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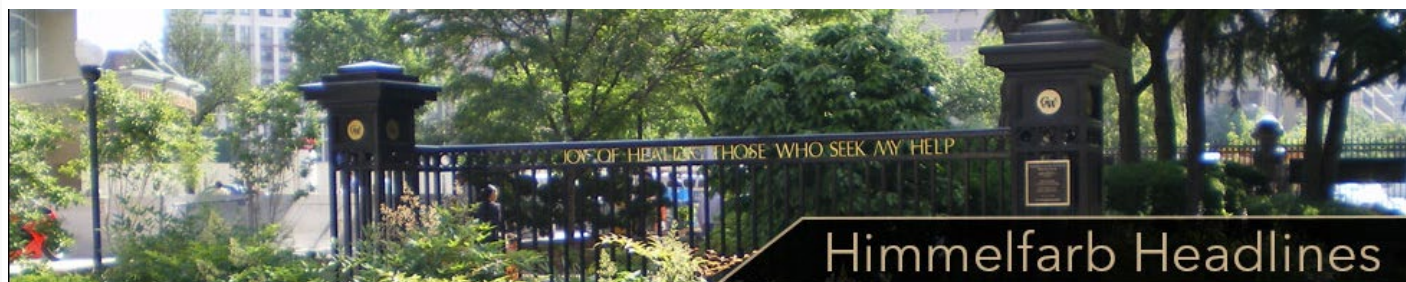
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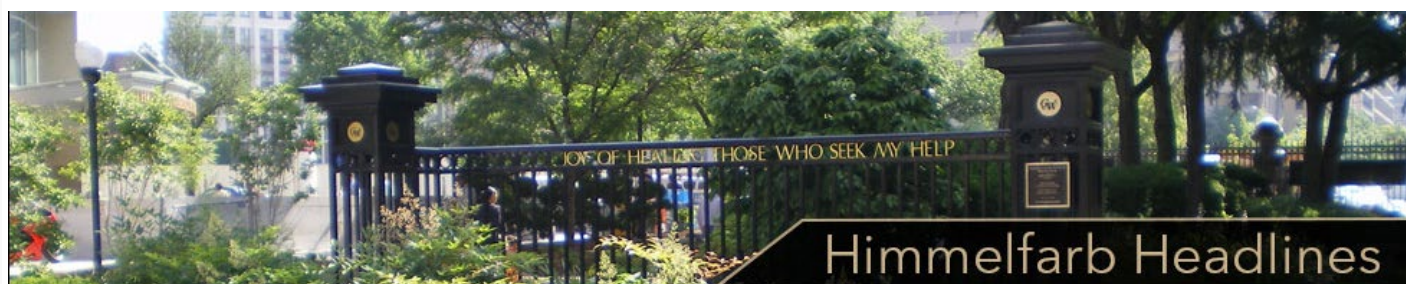
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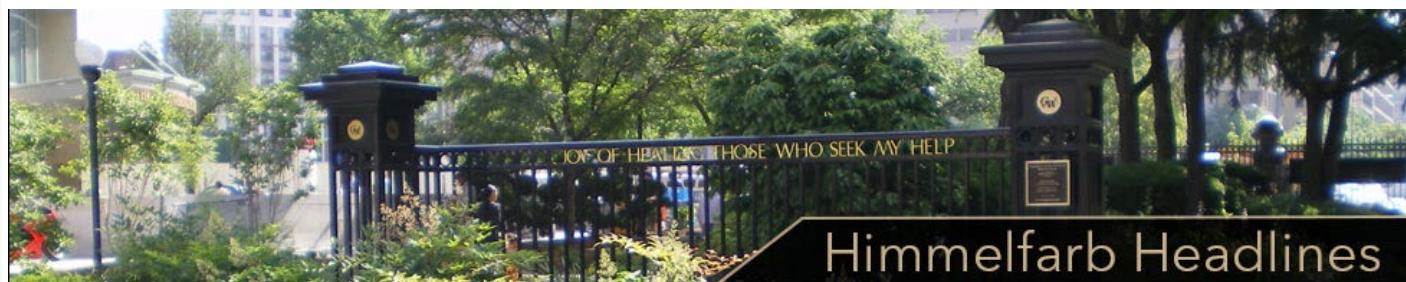
You can contact us in person or via e-mail, telephone or instant message. The Library's e-mail address is himmelfarb@gwu.edu. The telephone number for the reference desk is 202-994-2850. Send us an instant message by clicking on the "Ask Us" button on the library home page. If you need to use software 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.

