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Demystifying Faculty/Librarian Relationships

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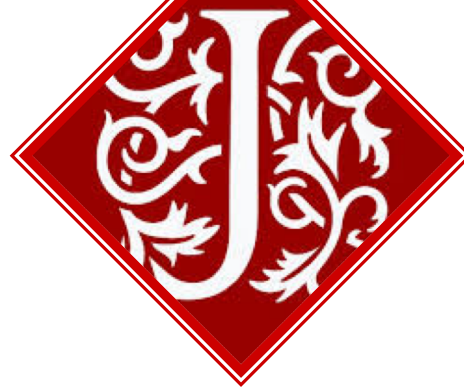
Tackling an “Us/Them” Mentality

Faculty think...

- ◆ Don't use library resources
- ◆ Assume we have everything they used in grad school
- ◆ Have ridiculous assignments
- ◆ Use old assignments no longer supported by the library
- ◆ Think all we do is sit around and read

Librarians think...

- ◆ Expect faculty to look at everything on our website
- ◆ Expect faculty to know what we have
- ◆ Think faculty should bring all their classes to the library
- ◆ Think faculty don't have enough to do
- ◆ Think faculty don't know what we do



The JSTOR debate.

Pleading

“We have asked the library several times to purchase JSTOR for Social Sciences with no success.”
(Dec. 11, 2008)

Wailing

“When I came to GWU in 2011, I assumed we had JSTOR. Imagine my surprise to find that we did not.” (History professor)

Gnashing of Teeth

“JSTOR, JSTOR, JSTOR”
(2015 Library Faculty Survey)



Longstanding conversation between Library and Faculty

First discussion with Social Sciences faculty, began subscribing to Language & Literature Collection. Could not afford Arts & Sciences Collection. (Dean Parry)

2008



Conversation revisited a third time, affordability and accessibility still barriers, but we take a different approach. (Dean Dennis)

2018



2012



Conversation was revisited, affordability and accessibility of History journals continued to be challenges. (Dean Roby)





JSTOR Essentials

700 core titles

45 disciplines

**Foundational
content in
Social Sciences
& Humanities.**

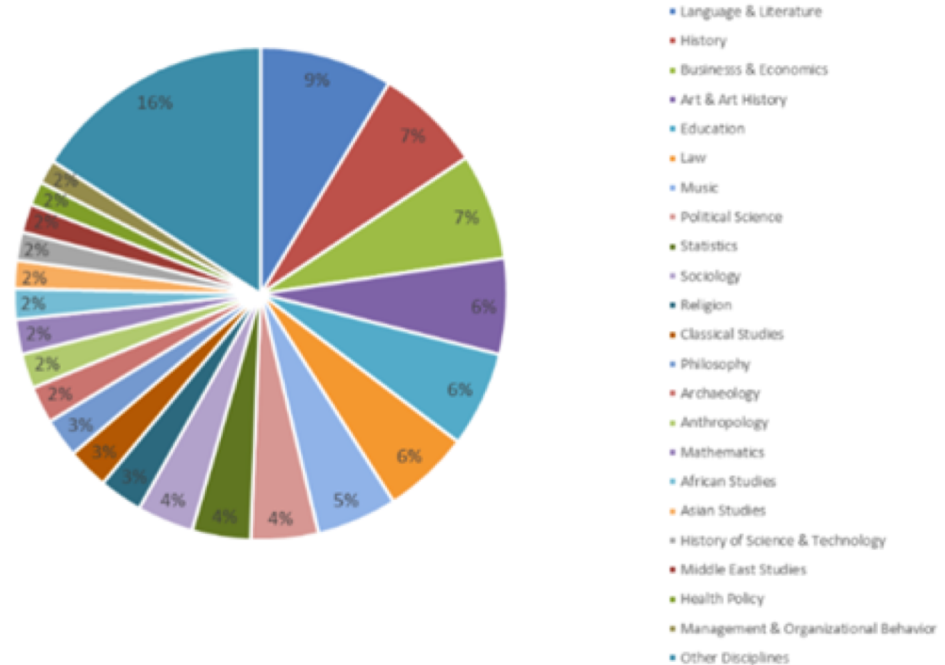
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Articles

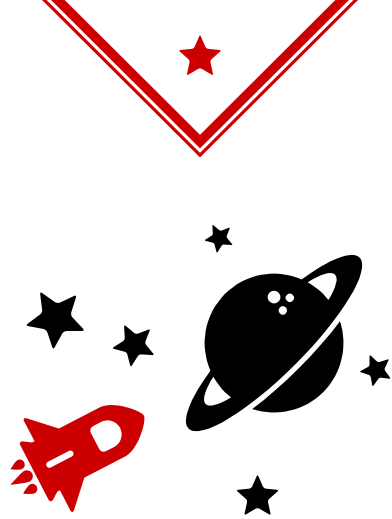
Basic &
Advanced
Research Levels

JSTOR Essentials

Is there a clearer version of this graphic?

