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## Testimonial about the USFSP Digital Archive

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The USF Saint Petersburg Digital Archive

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I am delighted to have my work so effectively showcased and supported by the USFSP Digital Archive. Direct and open access to my work has significantly broadened the audience for my work, which has had positive and very welcome impacts. The geographic ‘reach’ of the Archive has been extraordinary: my work has been accessed almost 10,000 times by students and colleagues in South Africa; Romania; Egypt; the Russian Federation; Singapore; Sweden; India; France; Ukraine; China; the United Kingdom; Germany, the USA and The Netherlands.

A recent download by a graduate student in The Netherlands had a typically productive outcome: her ability to access my work prompted a dialog about research methods via e-mail. We elaborated our dialog using Skype and, a few months later, met when my work took me to Amsterdam. By that time, we had already developed a substantial draft manuscript for the prestigious *Leadership Quarterly* based on her dissertation work.

I truly appreciate the innovation, thought leadership and pioneering action by Dean Hixson and her colleagues at the Nelson Poynter Library: it is clear to me that many others world-wide do too.