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.

While we see many students and faculty in person, we are very aware that many of you are not on campus. We are happy to teleconference into distance education classes or to hold individual consultations via teleconference. Contact Elaine Sullo at elainej@gwu.edu to schedule a class or consultation. See [our research guide for distance education](#) for faculty and students to learn more about how we support you!

Whether on campus or not, each department in the 3 schools served by Himmelfarb (School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Milken Institute School of Public Health and School of Nursing) has a liaison librarian who can work with you to create research guides, reading lists, instruction customized to your class, and much more. To request a librarian “house call,” or to ask for an in-class presentation on an information topic, contact your [departmental liaison](#).

Best wishes for fall 2019!



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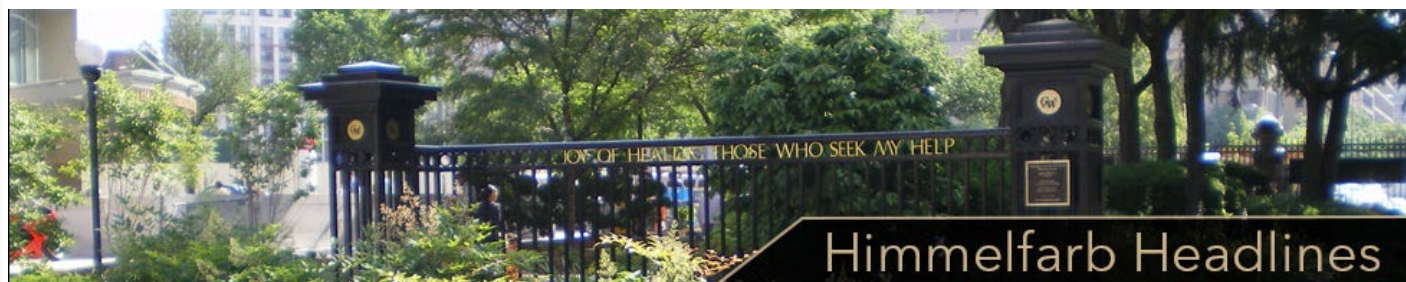
Explore [PubMed Labs](#) to see how the updated interface works and take note of these features:

- A new search algorithm 'Best Match' uses machine learning to locate the most relevant matches for your search terms. The algorithm is based on a ranking model derived from PubMed search logs.
- A mobile-optimized design means that you'll have a consistent search experience whether you access

PubMed via your phone, a tablet, or a desktop computer.

- Article snippets which reflect your search terms will display as part of your search results to allow you to better gauge the relevance of the article to your needs.

PubMed's redesign will be completed in the next few weeks and is anticipated to launch near the end of September. During a change over period, users will have the ability to switch between the classic and revamped versions of PubMed. As exact dates for the switchover become available, we'll announce them on Himmelfarb's blog so check there for additional information on PubMed's new interface!



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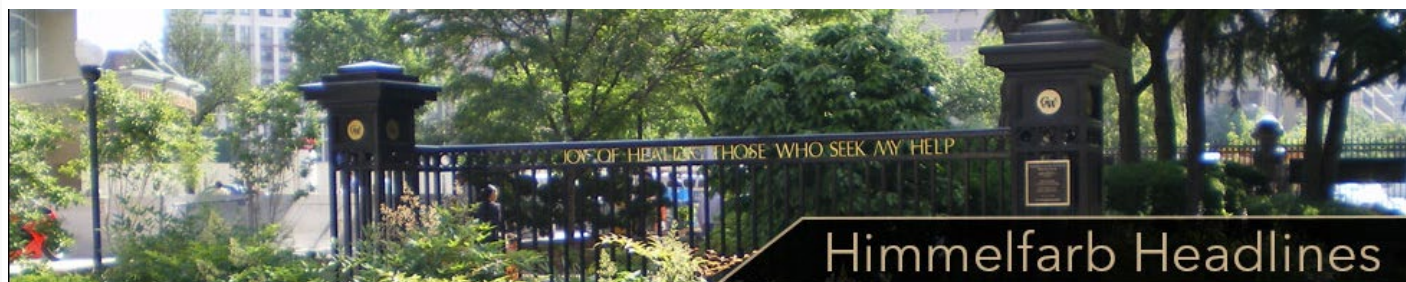


