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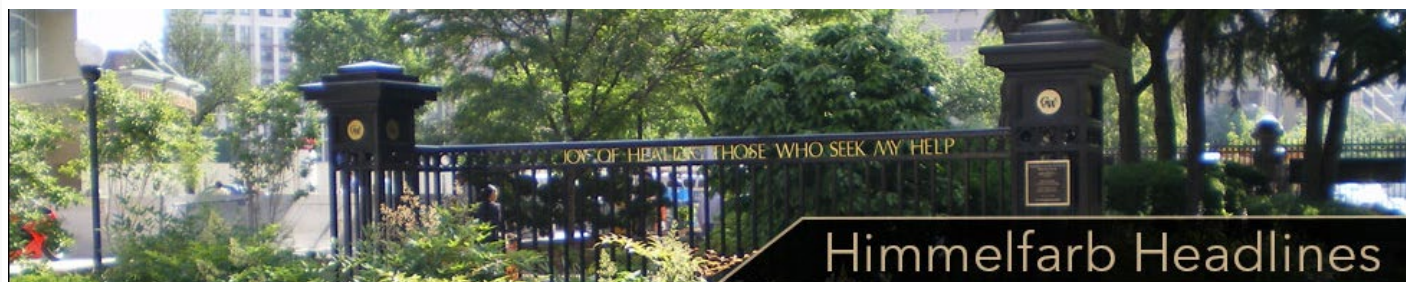
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The fall semester is now well underway so it seems belated to welcome you all back to campus, but we at Himmelfarb are so glad to see you in person and online! Himmelfarb Library is again open for 24/7 access to our building, and continues to provide 24/7 access to our online collections.

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Have you heard about our two 3D printing stations? They are available to all faculty, staff and students who are affiliated with the SMHS, SON, GWSPH, GW Hospital and MFA. There is no limit on the number of requests, we aim to support you in your clinical research pursuits! Before submitting your print request, please note some limitations on use such as copyrighted images. Check out our [3D Printing Guide](#) for more information.

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### **Consultations With Librarians**

#### **What can Himmelfarb reference librarians do for you?**



The [Himmelfarb Library](#) is here to support the information needs of all the students, faculty, and staff within the School of Medicine and Health Sciences, School of Nursing, and the Milken Institute School of Public Health. While you may be familiar with many of the services and resources that we make available to our patrons, there are a lot of specialized services which we offer to faculty that you might not be aware of.

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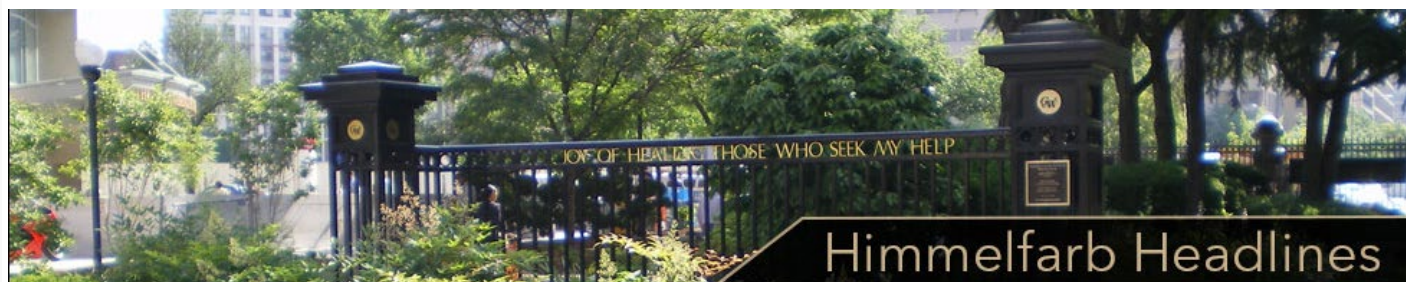


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As you begin or continue work on papers and projects, please remember that our Reference and Instructional team is here to support you. If you need help answering a question or finding a resource, please contact us via instant message (click the **Ask Us** button on Himmelfarb's website), phone (202-994-2850), email ([himmelfarb@gwu.edu](mailto:himmelfarb@gwu.edu)), or by simply stopping by the library. For more in-depth consultations, our librarians are happy to schedule a consultation and can meet online or in person.



Himmelfarb continues to seek to provide full-text access to books required for courses. We do our best to provide online access to these materials, and can also usually acquire print copies if it's useful to the class. Online access options for books vary widely depending on the publisher's preferences; we can identify options and assess them per your course's needs. Please contact Himmelfarb's Collection Development librarian, Ian Roberts ([imroberts@gwu.edu](mailto:imroberts@gwu.edu)), with your book list to learn more.

