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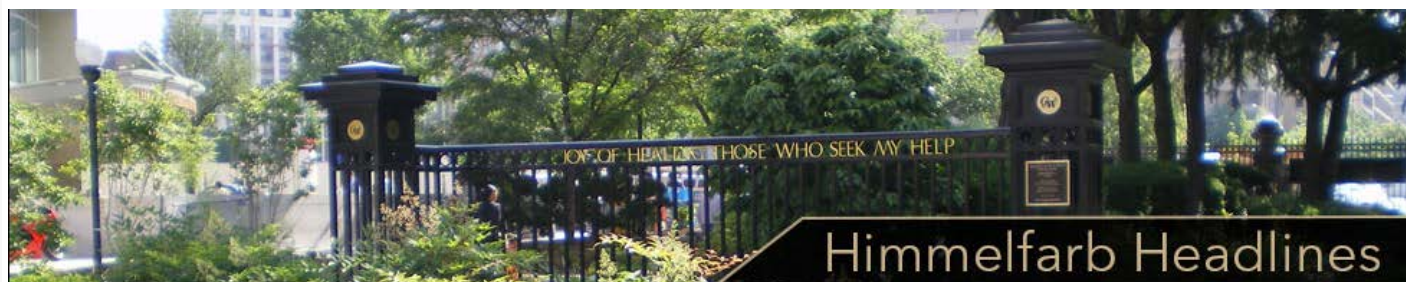
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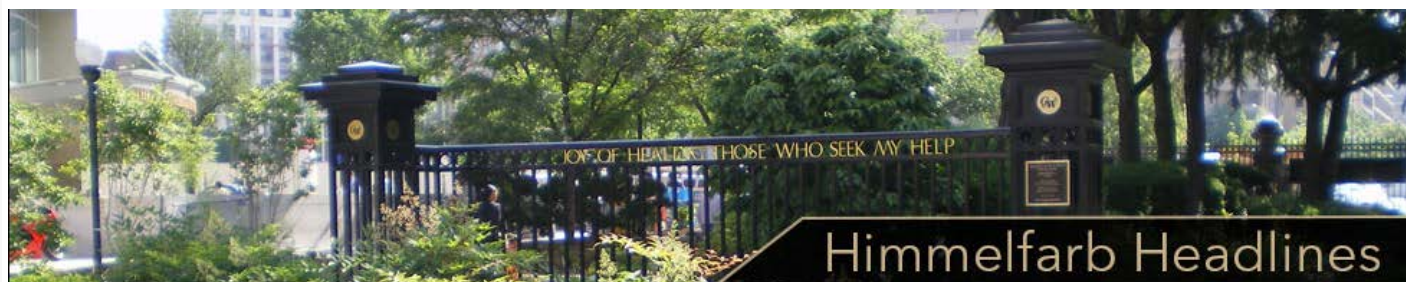


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It is the mission of the Himmelfarb Health Sciences Library to meet the information needs of the faculty, staff, and students in the George Washington University School of Medicine & Health Sciences, Milken Institute School of Public Health and School of Nursing's educational, research, and patient care programs.

What's new

In pursuit of this mission, Himmelfarb librarians and staff have been busy preparing for the upcoming year. We have refreshed our [web page](#) with a new interface and more modern look. We have joined with the law and academic libraries to bring up a new integrated library system that provides access to collections and library resources available to the GW community at large as well as the collections of the Washington Research Libraries Consortium. White boards in most group study rooms have been upgraded. New [Research Guides](#), designed to help you select the best resources for your education and research, have been added and existing ones updated. One guide of note for those of you about to publish is the [Predatory Publishing](#)

Guide. It will help you evaluate journal quality and identify solicitations for manuscripts from publishers of dubious reputation. I would also recommend that you take a look at the many accomplishments of our students in the Health Sciences Research Commons where you can find [publications](#) of students in the School of Medicine and Health Sciences, [projects](#) from graduates of the School of Nursing doctor of nursing practice, and student posters from [GW Research Days 2018](#)