Himmelfarb Library's Covidence license allows GW affiliates (students, faculty, residents, and staff) to work on multiple systematic reviews simultaneously and to collaborate on systematic review teams with both GW and non-GW researchers. For each Covidence review, users can upload up to 15,000 citations for screening. To get started on Covidence, sign up for an account via Himmelfarb Library's [Covidence subscription](#).

To learn more about Covidence, explore Himmelfarb Library's [Covidence Research Guide](#) which provides access to video tutorials to guide you through the systematic review process. If you have additional questions about Covidence, Himmelfarb librarians are here to support you (himmelfarb@gwu.edu) and additional support is also available:

[Covidence Knowledge Base](#) : an extensive, searchable database is available to provide answers to questions

- Email support@covidence.org directly or click on the question mark icon when you're logged into Covidence.



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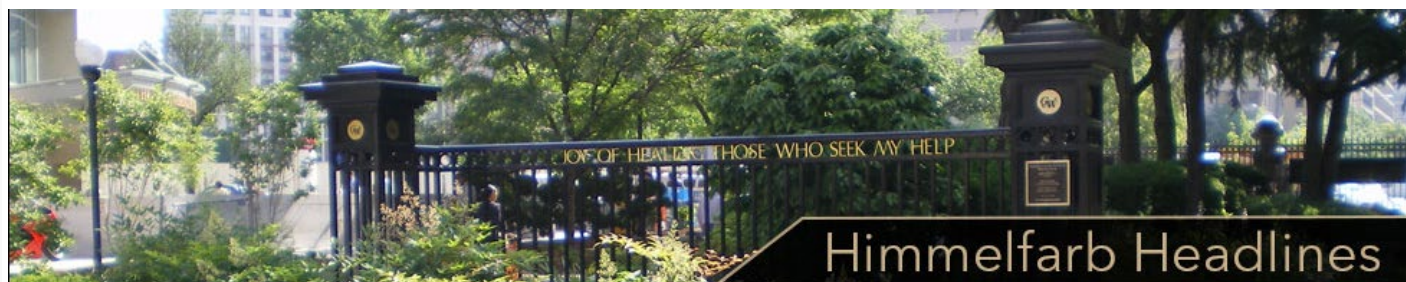
Himmelfarb recently upgraded from CINAHL with Full-Text to [CINAHL Complete](#) ! This research tool provides fast and easy access to more than 1,200 full-text journals dating back to 1937, as well as access to evidence-based care sheets, and quick lessons. CINAHL Complete covers more than 50 nursing specialties and allied health subjects.

Are you interested in earning continuing medical education credits? Himmelfarb recently purchased two resources produced by the American College of Radiology (ACR) that could help you do just that!

- [Case in Point](#) is a clinical education resource that includes more than 4,200 cases. Each case includes a brief history, image and non-image-based questions, and annotated image findings to help you create a differential diagnosis and learn how to interpret images. Each completed case can earn you 0.25 continuing medical education credits!

- [Continuous Professional Improvement](#) modules allow you to review imaging studies across multiple modalities, answer self-paced questions on case diagnosis and management, and learn from annotated images. Claim up to 8 continuing medical education credits per module! Simply create a free ACR account to register before accessing this content to earn this credit.

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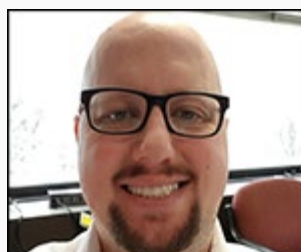
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Tell us about your current position and what you do?

I'm a Reference & Instruction librarian at the Himmelfarb Health Sciences Library. In that position, I provide reference assistance to patrons - both in person and online. I'm also involved in instruction, including teaching presentation skills to med students and being embedded in online nursing classes. There's a lot of variety in what I do and no two days ever look the same, which really makes my job enjoyable.