Essential Collection Breakdown by Discipline





Cost Share

After negotiating the base price and annual subscription, we realized that we still could not afford JSTOR. We crafted a plan to ask faculty to help with the start-up expenses.



Successful Conversations with Faculty

Presented cost share
idea to Provost,
Council of Schools,
Council of Arts &
Sciences, &
individual
departments.



\$7,000
in faculty &
departmental
contributions



Weeding & Collection Management

Moment of Truth

86% of our collection was published before 2000.

Faculty/Students perceived our collection as “old.”

Good content is hidden, and hidden content is inaccessible.

Craft a Plan

Decide where to focus our efforts.

Consider partnerships, disciplines where weeding would have high impact, start small and scale up.

Education, Business, Computer Science, Fiction, and Natural Sciences.

Liase with Faculty

Create partnerships that work and function. Ad-hoc committee, small group, one or two key faculty.

Develop a communication pathway that works for the group. Keep expectations reasonable, set deadlines.

VHS is a good weeding gateway drug.



*Blessed are the
peacemakers...*

Make “thou shalt nots” a thing of the past.



Facilitate partnerships between departments

Bring up the Bodies

Biology faculty placed 3D anatomical references on reserve at the library.

Nursing students started checking them out.

Nursing and Biology began collaborating on purchases and sharing the materials.





Facilitate partnerships between departments

- ◆ Physician's Assistant & Nurse Practitioner Programs - both programs wanted evidence-based, patient care sheets.
- ◆ Up-to-Date, Clinical Skill, Clinical Key
- ◆ Ask questions and continually revisit conversations.

Ask questions about what your departments want and need. **Don't perpetuate leftover resource prejudice of former faculty.**



Small collaborations have big impact too

CETL Reads

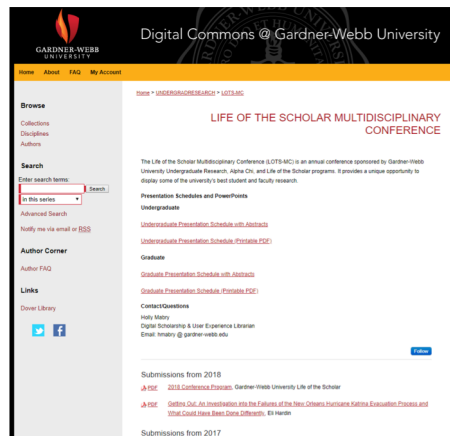
Attend & participate in your local CETL.

Join faculty-wide reads and discussions.



Student Scholarship

LOTS (Life of the Scholar) Conference.



Campus Wide Support

Plug-in in unexpected ways.

Parade of Tables, Art Sale





Looking Forward

**Program
Collaboration:**

**Information
Literacy &
Writing
Intensive**

**Working with
Chemistry
with a little
help from our
Library friends**

**Faculty Tenure
and Promotion**

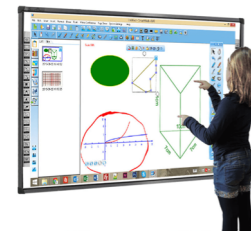
Saving money on low-use databases allows for purchase of high-impact resources

The screenshot shows the ACS Publications website. At the top, there is a search bar with options for 'Search Citation/Subject' and 'Advanced Search'. Below the search bar, there are navigation links for 'ACS Publishing Center', 'Librarians & Account Managers', 'ACS Members', 'Alerts', 'About Us', and 'ACS & Open Access'. The main content area features a 'ACS Editors' Choice' section with a bar chart titled 'Uracil Repair' showing 'canonical NCP' (blue) and 'macroH2A NCP' (red) across 'Nucleobase Position'. Below this is a tweet from ACS Central Science about a cover story on Parkinson's disease biomarkers. On the left, there is a 'Publications A-Z' list with categories like 'Accounts of Chemical Research', 'ACS Applied Bio Materials', etc. On the right, there is a 'Sign up for Email' section and an advertisement for 'MASS SPECTROMETRY ENTERS THE UNDERGRAD LAB' by Advion.



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**Embrace the faculty they are
not the enemy - they are your
comrades in arms. Any
questions?**