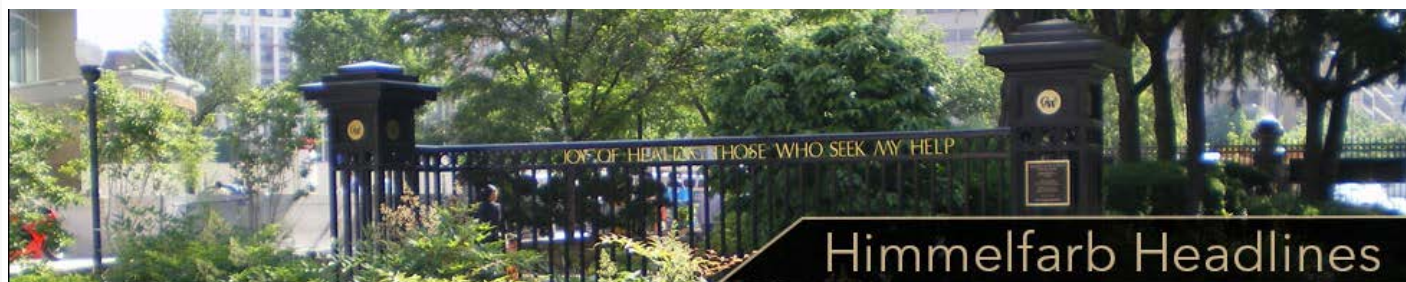
To learn more about our resources, to request a librarian “house call,” or to ask for an in-class presentation on an information topic, contact your [departmental liaison](#).

Stay in touch!

The Library is open 24/7 for the fall semester, with the exception of Thanksgiving Day and the Friday after. The Library’s Reference Desk is open 8:30am until 8:00pm, Monday through Thursday, 8:30am until 5:00pm Friday, and noon until 4:00pm Saturday. You can contact us in person or via e-mail, telephone or instant message. The Library's e-mail address is himmelfarb@gwu.edu. The telephone number for the reference desk is 202-994-2850. Send us an instant message by clicking on the “Ask Us” button on the library home page. If you need to use software in the Library, click [here](#) for computer availability. If you want to reserve a study room for a group study session, click [here](#) for study room reservations.

Best wishes for the fall 2018 semester!

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- « Determine the perceived value of the Himmelfarb journal collection
- « Identify possible titles to add to the journal collection
- « Identify faculty publishing preferences and journal usage habits

The [2018 Faculty Journal Survey Results](#) are now available! Highlights of the survey results include:

- « Total responses: 264
- « An average of 76% of respondents reported being satisfied with access to Himmelfarb's e-resources.
- « Faculty overwhelmingly agreed that the library makes positive contributions to their teaching and research experiences!
- « 93% of respondents reported accessing journals for research and teaching purposes on a weekly or monthly basis.

« 86% of respondents reported being satisfied with the Himmelfarb journal collection.

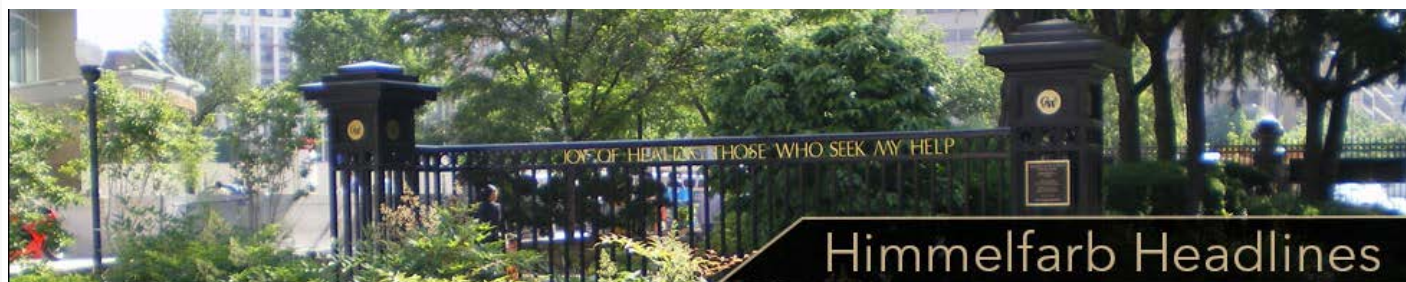
Himmelfarb is making significant positive contributions to faculty teaching and research. Faculty stated that the [largest contributions](#) that the library makes included finding scientific literature for research, staying current in their field, and enriching student-learning experiences.

The most vital journals identified by faculty from SMHS, GWSPH, and SON can be found on the [Top Journals](#) page of this site. Journal titles identified as possible titles to add to the collection are listed on the [Journal Requests](#) page.

74% of faculty reported accessing journals for teaching purposes on a weekly basis, while 19% of faculty reported accessing journals for teaching purposes on a monthly basis. Of the 52% of faculty who use a mobile device to access library resources, the most common mobile use habits included reading articles in an internet browser or downloading a PDF of the resource. See the [Journal Usage](#) page for full journal usage results.