Along with the ongoing growth and diversification of our book collections, Himmelfarb is continuing to expand our audiovisual collection. As needs and technology have changed over the past few years, we've moved to a streaming format for most materials so that Himmelfarb users can access these materials from any location. New streaming videos coming to Himmelfarb soon include *On the Divide* (2021), *The Dirty War on the National Health Service* (2019), and *Atomic Homefront* (2017). If you would like to request access to a film for your

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course or suggest one for Himmelfarb's collection, please contact Catherine Sluder ([crharris@gwu.edu](mailto:crharris@gwu.edu)).

Himmelfarb provides support to the faculty, residents, staff, and students in GW's three health sciences schools: the Milken Institute School of Public Health, the School of Nursing, and the School of Medicine & Health Sciences. Our librarians act as liaisons with specific departments, are embedded in in-person and online courses, and develop Research Guides to support departments, programs, courses, and specific subject areas. A librarian can visit your course either in-person or virtually to provide instruction that complements your course's objectives. For support, you can contact [your departmental liaison](#) directly, or reach out to [himmelfarb@gwu.edu](mailto:himmelfarb@gwu.edu) so that we can get you to the right individual.

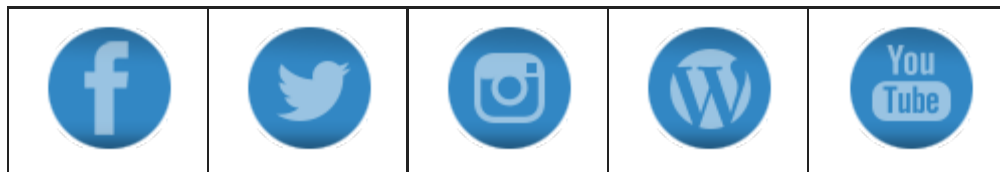
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Many thanks,

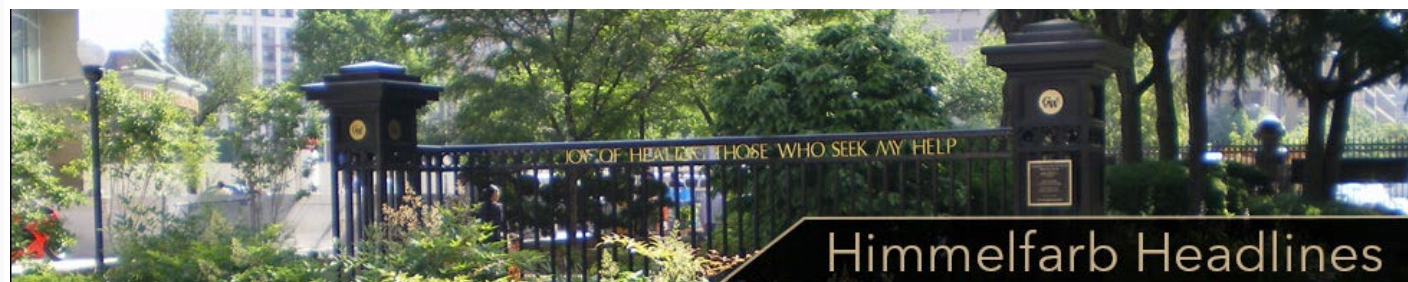
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#### Writing Center

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- Looking for IT help? It's just around the corner! Check out the SMHS IT helpdesk in the Bloedorn Technology

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Center on the third floor. The IT staff offices are on the courtyard end of Bloedorn, near the Women's Board Teaching Classroom.

### Correcting Misinformation with Patients

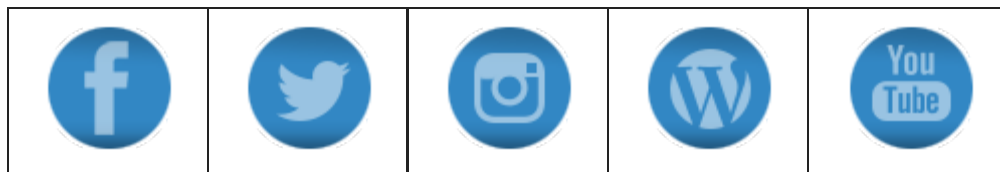
- If you have not already done so, we highly recommend you check out our libguide on correcting misinformation with your patients. This guide provides resources and strategies for identifying and communicating with your patients when it comes to medical accuracy.

