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Anne Hudson, J.D., MLIS and Alan Thompson, Ph.D

Collaboration - Defined

- To work together on an intellectual endeavor
- University of Southern Miss – Office of the Provost, University Libraries, and Faculty
- Encourage the creation of “Open Textbooks” to replace the traditional textbook used in class

Roles

- Office of the Provost – Provides funds and institutional support
- University Libraries – Provides the technology home for open textbooks “Aquila”, various training opportunities, and, the research support of an assigned librarian
- Faculty – Provide the content of the text as well as investing their time and energy to create a text customized to their own teaching pedagogy

Project Overview

- December 2016 notified I was assigned to work with Dr. Thompson to create a Criminal Justice text for his Policing class
- February 2017- May 2017 several planning meetings to lay out goals, scope, and timeline for work over the summer with targeted completion date of August 1, 2017.
- June and July 2017 – Section/Chapter a week completed (Details to follow)
- August 2, 2017 – Published in Aquila: Thompson, R.A., & Hudson, A.L. (2017). *An Introduction to Police Operations and Methods: The Connection to Law and History*.
<https://doi.org/10.18785/oer.001>

Collaboration for us – Who are we?

- I am not the Criminal Justice librarian, I have a law degree and worked for the Department of Justice for 8 years. I created the faculty liaison program at Wayne State University, in Detroit Michigan where I worked for 14 years
- Dr. Thompson is a former police officer who has been teaching policing at USM for 17 years
- Dr. Thompson is also the Director of the First-Year Foundations Program (he mentors us, as new faculty members)
- Dr. Thompson fixed my car's headlight when I did not know anyone in Hattiesburg

Building that Relationship

- Trust and Respect – Dr. Busy and Ms. Irish
- Shared experiences, backgrounds, language
- Co-Author – Librarians job as service providers
- Faculty get the summer off – Librarians get more projects
- Drafts on Monday's? or Friday nights . . .
- Harry Potter

Collaborating on Final Product

- He provided the content and discussion questions and also provided feedback on the sources.
- I provided the sources, keywords, and abstract, as well as formatted the text and provided feedback on the content.
- Cover art?
- Publicized in State Library Association Newsletter
<http://www.misslib.org/page-1807739/5035298>
- And at the State Library Association Conference (today)

Conclusion/Next Steps?

- Provost is happy
- Manager of Aquila is happy
- Dr. Thompson will assess his students and recommend changes if necessary
- I will continue to review news sources for timely updates
- Dr. Thompson and I are already planning our next text!

Collaboration Tips

- Communicate early and often
- Set boundaries and expectations
- Try to enjoy yourselves
- Use the opportunity to learn from one another
- Share your experiences with others
- A little praise and gratitude go a long way

Questions?