Results about faculty publication preferences including influencing factors when choosing where to publish, experiences with open access publishing, and editorial board service are posted on the [Publication Factors](#) page.

[Overall satisfaction](#) with the Himmelfarb Library journal collection was extremely high! 86% of respondents reported satisfaction with the journal collection. Reasons for dissatisfaction, including some accessibility issues, will be investigated and addressed in the coming months. As always, we value and appreciate faculty feedback about our resources!



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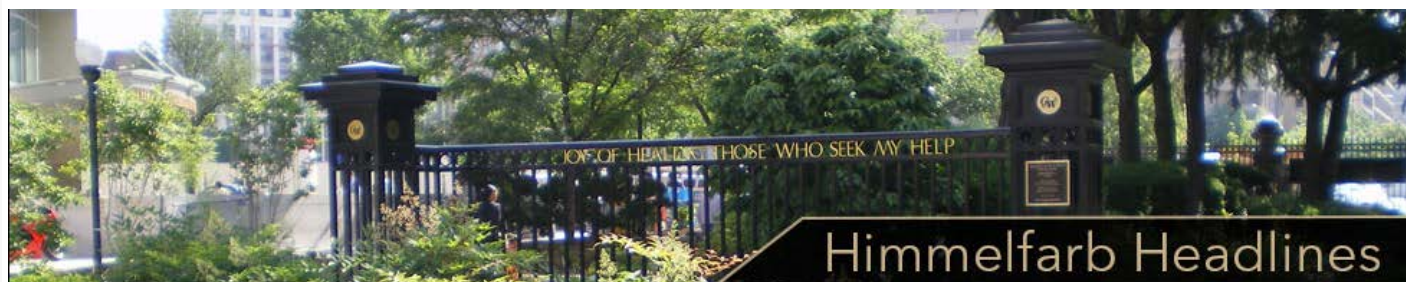


- « The [Health Information @ Himmelfarb](#) search box is the central feature of the new page and allows users to search for journal articles, books, and book chapters and also allows users to search the library website. Click the down arrow by the Collections default to switch to Site Search. Site Search includes research guides and other Himmelfarb web page content.
- « The Popular Resources box has quick links to frequently used databases, clinical tools, and journals and provides links to full lists of resources. The institutional repository, [Health Sciences Research Commons](#), is also included here.
- « The library's curated [Research Guides](#) are now front and center. Users can navigate quickly to Citation help or filter guides by their school or subject area.

- « Resources, Services, and About drop down menu functions were retained from the old site but streamlined to remove duplication and located prominently at the top of the page.
- « What's New is at top right and features what's new on our blog, links to new books, and news about library services.
- « Quick navigation to social media sites, email, Blackboard, and other GW libraries is located at the bottom of the page

Share your [feedback](#) about the new web page with us!

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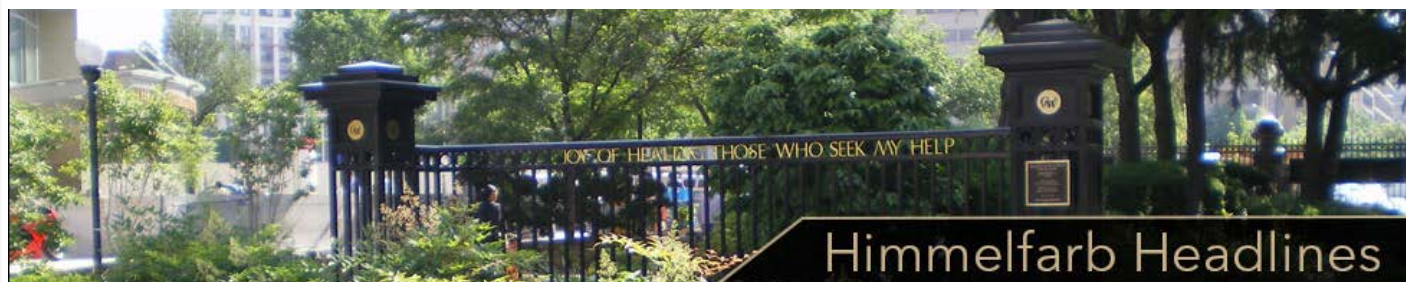
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Once again this semester we offer a variety of events at Himmelfarb, as well as publicizing other events occurring in the greater DC area. Look for mindful meditation, finger knitting with Sandy Hoar, coloring pages, and our monthly overview of upcoming free or low-cost activities in DC. And take a look at the Happiness Happens book display in the Library to add a little extra happiness to your own life! You can see the full slate of activities and register at

<http://himmelfarb.gwu.edu/healthyliving> .