How has your job at Himmelfarb changed over the years?

I think some of the biggest changes have been in the types of services we've provided. For instance, one thing that's become far more common in recent years is assisting students and faculty who are doing systematic reviews. That has been a good change as it's allowed us to redefine our role with the patrons we serve and really make good use of our unique skills and training. I feel like there's always change as we're always looking for new ways to support old and new programs in our departments.

What led you to your career as a medical librarian?

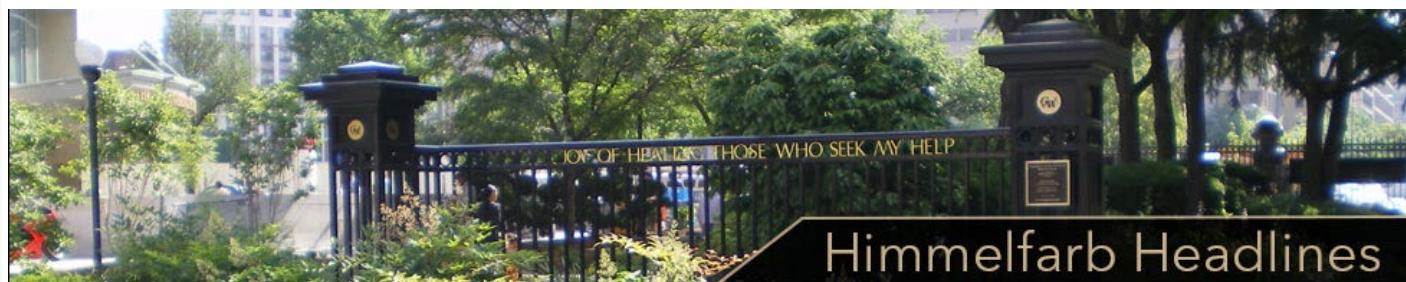
Prior to being a librarian, I pursued a career in basic science research. Specifically I was a graduate student in a lab studying immunology. Through this experience I got a good sense of the research process and environment - I think this has helped me to connect with students and faculty as most of them have a scientific mindset and/or come from a science background.

What's been your most memorable moment at Himmelfarb/GW?

Hmm, I don't know if I can think of a particular moment that stands out above the rest. But there have been a lot of good moments. Helping a student identify a needed resource after they've spent hours searching in vain. Or the longer-term satisfaction of being part of a systematic review project and seeing it come to fruition over a course of months or even years.

What do you like to do in your time away from work?

Since I got engaged last Spring, a lot of my time has been devoted to wedding planning :-). But other than that, I like playing tennis - I just got into that last year and while I'm still pretty poor at it, it's a fun way to get some exercise. I also like to read and listen to true crime podcasts during my long commute to Foggy Bottom. Besides that, I'm pretty involved in the church that I attend, so that's something that helps keep me busy each week.



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Tell us a little bit about yourself, your current position, and why you decided to pursue a career in your field.

I'm a Research Professor, now in the new Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology and I direct the GW Biostatistics and Epidemiology Consulting Service, known as "The BECS."

How did you become interested in your field?

I started off as a research-oriented community psychologist and realized early on that statistical methods were one of the best tools for moving beyond anecdotes to strong evidence. It's difficult to be unbiased in our scientific observations; statistics done well help us minimize those biases. Many of the same statistical methods are used in public health and medicine as in the social and behavioral sciences, so it was an easy transition for me to move beyond behavioral sciences research to biostatistics.

What brought you to GW?

When I went for my job interviews at GW, I was told that there was a great deal of interest in health research, but that many potential investigators felt hampered in their research because little statistical support was available to them. It became clear to me GW was a place where there was widespread appreciation of the importance of statistics, while opportunities would grow over time. This was many years ago, and it turns out that my observations were well-founded.

What has been your biggest professional challenge?

The field of biostatistics has many growth areas involving somewhat specialized knowledge, and this is also true of statistical methods in allied fields such as epidemiology, data science, and bioinformatics, as well as with statistical data management and software solutions. As someone who helps researchers in multiple fields, I feel it's important to follow trends in these fields. But of course finding time to follow these areas even superficially is a challenge.

