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### Director's Desk

#### Fines Amnesty From January 1-January 31, 2003

Start 2003 right! Return all of your overdue Himmelfarb Library materials and pay no fines! Help keep the Library's collection intact and available for your colleagues.

From January 1 until January 31, 2003, an amnesty will be in effect for all overdue Himmelfarb Library materials. No fines will be collected but we do ask that you drop a can of food for a local shelter into the box next to the Circulation Desk. To return your books and clear your records, you need to speak to either Yaser Mushtaq, Circulation Manager, or Keturah Solomon, Evening Manager, in person.

Once the amnesty period is over, the Library will return to its standard policies for applying and collecting fines. Go to: </services/borrowing.cfm> to review Himmelfarb policies and procedures. To check your own patron record, go to the Himmelfarb home page (<http://www.gwumc.edu/library>), click on "Catalog & Reserves", and select the "User Services" option. Please note that the process for notifying patrons of overdue and fines has been streamlined so that patrons will receive more timely reminders beginning in February 2003.

Best wishes for a successful year!

*Anne Linton, Director, Library Services*



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### Spotlighting Himmelfarb Staff

**Dacian Zaharia-Stremtan** is the Executive Aide for Classroom Services at the AV Study Center, Himmelfarb Library. Dacian (pronounced Dah-Chee-Ahn, accent on the first syllable) comes from Romania, where he studied Electromechanical Engineering for several years. He is married to one of our Third Year Medical Students, Sarah Reece-Stremtan.

Dacian came to Himmelfarb from a non-profit insurance organization, where he worked as Office Assistant. He is taking classes in Mathematics here at GW and hopes one day to become a Math teacher. His hobbies include reading, music, cooking, and chess.

**Kathe Obrig**, the new Serials Librarian, began work at Himmelfarb in late September and is a new resident in the Washington DC area. Kathe holds a Master's Degree in Library Science and prior to coming to GWU, has been involved in a number of different library areas.

Most recently, Kathe worked as a Clinical Information Scientist at GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals in the Philadelphia area, focusing in clinical and pharmaceutical information resources. Earlier experiences include work in different types of library settings—a public library, an academic library, a hospital library, a business library and in the research library at another pharmaceutical company. Please feel free to contact Kathe with any questions or recommendations relating to Himmelfarb Library's journals.



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### Look what we can do for you at Biomedical Communications!!

Have your personal film processed, get color copies made, and have an application or passport photo taken all within a day or less.

The Biomedical Communications Department at the George Washington University Medical Center is a multi-faceted department specifically designed to support the teaching, research, and business needs of the GW community. The department is comprised of three divisions: Photography, Graphic Design, and Duplication.

#### Photography (202-994-2904)

- > **Color Print Processing**- affordable, color print processing by Kodak & Konica
- > **Portraiture**- passports/applications, black and white or color portraits
- > **Film & Print Processing**- same day E6 slide processing, hand process black and white negative film
- > **Medical Photography**- operating room, patients, clinical, specimen, photomicrography
- > **Location Photography**- special events, public relations, group photos, city and campus photos, stock photos for use in brochures
- > **Documentation of Research**- culture plates, tubes, gels, autoradiographs, X-rays, instruments
- > **Teaching and Publication**- PowerPoint slides, copy slides, custom black and white printing
- > **Digital Imaging**- scanning, dye-sublimation prints, photo restoration

#### Graphic Design (202-994-3621)

- > **Posters**- title banners, drymounting, one-piece displays, individual mounted pieces
- > **Brochures**- design, layout, photography, printing
- > **Stationery**- letterhead, business cards, invitations, certificates
- > **Web Design**- Internet development

#### Duplication (202-994-3860)

- > **Color Copying**- paper sizes from 8.5 x 11 - 11 x 17, standard or heavy paper stock, color transparencies, prints from files, email, or hard copy
- > **High Volume Copying**- from 15-20,000 copies, sizes from 8.5 x11 - 11 x17, syllabus, exams, lecture materials, grant applications, business letters and documents
- > **Binding**- tape, GBC spiral, 1 or 2 staples, saddle stitch (two only)
- > **Special Order Paper Stock**- pastel colors, parchment paper, index stock
- > **Folding & Cutting**- 8.5 x11 folds to legal size envelopes, 11 x17 folds to 8.5 x11
- > **Registered Copyright Clearance Center**

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### Library Faculty Professional Activities

Librarians have been busy with professional activities this fall. During October, two posters were displayed at the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Medical Library Association Annual Meeting, which was held in Washington D.C. from October 17 – 19th this year. They were: E-journals – Toward Expanded Access and Efficient Data Tracking by Laura Abate, Leah Pellegrino and Michael Acadia and Real Time Testing of First Year Medical Students by Patricia Wilson, Alexandra Gomes, and Anne Linton.