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Consortium Loan Service Delivery

The new Health Information @ Himmelfarb allows users to place requests for books owned by WRLC member libraries via the Consortium Loan Service and Himmelfarb is now a stop for the consortium delivery service, allowing delivery of materials to the Himmelfarb Information Desk.

Nursing faculty and students at the Virginia Science and Technology campus in Ashburn can now request Consortium Loan Services for delivery to Ashburn. Keep in mind that materials are delivered from Himmelfarb to Gelman Library first, and then shuttled to Ashburn. Please allow for a few days extra turn-around.

Change to Linking Services

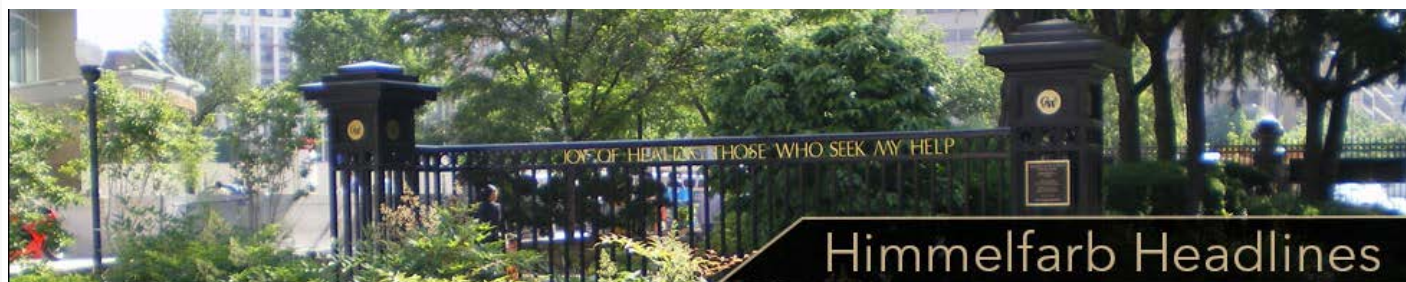
As part of the change to the new library management and discovery systems, the library has a new linking service. If you use durable links to journal articles, books, or book chapters, you should review those links. See our [Research Guide on Linking to Electronic Resources](#) for instructions.

New Evening Reference Specialist

Anna Simon joined the reference staff as Evening Specialist in August. Anna staffs the information desk after 5pm on weeknights. She replaces Susan Koenig who is now the daytime reference specialist.

HSRC Has 400,000+ Downloads

The [Health Sciences Research Commons](#) hit a new milestone in July. The institutional repository reached 400,000 document downloads from users world wide. The repository now includes nearly 15,000 records including poster and paper abstracts, full-text open source content, and artworks produced by SMHS, GWSPH, and SON contributors.



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Tell us a little bit about yourself, your current position, and why you decided to pursue public health:

My name is Monique Turner--most people call me "Mo"--and I am a professor and Associate Dean at the Milken Institute School of Public Health. I grew up in Northern Michigan (nope, not the UP...but north) on a small farm that is still running today! I spend most of my time with my kids (Maya and Macy) who play sports and keep things lively.



How did you become interested in your field?

I've always been fascinated by the impact that communication can have in our lives. An inspiring ad or speech can make us question our behaviors, think differently, and act differently. But, the real question is when does that happen and why? What are the best ways to communicate to particular audiences? This is what brought me to the study of emotional appeals--I am intrigued by experimentally assessing the effects of emotions like anger and guilt.

What brought you to GW?

I had been a faculty member at the University of Maryland for 7 years--in the Dept of Communication. But, I was working on public health issues. I realized that if I wanted to take my work

to the "next level" I might want to understand health more deeply. And, I thought I could grow quite a bit by challenging myself. So, I applied here and got the job!

What has been your most memorable moment at GW?

After a particularly upsetting news event, I had to teach 125 students in my core course. I could tell they were not okay. So, I asked them if they wanted to have class as normal--or if they wanted to talk. They chose the latter--and it was amazing, but, hard. People cried. People disclosed. But, we started to heal.

What has been your biggest professional challenge?

As Associate Dean I often have to see and hear the worst. We may have 2500 amazing students (and we do), but, I'll spend hours on one horrible care. I have to look at these issues from every angle, talk to multiple parties, and make difficult decisions. That is challenging.

What library resources or services have you found to be the most useful?

All of them! I use endnote--so that is particularly helpful.

Whom do you admire?