### Disorder in the court: Himmelfarb medical crime blog series

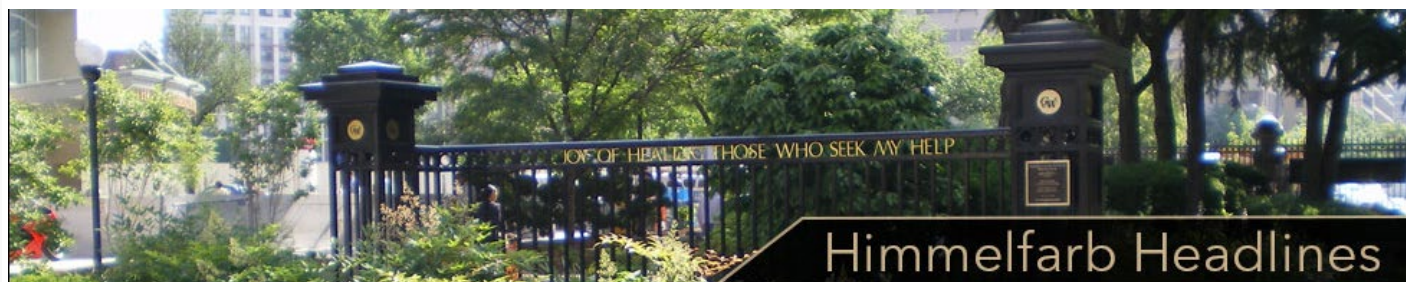
- Himmelfarb's Rachel Brill is writing about crime-related medical cases on Himmelfarb's blog. Read the complete Disorder in the Court series!

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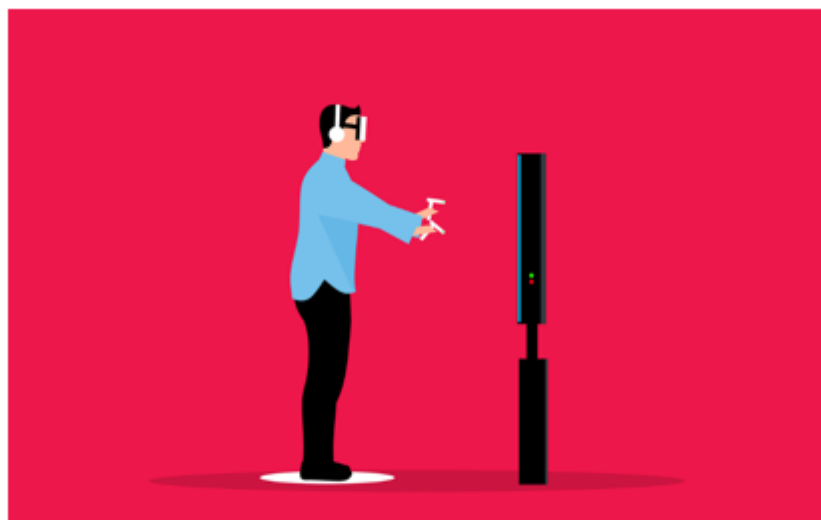


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- Anyone interested in exploring VR technologies for their potential applications to patient education and care

### **About BodyViz**

BodyViz offers stunning 360° interactive views of human anatomy that were created out of a database of 1000+ MRI and CT scans. The program's library features both normal and pathological anatomy.

The models can be manipulated extensively using a handheld Xbox game controller. In clipping mode, users can virtually dissect the model onscreen, cutting inside to reveal interior structures or generate cross-sectional views. Other modes allow the user to filter the image based on tissue density to focus on bones or soft tissue, change coloring to enhance viewing of different structures in the body, or add annotations to an object for use in an instructional or presentation context.



Students using BodyViz at Himmelfarb

### **To Use BodyViz**

The BodyViz station is located in the Levine Lounge on the library's third floor, just beyond the glass door entrance to the Bloedorn Technology Center. Use of the station requires an [online reservation](#) to ensure availability. Reservations of up to four hours are available per user or group.

You'll need to check out a bag of accessories at the Circulation Desk before heading upstairs. The bag contains a wireless keyboard, game controller, and other accessories. To get started, you'll want to visit our [BodyViz research guide](#), which contains a quick-start guide, video demonstration, and link to reserve the station.

Himmelfarb staff are also available to provide guided instruction on the use of the software and controllers. To make an appointment, contact Ian Roberts ([imroberts@gwu.edu](mailto:imroberts@gwu.edu)) or Catherine Sluder ([crharris@gwu.edu](mailto:crharris@gwu.edu)).

