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ScholarWorks at WMU: Overview for Friends of the Libraries

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ScholarWorks at WMU

Western’s Scholarly Repository

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Goal of a scholarly repository

- Showcase the scholarly and creative work of faculty, students and staff
- Facilitate scholarly communication
- Preserve and provide long term access

University A-Z list or Library home page

http://scholarworks.wmich.edu/
Three 50 year projects

- International Congress on Medieval Studies
  - Started in 1962
  - Digitized all back schedules
  - Have been downloaded 40,000 times
- Reading Horizons
  - Started publishing in 1960
  - Digitized all back issues – 2,050 articles
  - Downloaded 245,000 times
- Honors Theses
  - 2,200 honors theses since 1963
  - Asked alumni for permission to make openly available
  - Downloaded 21,000 times
  - Almost every department represented
Faculty Work

• Books
• Virtual WMU Authors collection
• By year
• By department
• Door to more faculty publications
Faculty Work

- Published articles
  - Require rights checking
- Conference papers
- Technical Reports
- Research projects
- Creative work
- Posters
Projects

• Showcase a project, community outreach, global engagement, sustainability, assessment efforts, etc.
Centers and institutes

- Center for African Development Policy Research
- Center for Health Information Technology Advancement
- Haenicke Institute for Global Education
- Mallinson Institute for Science Education
- Manufacturing Research Center
- Medieval Institute
- University Center for the Humanities
Student Work

- Dissertations – 116 from 2012
- Masters theses – 95 from 2012
- Honors theses – 2200 since 1963
- Research posters
- Capstone or senior projects
- *The Hilltop Review* (GSAC)
Journals

- Online platform
- Online paper submission and review process
- Open access or manage subscriptions
- Digitize old journals
- Start a new journal

Digitized back to 1960, 245,000 downloads

8 issues since 2005, 38,000 downloads

Begun April 2012, 3 issues, 4,400 downloads

Begun Fall 2012, 4 issues, 7,100 downloads
Newest Journals

- 3 up with first issue this fall
- 1 ready to put out a call for papers
- $1500 one time set-up fee

National Research Center on Grandparents Raising Grandchildren - WMU & Georgia State University

World Languages & Literatures, Fall 2013

Center for African Development Policy Research

Accessus: A Journal of Premodern Literature and New Media

GrandFamilies
The Contemporary Journal of Research, Practice and Policy
Events or conferences

- Accept online submission of papers
- Create online schedule and program
- International Congress of Medieval Studies
- Great Lakes Regional Conference
- International Conference on Health Information Technology Advancement
- Archive past events
- Assessment in Action Day, Research & Dessert, etc.
Newsletters

Prism
Western Michigan University’s Newsletter for Academic Affairs

INQUIRY
Office of Vice President for Research

THE PILLAR
A Newsletter of the WMU College of Education and Human Development

INSIDER W
Western Michigan University
College of Engineering and Applied Sciences

Communicator
Western Michigan University School of Communication

Comparative Religion Newsletter
A Newsletter for Friends of the Department of Comparative Religion

Footnotes
A Newsletter for Friends of the Department of English

Participant/Observant
A newsletter of the friends of the Western Michigan University Department of Anthropology

The Socializer
A Newsletter for Friends of the Western Michigan University Department of Sociology

Somos y Estamos
For Friends of the Department of Spanish, Western Michigan University
Gatherings

- Published by Friends of the Libraries
- Good history of libraries
- Digitized all back issues
- Started entering them in Dec. 2011
- Divided up into articles
- 47 issues plus 170 articles
- 6,400 downloads
- Spring 1999 issue most popular
- “A Gallimaufry of Books” by David Isaacson next
Historical WMU Magazines

- Kalamazoo Normal Record 1910-1918
- Alumni Magazine 1938-1942
- Western Michigan College News Magazine 1943-1956
- WMU News Magazine 1957-1968
- Continuing to digitize and upload
466,765 downloads on October 10, 2013
• 30,000 / month
• 1,000/ day

Individuals get monthly reports on downloads of their materials

9.261 items on October 10, 2013

Full text downloads from ScholarWorks
SelectedWorks

- Companion system
- Create professional pages
- Online portfolio
- Publications
- Presentations
- Get reports on downloads
- Transfers to other institutions
- Showcase WMU and your department
Future

• Focus on faculty publications
• Approach emeriti faculty
• Work with more institutes and centers
• Encourage new journals
• Get people across the university community trained to input material
  • This could be you!

Western Michigan University does amazing things, let’s show those off!
More information

- ScholarWorks: http://scholarworks.wmich.edu/
- Guide: http://libguides.wmich.edu/scholarworks/

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