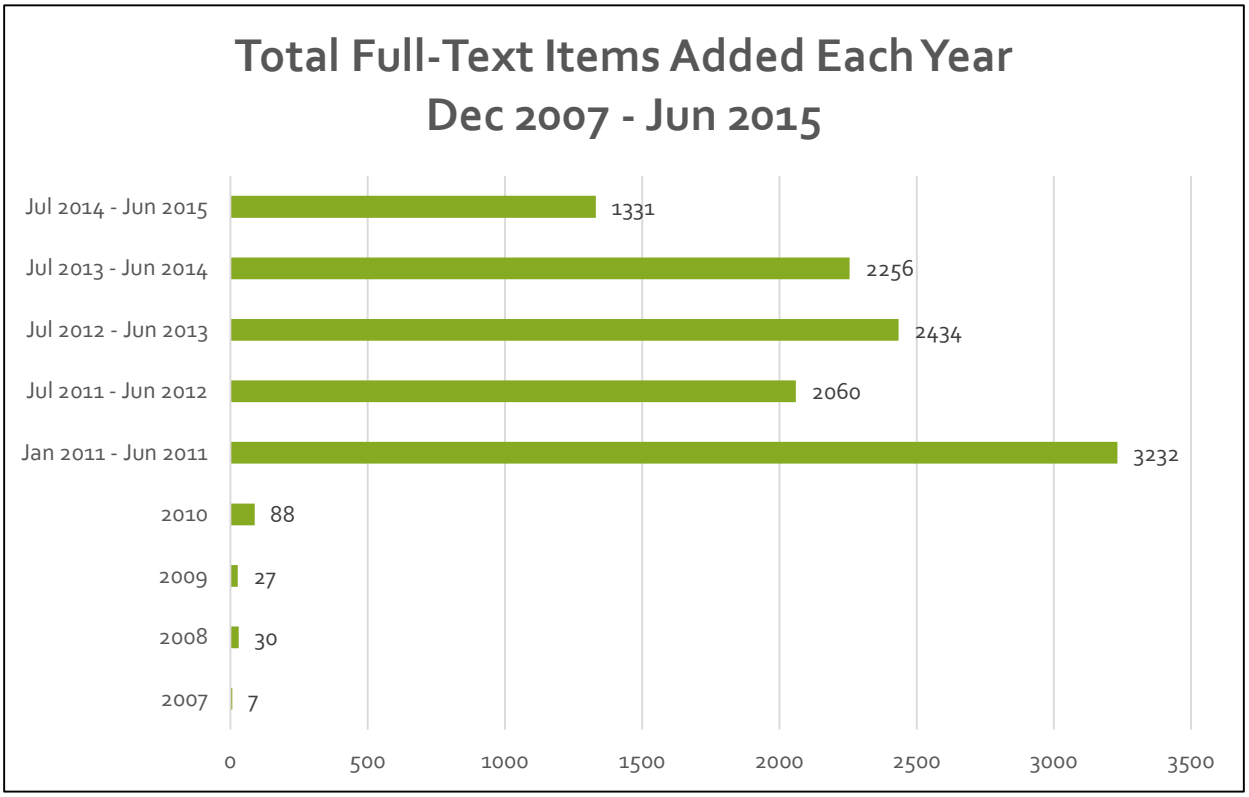
As in 2013-2014, the top downloaded item for 2014-2015 is Anol Bhattacherjee's OA textbook, *Social Science Research: Principles, Methods, and Practices*. Dr. Bhattacherjee's textbook was added to Scholar Commons in 2011. This item has now had 203,964 full-text downloads (as of our 2013-2014 report, it had been accessed 98,754 times). This is a 106% increase from last fiscal year. While the total downloads may not put OA Textbooks as the most heavily used series, individual items within this collection have received some of our highest usage.