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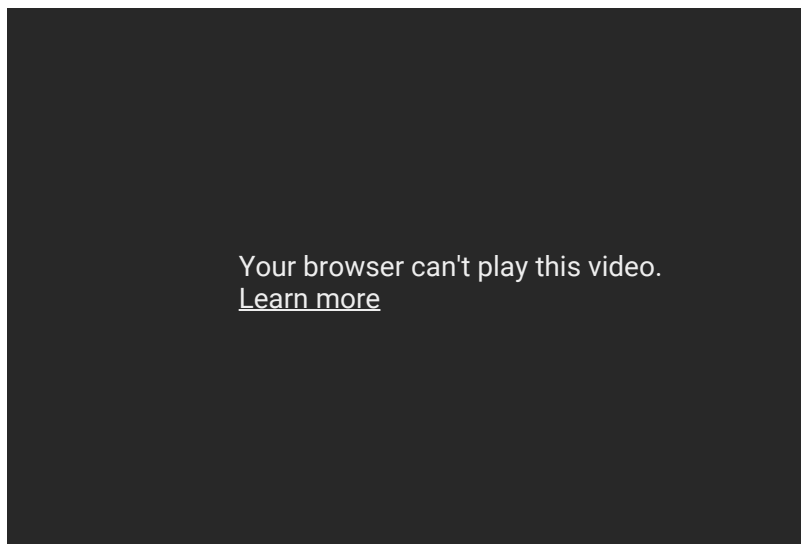
Medicalholodeck offers VR applications that robustly

supplement the students' experiences in cadaveric dissection labs and other anatomy instruction. Students may choose from three modules: Medical Imaging XR, Dissection Master XR, and Anatomy Master XR. Dissection Master features a realistic 3D cadaver created from photos of a dissection.

In the VR environment, students use their hands to move and rotate the cadaver. Students can remove up to 10 layers to reveal internal structures. Annotations are available to help them identify and describe these structures. The annotations offer links to Wikipedia articles that display additional information.

Dissection Master best replicates the anatomy/dissection lab experience, although Anatomy Master, which serves as a 3D atlas of human anatomy, is worth a look. This application allows students to isolate individual parts of the body from the anatomical models for closer examination. Finally, the Medical Imaging XR application allows virtual manipulation of objects based on MRI and CT scans.

All three modules of Medicalholodeck can also be used in tandem between the two headsets. Users can set up a virtual room through the software that allows them both to view and interact with the same model, in a teacher-learner or group study environment.



Medicalholodeck Dissection Master demo (YouTube)

To Use Medicalholodeck Medicalholodeck is available to our users via two Meta Quest (formerly Oculus) VR headsets preloaded with the software. The headsets, plus hand controllers and charging cable, are packed in carrying cases that can be checked out from the Circulation Desk, and can be borrowed for up to four hours.

We recommend reserving a study space in the library ahead of time that offers the room needed to move your arms freely. Please visit our VR research guide to learn all you'll need to know to get started. People who have never experienced virtual reality will see a link to a Getting Started app that

teaches you in fun ways how to navigate the environment.

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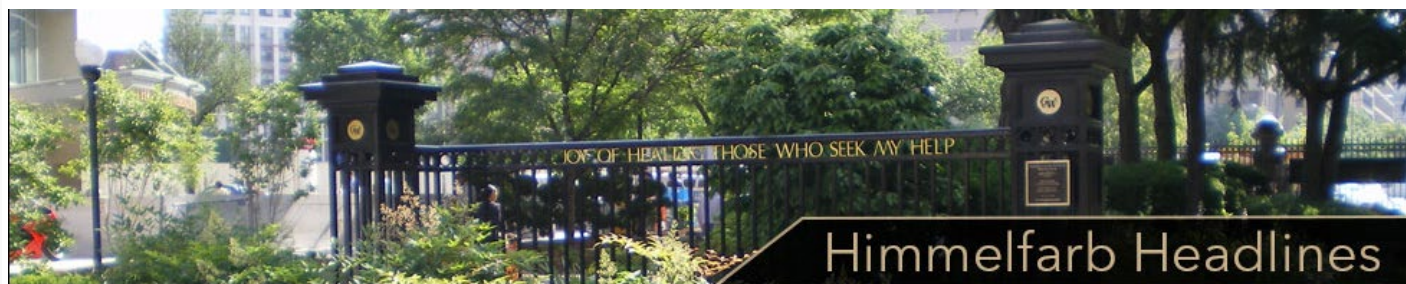
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Unsure how to use a 3D printer? No problem! If the world of printing 3D objects is a new endeavor to you, we have library staff that will be more than happy to assist you with any questions or concerns you may have. We currently have access to 13 different filament colors to choose from, and as well as some more durable or transparent options as well.