In November, Matthew Mintz, Patricia Wilson, Alexandra Gomes and Anne Linton presented a poster “Real-Time” Computer-Based PBL Exam at the Association of American Medical Colleges meeting held in San Francisco from November 8 - 13th. You can view these posters by clicking on “Library Faculty Professional Activities” under Hot Links on the Library’s homepage.



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### Welcome Stephanie Rupp

Himmelfarb Library is pleased to welcome Stephanie Rupp as the new daytime Reference Specialist starting December 8th. Stephanie has a BA degree in French from Goucher College in Baltimore and studied at La Sorbonne in Paris for a semester during her education. She worked in libraries during her undergraduate years and has experience teaching, as well as management. When you see her smiling face at the Reference Desk, please stop by and welcome her to Himmelfarb.



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The Library has recently purchased an institutional license to BioMedCentral (BMC), an independent publisher of online journals and databases. The subscription includes access to:

- > 57 full-text electronic peer-reviewed medical journals
- > 30 full-text electronic peer-reviewed biological journals
- > Clinical trials database
- > Meeting abstracts database/journal supplements

These resources are available from the University's gateway page, <http://www.biomedcentral.com/inst/gateway>. In addition, the journal titles are also available from the Library's E-Journals webpage, and the two databases are linked from the Library's Databases/MEDLINE webpage.

The publisher strives to make research information available as quickly as possible. Therefore, once an article has gone through the peer-review process and been accepted for publication, both full-text html and pdf versions of the paper are published online within a few days, and the article is indexed in PubMed within a week. All BMC journal titles are also permanently archived in PubMedCentral.



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### Web of Science

What is Web of Science?

The Web of Science database consists of three multidisciplinary indexes of bibliographic information. The three indexes are Science Citation Index Expanded, Social Sciences Citation Index, and the Arts & Humanities Citation Index. Science Citation Index Expanded indexes 5,700+ journals across 164 scientific disciplines. Some of the disciplines covered include Biology, Chemistry, Medicine, Pharmacology, Physics, and Veterinary Science. The Social Sciences Citation Index indexes 1,725+ journals across 50 disciplines. Some of the disciplines covered include Anthropology, Psychology, Psychiatry, Public Health, and Social Work. The Arts & Humanities Citation Index indexes 1,144 of arts and humanities journals, along with relevant items from 6,800+ science and social science journals. Some of the disciplines covered include Architecture, Dance, History, Linguistics, Music, Philosophy, and Religion.

You can search just one of the available indexes or all three indexes at once. Searching all three indexes together is the recommended way to find the largest range of articles on your topic.

The available search options are topic, author, journal, and/or author address. A unique and highly prized feature of Web of Science is the Cited Reference Search option. This option allows you to search for articles that cite an author or article that you specify.

You can access the Web of Science database via the Databases/MEDLINE page of the Library homepage. It is available both on- and off-campus.

There are some advantages to publishing in a BMC journal. The author retains copyright of the article, and he/she can also track the number of times the article has been viewed or downloaded. The Library's institutional license also allows accepted authors to waive the \$500 publication processing fee charged by BioMedCentral for publication of an article.



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### Classroom & Equipment Reservations

All room and equipment scheduling for the School of Medicine and Health Sciences and the School of Public Health and Health Services, is centralized under the Department of Classroom Services (202-994-2856) located on the 3rd floor of Himmelfarb. This department now schedule locations including Ross Hall, Hospital 6th floor, and Himmelfarb Library.

Room and equipment requests should be made by using the convenient online form found on the GWUMC homepage (<http://www.gwumc.edu>).

- > Click on Inside GWUMC
- > Click on the purple **AV** icon for Classroom Services
- > Click on the **Classroom Request Form**.