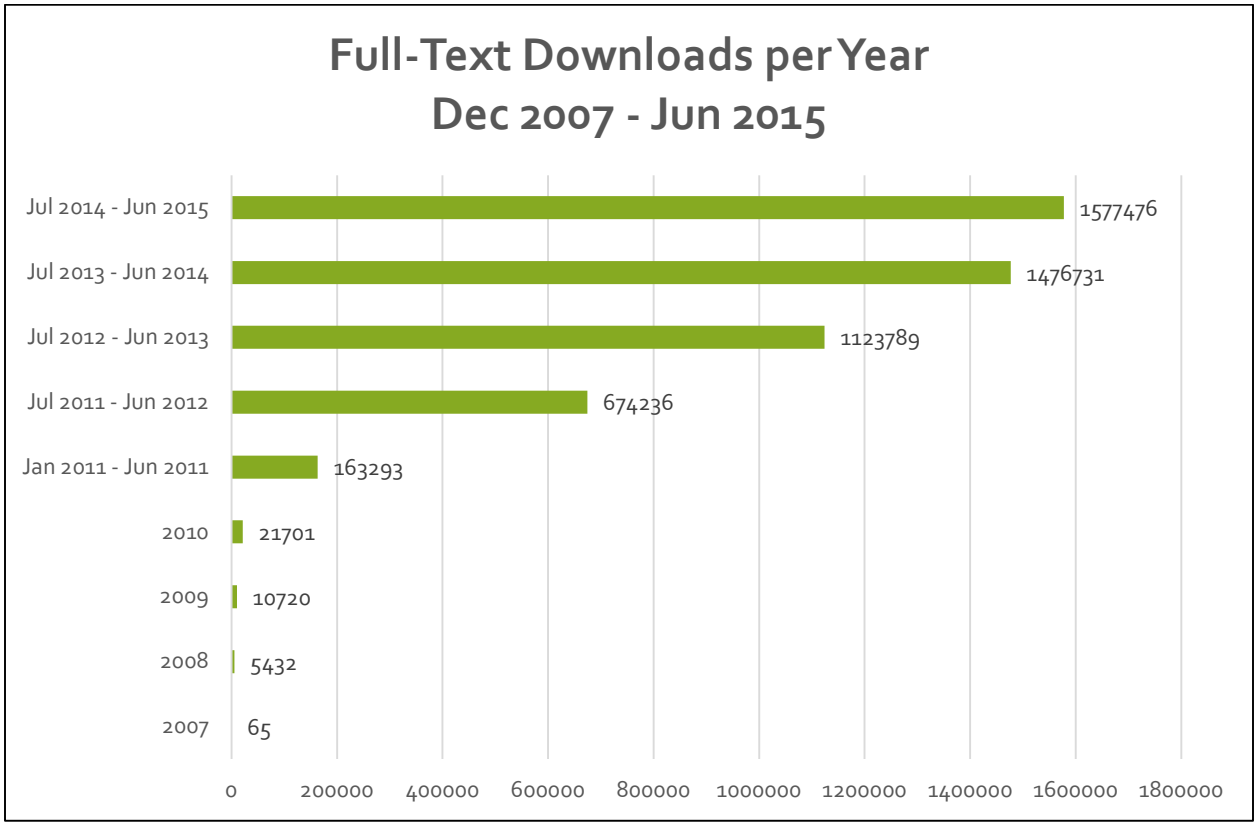
Top Ten Downloaded Items

Statistics shown are from the first publication date through July 2, 2015.

Title	Downloads (Total All Time)	Date Posted
Social Science Research: Principles, Methods, and Practices (OA textbook)	203,964	11/22/2011
"Impact of globalization on socio-economic and political development of the Central Asian countries" (ETD collection)	27,996	2/24/2011
"Fashion advertising, men's magazines, and sex in advertising: A critical-interpretive study" (ETD collection)	26,546	2/24/2011
"Live Video Streaming from Android-Enabled Devices to Web Browsers" (ETD collection)	19,307	12/8/2011
"A 1400 year multi-proxy record of hydrologic variability in the Gulf of Mexico: Exploring ocean-continent linkages during the late Holocene" (ETD collection)	14,606	2/24/2011
"X-ray diffraction applications in thin films and (100) silicon substrate stress analysis" (ETD collection)	14,602	2/24/2011
"Calculating the Time Constant of an RC Circuit" (*Undergraduate Journal of Mathematical Modeling: One + Two*, Volume 2, Issue 2)	13,450	5/15/2013
"The Realism of Hans Morgenthau" (ETD collection)	13,416	2/24/2011
"Polydimethylsiloxane Mechanical Properties Measured by Macroscopic Compression and Nanoindentation Techniques" (ETD collection)	12,664	12/8/2011
"Radicalization into Violent Extremism I: A Review of Social Science Theories" (*Journal of Strategic Security*, Volume 4, Issue 4)	12,135	1/3/2012

Full-Text Statistics by Year





Total Items by Series: Dec 2007 – Jun 2015

Blue background indicates a series with 500+ items.
Green background indicates a series with 1,000+ items.

