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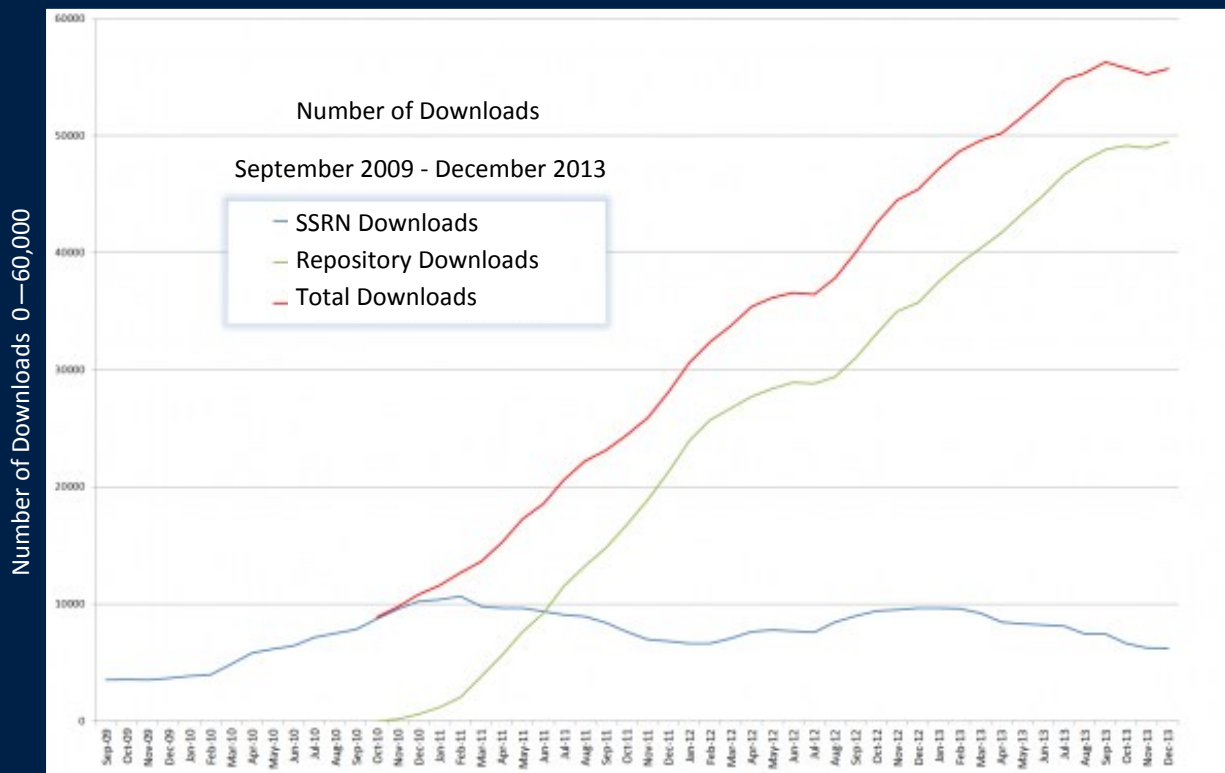## *For more information and to include your works in our repository please*

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Graph key edited for clarity

Number of Downloads

September 2009 - December 2013

Number of Downloads 0—60,000

— SSRN Downloads
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— Total Downloads

Over Time: September 2009 - December 2013

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[1] James Donovan and Carol Watson, *Will an Institutional Repository Hurt My SSRN Ranking? Calming the Faculty Fear*, AALL Spectrum, April 2012, 12-13, at 12 *available at* http://www.aallnet.org/mm/Publications/spectrum/Archives/Vol-16/No-6/institutional-repository.pdf. *See also* Simon Canick, *Library Services for the Self-Interested Law School: Enhancing the Visibility of Faculty Scholarship*, 105 Law Library Journal 175-198, 198 (2013) *available at* http://www.aallnet.org/mm/ Publications/llj/LLJ-Archives/Vol-105/no-2/2013-8.pdf.

[2] Donovan & Watson, at 13.

[3] F. Tim Knight, *Don't Bring Me Down: SSRN and the Institutional Repository*, Slaw (Oct. 10, 2014) http://www.slaw.ca/2014/03/10/dont-bring-me-down-ssrn-and-the-institutional-repository/ (providing updated chart to reflect three year period). *See also* Canick, at 198.