Or type in the following URL:( <http://inside.gwumc.edu/classroomsvs/requests>)

Equipment requests should be made at the same time as scheduling a room in order to determine the best room selection. The equipment request should be entered in the Comment field of the online form. (Future enhancements to the form will provide a list of available equipment.)

Requests for regularly scheduled classes should be submitted by the following dates:

June 30th for the Fall Semester  
October 30th for the Spring Semester  
March 30th for Summer Classes

E-mail notices will be sent to remind you of the scheduling deadlines.

**All classroom and equipment requests are entered in the schedule between 7:30am and 6:00pm, Monday-Friday. For additional information, please contact:**

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### Understanding Electronic Holdings & Availability

As electronic resources of all kinds—books, journals, Internet resources—become increasingly “available”, it is sometimes challenging to remain aware of the extent of actual availability of the different journal resources. Adding to the challenge is the fact that the world of electronic availability is in a state of flux right now as more and more resources become digitized.

As publishers see the increasing availability and popularity of electronic resources, many different types of efforts are underway to ensure that each gets a piece of the pie. Some publishers are offering different types of “subscriptions” to their electronic resources to supplement the more traditional hard copy resources. While some are a part of the traditional hard copy subscription and need only to be “turned on” to make them available electronically, many other arrangements currently exist and continue to change frequently. That is exactly the reason why a specific resource may be “here” today and “gone” tomorrow. Libraries often cannot control these changes. The end result will probably mean increasing costs for electronic resources, something libraries are already seeing.

To help in the challenge of understanding availability better, the Library has prepared the following short list of the types of statements one might see on the Homepage indicating how much of a journal resource is available online and through what service. Availabilities are varied because publishers are at different stages in digitizing past journal years and also because different costing structures by the publisher make different years available.

- > **Dates Indicated (19xx-Present):** The journal is available from January of the first year noted through the most current issue made available electronically.
- > **Current X Months Only:** The journal is available only for the most recent number of months indicated. When a new month’s issue is added, the oldest month’s issue is removed.
- > **Archival:** The journal is available from first date noted to last date noted.

Currently, Himmelfarb uses the following services to provide access to journals online:

- > Ovid
- > Proquest
- > Ingenta/Catchword
- > MD Consult
- > Lexis/Nexis
- > Publisher

For the most part, the actual service used may impact the user only if he/she does not have access to that service (such as MD Consult) or if a resource is only available on-campus. It is also possible to link directly to some journal resources when doing a search on an Ovid database. See the Himmelfarb Homepage for more details at [/](#).

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### Database Digest

#### Dermatologic Image Database

<http://tray.dermatology.uiowa.edu/Dermlmag.htm>

This is a collection of dermatologic images of everything from Acanthosis Nigricans to Xerosis. It is a great complement to any dermatology textbook - when you need to see a picture of what you are reading about. This database is produced by the Department of Dermatology at the University of Iowa.

#### The Trip Database

<http://www.tripdatabase.com/index.html>

The Trip database searches over 75 Internet sites of high-quality medical information. An advanced search option is also available. The Trip database searches evidence-based medicine websites, e-textbooks, and online e-journals including BMJ, JAMA, and NEJM. Search results are organized into 4 categories: Evidence-Based, Query-Answering Services, Peer-Reviewed Journals, and Practice Guidelines. The site is updated monthly.



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#### **BETHESDA, MD: AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HEALTH-SYSTEM PHARMACISTS.**

UG447.8 .B615 2002.

#### **KNOBLER STACEY L., ET AL BIOLOGICAL THREATS AND TERRORISM: ASSESSING THE SCIENCE AND RESPONSE CAPABILITIES: WORKSHOP SUMMARY.**

WASHINGTON, DC: NATIONAL ACADEMY PRESS, c2002.

RC88.9 .T47 B54 2002

#### **BARTLETT, JOHN G. BIOTERRORISM AND PUBLIC HEALTH: AN INTERNET RESOURCE GUIDE.**

PRINCETON, NJ: EMEDGUIDES.COM; MONT VALE, NJ: THOMASON—PHYSICIANS' DESK REFERENCE, c2002.

UG447.8 .B616 2002

#### **BUCK, GEORGE. PREPARING FOR BIOLOGICAL TERROSISM: AN EMERGENCY SERVICES PLANNING GUIDE.**

ALBANY, NY: DELMAR PUBLISHING, c2002.