Publication	Total
2015 Race and Place	2
9th Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium and Celebration	162
ABO: Interactive Journal for Women in the Arts, 1640-1830	87
Academic Resources Faculty and Staff Publications	32
Academic Resources Publications	5
Academic Services Faculty and Staff Publications	166
Adult, Career, and Higher Education Faculty Publications	262
Alambique: Revista académica de ciencia ficción y fantasia	13
Anthropology Faculty Publications	16
Catalyst	5
Cell Biology, Microbiology, and Molecular Biology Faculty Publications	6
Chemistry Faculty Publications	3
Civil and Environmental Engineering Faculty Publications	3
College of Business Publications	98
College of Education Publications	649
College of The Arts Publications	51
Communication Faculty Publications	636
Community and Family Health Faculty Publications	23
Community-Based Disaster Coalitions	40
Criminology Faculty Publications	1
Data Sets	21
Dean's Office Publications	36
Educational Leadership and Policy Studies Faculty Publications	45
Educational Measurement and Research Faculty Publications	3
English Faculty Publications	174
Environmental Sustainability Books	3
Environmental Sustainability Gallery	7
Environmental Sustainability Oral Histories	6
Executive Branch Publications	471
Exercise Library	1
Faculty Senate Archives	336
First Choice Monthly Newsletter	92
Florida Public Health Training Center	2

FMHI Events and Lectures	10
FMHI Publications	96
Food and Gardening Working Group	1
Genocide Studies and Prevention: An International Journal	279
Geology Faculty Publications	262
GIS Map Service Links	3
Government and International Affairs Faculty Publications	113
Grace Allen Scholars Theses	9
Graduate School Faculty and Staff Publications	1
Graduate Theses and Dissertations	5362
Hispanic Heritage of Florida Conference 2012	35
History Faculty Publications	2
Identities and Inequalities in a Globalizing World	2
Images	20
Integrative Biology Faculty and Staff Publications	312
International Journal of Speleology	291
INTO Faculty and Staff Publications	11
Journal of African Conflicts and Peace Studies	30
Journal of Ecological Anthropology	149
Journal of Public Transportation	399
Journal of Strategic Security	282
Judicial Branch Publications	81
Latin America and the Caribbean Studies Faculty Publications	20
Legislative Branch Publications	925
Marine Science Faculty Publications	219
Mathematics and Statistics Faculty Publications	1
Mental Health Law & Policy Faculty Publications	799
Modern Warfare's Complexity and the Human Dimension Image Gallery	5
Modern Warfare's Complexity and the Human Dimension: Implications for Policymakers, Warfighters, NGOs and the Private Sector	1
National Cave and Karst Management Symposium 2013	33
Numeracy	136
Nursing Faculty Publications	120
Outstanding Honors Theses	116
Peace and Conflict Management Review	74
Pharmacy Faculty Publications	51
Preparedness and Emergency Response Learning Center	2
Psychological and Social Foundations Faculty Publications	59
Psychology Faculty Publications	2343
Race and Place Conference Image Gallery	38

Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling Faculty Publications	154
Reports	162
Revista Surco Sur	175
Scholar Commons Projects and Publications	19
School of Geosciences Faculty and Staff Publications	1064
School of Information Faculty Publications	124
Sea Level Changes into MIS 5: From observations to predictions	1
Sinkhole Conference 2013	55
Small Business Development Center	1
Special & Digital Collections Faculty and Staff Publications	16
Sponsor Gallery	8
Statistics in Volcanology	3
Student Affairs Faculty and Staff Publications	2
Studia UBB, Geologia	243
Suburban Sustainability	12
Summer Workshop on the Comparative History of School Accountability	6
Textbooks Collection	11
The Florida Holocaust Museum Newsletter	2
The International Workshop on Ice Caves	23
Theatre and Dance Faculty Publications	6
Undergraduate Journal of Mathematical Modeling: One + Two	96
USF Alumni Publications	1
USF Homepage Gallery	102
World Languages Faculty Publications	13

Total Downloads by Series: Dec 2007 – Jun 2015

Blue highlight indicates usage of 10,000+.
Green highlight indicates usage of 100,000+.
Yellow highlight indicates usage of 1,000,000+.