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

I frequently browse through the contents of cutting edge journals oriented towards applied biostatistics, such as "Statistics in Medicine." But when I'm consulting on a project regarding a public health or medical topic, I often read journal articles on those topics. That helps me be a more effective collaborator on a project. In addition, I use interlibrary loan to read chapters on certain statistical methods that I'm considering using for a study. And I've also used interlibrary loan to request video materials for use in a course that I teach.

Whom do you admire?

Let's just say that I admire a long list of people who share my values and who manage in some way, even a very small way, to uplift humanity.

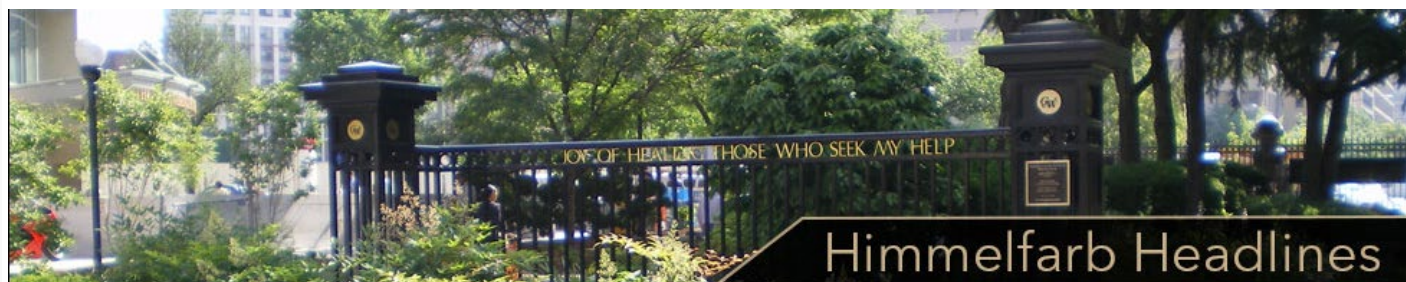
How do you spend your free time? (or What do you do to relax?)

One of my favorites is exploring DC area neighborhoods and small towns, both popular touristy areas as well as less well known areas that have their own unique feel and history.

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

At least when first starting, stay on campus as much as possible so as to get to know our students, staff, and other faculty. Technology has made it relatively easy to do much of our work remotely, but the tradeoff is feeling less connected to our academic community. Having a formal academic mentor is ideal, but finding multiple informal mentors can be very helpful as well.

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What brought you to GW?

I came to GW in March 2012 to work in the Office of Human Research. It was during this time I pursued my masters in Regulatory Affairs at the GW School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Clinical Research and Leadership. I was very fortunate to have my professional interests align so well with one of the incredible programs offered by GW. This is one of the few schools that offers these types of graduate degrees, allowing those of us in research to expand our knowledge and skills in an academic environment.

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

In May 2017, my counterparts at Children's National and I explored ways to further responsible conduct of research education through the Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA), funded by the NIH. We applied for, and obtained a

small grant from a professional organization, and through our CTSA network, delivered a day long learning session with speakers from NIH, HHS, and community representatives. We offered continuing education credits and had over 200 attendees for this first year. It was exhilarating to work with such wonderful colleagues and find all the CTSA had to offer.

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

Working so closely with the librarians at Himmelfarb has helped me not only in my work but also my doctoral pursuits. Learning how to harness the power of online search engines to churn out literature for you has been a huge time saver and one for which I am eternally grateful.

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

Working full time for all of my studies has been a challenge. I didn't expect to miss so much with my friends and family due to studying, projects, or just plain exhaustion. However, I have been fortunate that my job and academic work often align. This allows me to apply my newly gained knowledge in a real world setting right away.

What are your plans after GW?

Probably a big nap! I see myself working in an academic institution to assess and improve their research enterprise through implementation science and sustainable models. This includes responsible conduct of research, sponsored projects process flows, and faculty and student support.

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

I work with animal rescue groups in my area of Northern Virginia. It's so heartwarming to see probably frightened dogs and cats open up and become the perfect companion for someone. I also enjoy going to concerts and going hiking or camping. Hopefully once I finish my doctorate I can get back out into nature.