UG447.8 .B83 2002

#### **FRIST, WILLIAM H. WHEN EVERY MOMENT COUNTS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT BIOTERRORISM FROM THE SENATE'S ONLY DOCTOR.**

LANHAM, MD: ROWMAN / LITTLEFIELD PUBLISHERS, c2002.

RC88.9 .T47 F75 2002.

#### **HENDERSON, DONALD A. BIOTERRORISM: GUIDELINES FOR MEDICAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH MANAGEMENT.**

CHICAGO, IL: AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION; LONDON: BMJ, c2002.

UG447.8 .H496 2002.

#### **GETTING READY FOR TERRORISM: PREPARING THE HEALTHCARE COMMUNITY FOR BIOLOGICAL, CHEMICAL AND RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS (video + workbook with CE hours).**

MEDCOM, INC., c2002.

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#### **HAWLEY, CHRIS. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS.**

ALBANY, NY: DELMAR PUBLISHERS, c2002.

RC87.3 .H396 2002.

#### **MANISCALCO, PAUL M., ET AL UNDERSTANDING TERRORISM AND MANAGING THE CONSEQUENCES.**

UPPER SADDLE RIVER, NJ: PRENTICE HALL, c2002.

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WASHINGTON, DC: AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION, c2003.

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REGA, PAUL. **BIO-TERRY: A STAT MANUAL TO HELP IDENTIFY AND TREAT DISEASES OF BIOLOGICAL TERRORISM.**

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UG447.8 .R333 2001.

JONG, JOOP T.V.M. DE, ed. **TRAUMA, WAR, AND VIOLENCE: PUBLIC MENTAL HEALTH IN SOCIO-CULTURAL CONTEXT.**

NEW YORK: KLUWER ACADEMIC / PLENUM PUBLISHERS, 2002.

RA790.55 .T73 2002.

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### Savvy Searcher

#### MEDLINE and PsycINFO: Finding Contextual Information

Contextual information is information relevant to psychological and cognitive development, psychoneuroimmunology, family, cross-cultural medicine, medical ethics, and health economics and policy. If you search MEDLINE regularly, you are probably comfortable using MeSH terms, subheadings, and limit tools to find biomedical and clinical information. Contextual information may be a less familiar domain to research. However, some simple search strategies combined with appropriate terminology can help you start your research.

When you search MEDLINE or PsycINFO, keep a basic framework in mind including:

- Use focus (Major MeSH) on disease concepts and/or contextual concepts
- Do not use focus (Major MeSH) on population groups (Whites, Blacks, etc.) in initial searches.
- For best results, search on several 'contextual concepts' at once. For example, you may create one search set combining Social Class, Cultural Characteristics, and Socioeconomic Factors.

#### BASIC SEARCH STRATEGIES

- Combine disease search with contextual concept search

1. \*Stomach Ulcer/
2. \*Socioeconomic Factors/  
1 and 2

Example: Levenstein S. Kaplan GA. Socioeconomic status and ulcer. A prospective study of contributory risk factors. *Journal of Clinical Gastroenterology*. 26(1):14-7, 1998 Jan.

Note: this subheading strategy works in MEDLINE, but not in PsycINFO.

1. \*Helicobacter Infections / Ethnology

Example: Malaty HM. Evans DG. Evans DJ Jr. Graham DY. *Helicobacter pylori* in Hispanics: comparison with blacks and whites of similar age and socioeconomic class. *Gastroenterology*. 103(3):813-6, 1992 Sep.

- Combine disease search with population group search

1. \*Helicobacter pylori or \*Helicobacter Infections
2. Hispanic Americans  
1 and 2

Example: Malaty HM. Evans DG. Evans DJ Jr. Graham DY. *Helicobacter pylori* in Hispanics: comparison with blacks and whites of similar age and socioeconomic class.

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- Combine target population search with contextual concept search for more general information

1. Blacks
  2. \*Social Class
- 1 and 2

Example: Krieger N. Rowley DL. Herman AA. Avery B. Phillips MT. Racism, sexism, and social class: implications for studies of health, disease, and well-being. American Journal of Preventive Medicine. 9(6 Suppl):82-122, 1993 Nov-Dec.