Publication	Total
2015 Race and Place	11
9th Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium and Celebration	7278
ABO: Interactive Journal for Women in the Arts, 1640-1830	17869
Academic Resources Faculty and Staff Publications	3976
Academic Resources Publications	1038
Academic Services Faculty and Staff Publications	3429
Adult, Career, and Higher Education Faculty Publications	589
Alambique: Revista académica de ciencia ficción y fantasia	2187
Anthropology Faculty Publications	4184
Catalyst	0
Cell Biology, Microbiology, and Molecular Biology Faculty Publications	720
Chemistry Faculty Publications	196
Civil and Environmental Engineering Faculty Publications	571
College of Business Publications	4728
College of Education Publications	40766
College of The Arts Publications	474
Communication Faculty Publications	1603
Community and Family Health Faculty Publications	49
Community-Based Disaster Coalitions	341
Criminology Faculty Publications	1103
Data Sets	162
Dean's Office Publications	1078
Educational Leadership and Policy Studies Faculty Publications	1785
Educational Measurement and Research Faculty Publications	33
English Faculty Publications	2810
Environmental Sustainability Books	525
Environmental Sustainability Gallery	525
Environmental Sustainability Oral Histories	362
Executive Branch Publications	2897

Exercise Library	0
Faculty Senate Archives	1189
First Choice Monthly Newsletter	3469
Florida Public Health Training Center	681
FMHI Events and Lectures	29
FMHI Publications	24882
Food and Gardening Working Group	12
Genocide Studies and Prevention: An International Journal	28658
Geology Faculty Publications	13833
GIS Map Service Links	0
Government and International Affairs Faculty Publications	6287
Grace Allen Scholars Theses	5341
Graduate School Faculty and Staff Publications	82
Graduate Theses and Dissertations	3479292
Hispanic Heritage of Florida Conference 2012	9939
History Faculty Publications	0
Identities and Inequalities in a Globalizing World	97
Images	45
Integrative Biology Faculty and Staff Publications	15350
International Journal of Speleology	126165
INTO Faculty and Staff Publications	221
Journal of African Conflicts and Peace Studies	15735
Journal of Ecological Anthropology	19835
Journal of Public Transportation	7321
Journal of Strategic Security	339344
Judicial Branch Publications	2173
Latin America and the Caribbean Studies Faculty Publications	45
Legislative Branch Publications	13723
Marine Science Faculty Publications	52520
Mathematics and Statistics Faculty Publications	0
Mental Health Law & Policy Faculty Publications	27175
Modern Warfare's Complexity and the Human Dimension Image Gallery	4
Modern Warfare's Complexity and the Human Dimension: Implications for Policymakers, Warfighters, NGOs and the Private Sector	52
National Cave and Karst Management Symposium 2013	2369
Numeracy	79830
Nursing Faculty Publications	0
Outstanding Honors Theses	51650

Peace and Conflict Management Review	5650
Pharmacy Faculty Publications	0
Preparedness and Emergency Response Learning Center	153
Psychological and Social Foundations Faculty Publications	2625
Psychology Faculty Publications	0
Race and Place Conference Image Gallery	11
Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling Faculty Publications	435
Reports	6728
Revista Surco Sur	12240
Scholar Commons Projects and Publications	2997
School of Geosciences Faculty and Staff Publications	0
School of Information Faculty Publications	2481
Sea Level Changes into MIS 5: From observations to predictions	130
Sinkhole Conference 2013	16113
Small Business Development Center	0
Special & Digital Collections Faculty and Staff Publications	4091
Sponsor Gallery	1
Statistics in Volcanology	678
Student Affairs Faculty and Staff Publications	51
Studia UBB, Geologia	126126
Suburban Sustainability	3744
Summer Workshop on the Comparative History of School Accountability	664
Textbooks Collection	222521
The Florida Holocaust Museum Newsletter	65
The International Workshop on Ice Caves	848
Theatre and Dance Faculty Publications	2382
Undergraduate Journal of Mathematical Modeling: One + Two	102891
USF Alumni Publications	1
USF Homepage Gallery	3517
World Languages Faculty Publications	3119