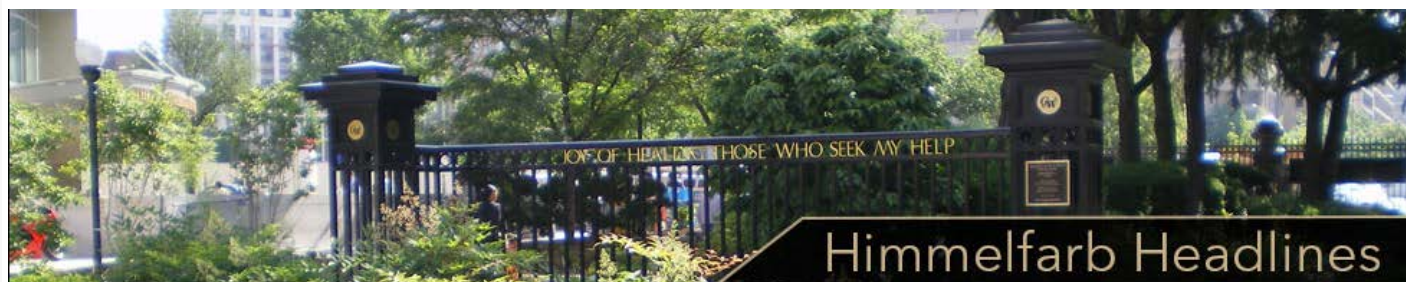
A lot of people--but, I would mention Maya Angelou and Barack Obama. Their words continue to inspire me and make me want to be better. My daughter, Maya, was named for Dr. Angelou.

How do you spend your free time? (or What do you do to relax?)

I get up before 5am most mornings and work out. I love training for some event--but, the last year I've been injured and have had to stop. So, I look forward to getting back at it. I also spend a lot of time at the girls' soccer or basketball games.

What advice would you give to a new faculty member just starting at GW?

Network, network, network. Build your team in a strategic and thoughtful way--you need collaborators.

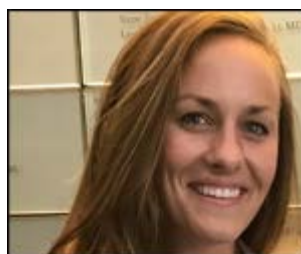


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What brought you to GW?

I came to GW for the joint PA/MPH program. There are few truly integrated programs in this country and GW's is one of the oldest and is well-supported. The opportunities for different public health tracks were exciting! GW offers a unique opportunity to learn in a city while surrounded by so many organizations and agencies dedicated to global health and environmental health, which are my two research areas of interest. Combining those opportunities with a stellar PA degree was one that I could not resist.

Are there any special/memorable research or special projects you have participated in while at GW?

The most memorable project I was involved with was certainly my Culminating Experience for my MPH. That manuscript was a true labor of love, starting with a simple PICO statement and ending in the publication of [a systematic review](#) 9 months later. It was some of the most taxing work I've ever engaged in, but the ultimate reward of publication was well worth it. I have a newfound appreciation for the effort it takes to bring a topic through to publication.

What's been the most unexpected, surprising or challenging experience as a GW student?

The most challenging experiences as a GW student have come in my clinical year of my PA degree. The long hours that come with 6 weeks of a general surgery rotation are not to be underestimated! Setting my alarm for 3:45 am, desperately sipping coffee, rounding on patients, and then glimpsing sunrise a few hours later - all before a full day of cases gave me a new appreciation for how productive an early riser can be. Any sleep deprivation, however, was worth the singularly unique experience of actively assisting and participating in surgical procedures.

As you reflect on your time at GW, can you share a favorite Himmelfarb Library memory or experience you found to be the most useful?

I can't speak highly enough of the staff at the Himmelfarb Library. While I was working on my systematic review, I met with a reference librarian who helped me structure the right search terms and organize the resulting several thousand search results. It was a daunting prospect to work my way through the results, but with his help I was able to be as organized and efficient as possible and confident that my search had picked up the right sources. That organizational help paid off down the road as I needed to have quick access to my sources for the publication process.

What are your plans after GW?

After graduation I plan on practicing emergency medicine in Michigan with the ultimate goal of incorporating environmental and public health into my professional sphere. As my master's research focused on the human health impacts of climate change, I particularly want to focus on climate issues and future challenges specific to my patient populations.

When you are not studying - What are your hobbies, interests or special things you like to do during your down-time?

It seems to be a rare moment that I'm not on site at a clinical rotation or studying in this clinical year. In those moments, however, you can find me sampling the numerous restaurants and coffee shops in my DC neighborhood. I'm slowly working down a list and trying to eat at each one before I graduate!