### **SUBHEADINGS**

When searching MEDLINE (but not PsycINFO), the subheadings for economics, epidemiology, ethnology, and psychology can be used with disease/condition terminology or contextual terms to focus searches on a particular type of information.

- Add subheading to disease/condition terminology

Helicobacter Infections / Ethnology

- Add subheading to population group

Whites / Psychology

- Add subheading to contextual term

Family / Ethnology

### **CONTEXTUAL CONCEPTS**

The contextual concept subject headings in this section are not exhaustive, but represent starting points to explore different topic areas. Many terms work when searching MEDLINE or PsycINFO. Sometimes however, PsycINFO uses different terminology which is also supplied.

Development of patient over time including psychological and cognitive development

- Child Psychology (Useful for locating general texts)
- Psychiatry (Useful for locating general texts)
- Mental Disorders (Useful for locating general texts)
- Child Development (PsycINFO: Childhood Development)
- Personality Development
- Language Development
- Psychosexual Development
- Human Development

Cognition

- Socialization
- Self concept

Psychoneuroimmunology including mind-body medicine & complementary medicine

- Psychoneuroimmunology
- Alternative Medicine (Note: more specific terms also available, ex. Acupuncture)
- Psychophysiology
- Psychophysiological Disorders (PsycINFO: Somatoform Disorders or Psychosomatic Disorders)
- Holistic Health

Family & family systems

- Family
- Family Relations
- Family Characteristics (PsycINFO: Family Background)
- Family Health (PsycINFO: not available)
- Professional-Family Relations (PsycINFO: not available)
- Life-Change Events (PsycINFO: Life Experiences)

Cross-cultural characteristics and community medicine

- Cultural Characteristics (PsycINFO: Sociocultural factors)
- Ethnic Groups (PsycINFO: Racial and Ethnic Groups)
- Cross-Cultural Comparison (PsycINFO: Cross Cultural Differences)
- Minority Groups
- Ethnopsychology (PsycINFO: Ethnology)
- Social Class
- Socioeconomic Factors (PsycINFO: Socioeconomic Status)
- Community Medicine (PsycINFO: not available)

#### Environmental and Occupational health

- Environmental Health (PsycINFO: Environmental Effects)
- Environmental Exposure (PsycINFO: Occupational Exposure)
- Environmental Pollution (PsycINFO: Pollution)
- Occupational Medicine (PsycINFO: Working Conditions)
- Occupational Diseases (PsycINFO: Work Related Illnesses)
- Occupational Health Services (PsycINFO: Occupational Safety)

#### Medical ethics

- Medical Ethics (PsycINFO: Professional Ethics)
- Communication Barriers (PsycINFO: Interpersonal Communication)
- Physician-Patient Relations (PsycINFO: not available)

#### Informed Consent

- Physician's Role (PsycINFO: not available)
- Communication
- Confidentiality (PsycINFO: Privileged Communication)
- Decision-Making
- Mental Competency (PsycINFO: Competence)

#### Health Policy

- Health Policy (PsycINFO: Health Care Policy)
- Health Insurance
- Medical Assistance (PsycINFO: not available)
- Medicaid
- Medicare
- Medically Underserved Area (PsycINFO: Demographic Characteristics)
- Health Services Accessibility
- Delivery of Health Care (PsycINFO: Health Care Delivery)

### **POPULATION GROUPS**

You can search by population group to locate information about a particular ethnic or racial group. The subject terms for some population groups may not be the current preferred group name. For example, to find information on African-Americans, the correct subject headings is 'Blacks.'

Also, while the subject headings for some population groups incorporate a geographic region (ex: Hispanic-Americans), others require additional search strategies outlined below to ensure that you find information about U.S. populations (i.e. Arab population in the U.S. rather than in France). The subject headings for some U.S. population groups are Blacks, Whites, Arabs, Hispanic-Americans (PsycINFO: Hispanics) and Asian-Americans (PsycINFO: Asians).

- Search by population group and United States to focus on information on these population groups in the United States.

1. Blacks/
2. exp United States/  
1 and 2

- Combine population group searches with keyword searches.

Note: Keyword searches are denoted by '.mp' after the word or phrase.

Using the truncation symbol (\$) retrieves instances of this word/phrase with any ending and thereby retrieves both singular and plural occurrences.

1 Blacks/ and exp United States/

2. African American\$.mp

1 or 2



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