Faculty Participation in Scholar Commons

Below is a table containing the participation of USF faculty with Scholar Commons. The data used represented all faculty at USF for the Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 semesters. The percentage per College was calculated by:

$$\frac{\text{\# of faculty in College with at least one item in Scholar Commons}}{\text{Total \# of faculty in the College}}$$

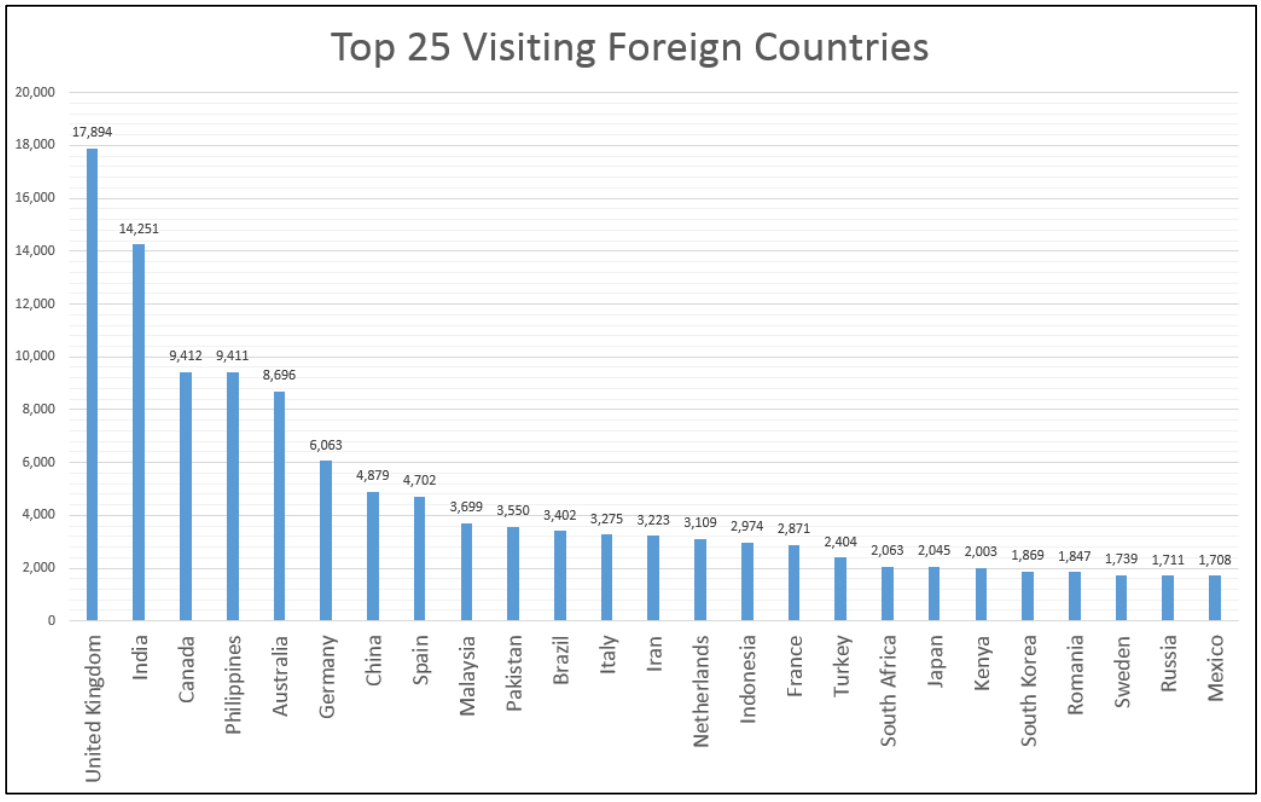
College	Percentage
University Libraries	72%
Marine Sciences	63%
International Affairs Center	60%
Honors College	43%
Behavioral & Community Sciences	42%
Arts & Sciences	35%
Public Health	32%
Education	28%
Engineering	26%
Nursing	25%
Florida Institute of Oceanography	25%
Pharmacy	19%
Medicine	17%
Business	17%
Patel Center	16%
Arts	13%
Health Sciences, Director's Area	9%

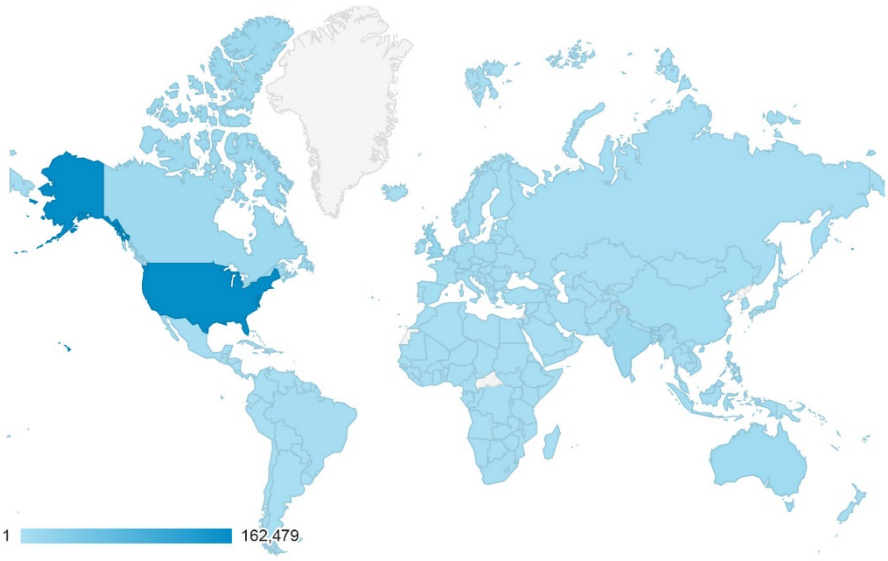
Google Analytics

****Please note that Google Analytics does not track visitors on all pages. Visitors using a search engine, like Google, or a link that goes directly to an item, are not included within these statistics.*

The past fiscal year brought 325,380 visitors to our site pages, with 260,647 being unique users. This is a 20% increase from last fiscal year's figures. Our returning user rate stayed steady at just over 20%, with the average visit duration lasting around 00:01:30, and each user is still viewing 2+ pages. Looking at where the referral traffic is coming from (like Google Scholar, Office of Graduate Studies site, OATD, Wikipedia, and Facebook), we can see that our marketing and promotion efforts are driving traffic to our site.

While the majority of our users are from the U.S. with English language settings, we receive visitors from over 200 countries/territories using over 175 different language settings. Detailed traffic patterns show that our foreign visitors continue to view more than just the ETD collection.





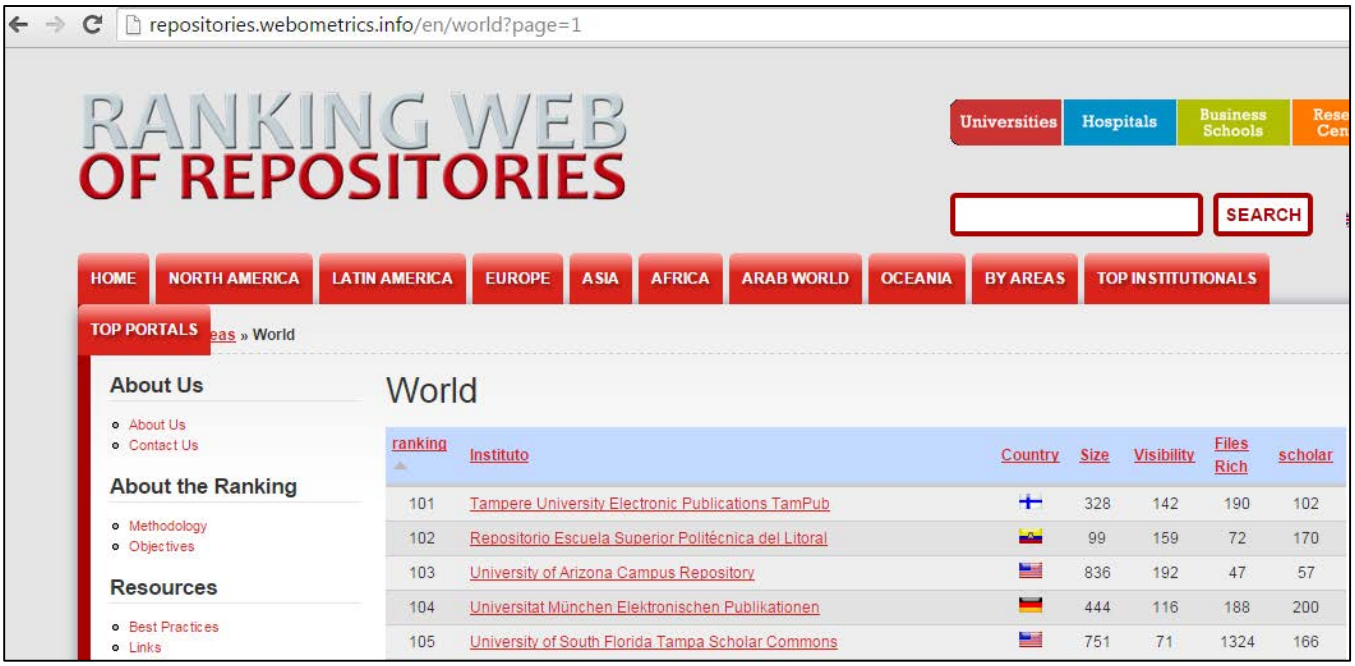
Country	Acquisition			Behavior			Conversions		
	Sessions	% New Sessions	New Users	Bounce Rate	Pages / Session	Avg. Session Duration	Goal Conversion Rate	Goal Completions	Goal Value
	325,380 % of Total: 100.00% (325,380)	79.43% Avg for View: 79.43% (0.01%)	258,460 % of Total: 100.01% (258,444)	69.63% Avg for View: 69.63% (0.00%)	2.24 Avg for View: 2.24 (0.00%)	00:01:30 Avg for View: 00:01:30 (0.00%)	0.00% Avg for View: 0.00% (0.00%)	0 % of Total: 0.00% (0)	$0.00 % of Total: 0.00% ($0.00)
1. United States	**162,479** (49.94%)	78.69%	127,853 (49.47%)	65.49%	2.59	00:01:22	0.00%	0 (0.00%)	$0.00 (0.00%)
2. United Kingdom	**17,894** (5.50%)	81.98%	14,669 (5.68%)	78.42%	1.59	00:00:57	0.00%	0 (0.00%)	$0.00 (0.00%)
3. India	**14,251** (4.38%)	85.19%	12,141 (4.70%)	73.89%	1.89	00:01:44	0.00%	0 (0.00%)	$0.00 (0.00%)
4. Canada	**9,412** (2.89%)	81.52%	7,673 (2.97%)	77.35%	1.65	00:00:57	0.00%	0 (0.00%)	$0.00 (0.00%)
5. Philippines	**9,411** (2.89%)	84.65%	7,966 (3.08%)	67.12%	2.06	00:02:49	0.00%	0 (0.00%)	$0.00 (0.00%)
6. Australia	**8,696** (2.67%)	76.72%	6,672 (2.58%)	67.76%	2.25	00:02:01	0.00%	0 (0.00%)	$0.00 (0.00%)
7. Germany	**6,063** (1.86%)	85.09%	5,159 (2.00%)	78.74%	1.63	00:00:56	0.00%	0 (0.00%)	$0.00 (0.00%)
8. China	**4,879** (1.50%)	76.22%	3,719 (1.44%)	71.06%	1.99	00:02:02	0.00%	0 (0.00%)	$0.00 (0.00%)
9. Spain	**4,702** (1.45%)	69.76%	3,280 (1.27%)	58.34%	2.40	00:01:45	0.00%	0 (0.00%)	$0.00 (0.00%)
10. Malaysia	**3,699** (1.14%)	80.02%	2,960 (1.15%)	81.40%	1.55	00:01:08	0.00%	0 (0.00%)	$0.00 (0.00%)

Ranking Web of Repositories

http://repositories.webometrics.info/en

On October 10, 2011, information was submitted for our inclusion in the Ranking Web of World Repositories (now called Ranking Web of Repositories). For the first review after our inclusion, Scholar Commons sat at 603 of 1518 world repositories.

In our previous annual report for FY 2013-2014, Scholar Commons' ranking was 307 of 1983. As of the 17th edition of the Ranking Web of World Repositories (January 2015), we are now ranked 105.



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Conclusion

This past year has been filled with great challenges and greater accomplishments. Our ETD collection now holds over 5,362 student works, which continuously receive top rankings in our most downloaded items. By the end of June 2015 the contents of Scholar Commons included: 45 publication series, 35 faculty series, 15 academic journals, 2 galleries, 19 conferences, events and lectures, 1 oral history series, 3 student works series (including the ETD series filtered into 73 sub-series), 4 book series, and 2 data series.

Challenges

- Many publishers will only allow the pre- or post-print versions of articles to be reposted on institutional repositories. However, most authors do not retain these versions of their works. This limits our ability to add full-text articles to Scholar Commons. We actively work to educate authors on the different formats possible for their work, and encourage them to retain more than one format in the future.
- The lack of digital content occasionally forces us to search for physical items to digitize. However, the time to digitize items further delays posting. Additionally, the converted final product may not always be full-text or high-quality.
    - We ask our authors to provide the physical items of anything they have available that we have permission to post.
- Publisher response times hinder progress. Depending on the publisher, we may receive a response back in a few days or a few months. Some do not respond at all.
    - We request help from USF librarians to speed up this process.
- We do not have full participation of USF faculty.
    - With only a slight impact on total percentage, we had a few faculty complete self-submissions or request assistance from us. Working with the larger USF Academic Resources, we hope to complete the transfer of the FAIR Vita Bank, which will greatly increase the percentage of faculty participation.
- There is some confusion between SelectedWorks and Scholar Commons. The Library supports both bepress products but they can seem like separate entities. Explaining how an institutional repository is different than a faculty profile should be a point of focus in the future.
    - Bepress is currently working on a new version of SelectedWorks, to be implemented in Fall 2015, to improve integration between the two systems.
- Local self-archiving of faculty publications contradicts our preservation efforts and requires running personal or departmental web servers. This leads to duplication of academics' time and resources. Lack of essential back-ups, metadata, and maintenance creates poor records, increases security holes, and places the long-term preservation of materials at risk.
    - Last year we were able to bring in another journal that was running on an outside platform into Scholar Commons. We hope our efforts to work with the larger USF Academic Resources to include the Vita Bank will have a significant impact on this challenge.

Short-Term Goals

FY 2015-2016

- Complete CAS pilot project.
    - This project stalled after departure of the repository manager. As we rebuilt the Scholar Commons team, we worked hard to bolster the project. Currently, we are locating the contact email for the person or unit responsible for article (or book chapter) permissions. We are finished with the Geosciences collection, approximately 2/3 of the way through the Communications collection, and working our way through the Psychology collection.
- Contact one author from the last two colleges for permission to deposit their works into corresponding series within Scholar Commons.
- Finalize a process with the Office of Graduate Studies to transfer the ETD submission process from ProQuest to Scholar Commons.
- Finish getting the remaining DC PLN members live on the network and work with LOCKSS to make sure the remaining repository content is made available for harvesting.
- Complete the licensing process to become a participating publisher with Portico and send all available journal content to them for preservation in a dark archive.
- Bring the two journals in process to production and work with editors to help them publish their first issues.

Long-Term Goals

- Complete record of scholarly works produced by all USF faculty and staff.
- Complete record of all theses and dissertations produced by all USF master, specialist, and doctoral students.
- Identify and train administrators for Scholar Commons within each of the individual series.

Resources

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