You don't have to be a professional 3D modeler to use our printing station, we have access to a variety of models that can be downloaded as a STL(.stl) or OBJ(.obj) format. Make sure that your item is smaller than 8 x 8 inches. Requests are processed on a first come, first serve basis. Depending on availability and the size of your file, it may take up to seven business days for your project to be printed.

Once you have found the 3D file that you would like to print, you can submit your project through our [3D print request form](#). After your 3D model has been printed, it will be available for pickup at the circulation desk. For further information on what types of projects are allowed and

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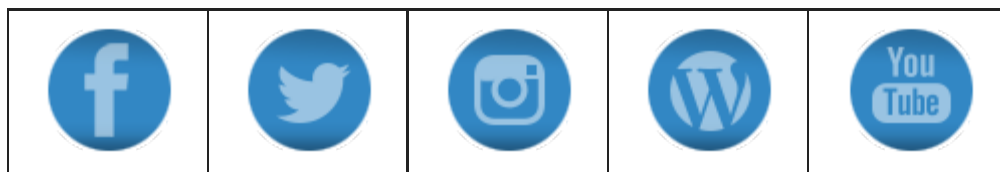
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additional printing guidelines, see our [3D printing policy](#) for reference.

Lastly, we have access to several articles that involve 3D printing! See how you can benefit from it on our [Scholarly use of 3D printing guide](#).

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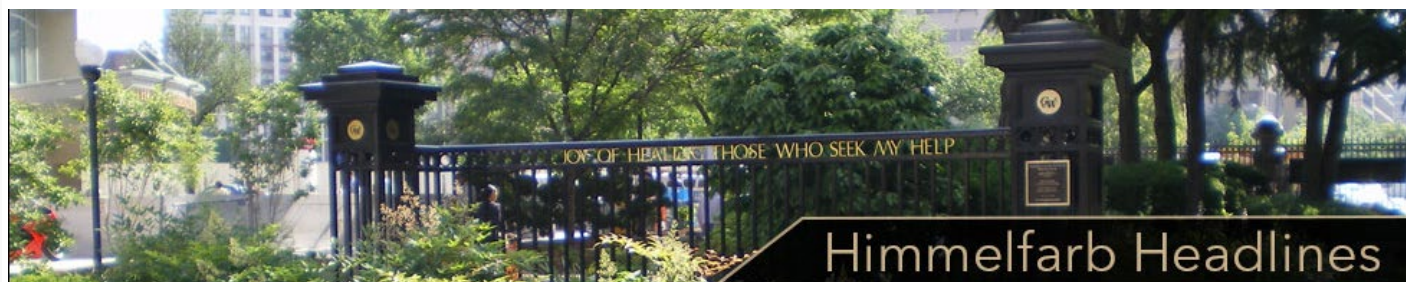
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**Course Embedded Librarians**

Himmelfarb librarians are available to be embedded in your Blackboard (or other learning management system) courses. As part of your course, we can provide varying levels of support based on you and your students' needs. That might include management of an 'ask the librarian' discussion board in Blackboard to offer students a place to post their information resource questions. It may also include provision of instruction on information identification and retrieval pertaining to assignments in your course. Feel free to contact us and we can tailor our support to meet your individual course needs.

**Journal Selection Support**

We also offer support in identifying potential journals for those who are preparing a manuscript for publication. Using a mix of freely available and Himmelfarb-subscribed resources, we can help you to identify candidate journals for your manuscript based on the content of your manuscript, the type

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of publication (e.g., systematic review vs research article), and the relative impact of the candidate journals within their respective fields. Additionally, we can help you to avoid [predatory publishers](#) in order to maximize the impact and protect the reputation of your scholarly output.

### **Systematic Review Assistance**

The library also has many librarians with specific training and experience in assisting faculty with the design and implementation of systematic reviews. Many of us have completed training courses which allow us to effectively support those performing such reviews. Our level of support can be tailored to the needs of the individual systematic review team. This may range from a single meeting to discuss project design, all the way to continued involvement as co-authors across the entire span of the systematic review project. We also support researchers in the use of [Covidence](#), a software product we provide to our patrons which can significantly streamline the performance of a systematic review.

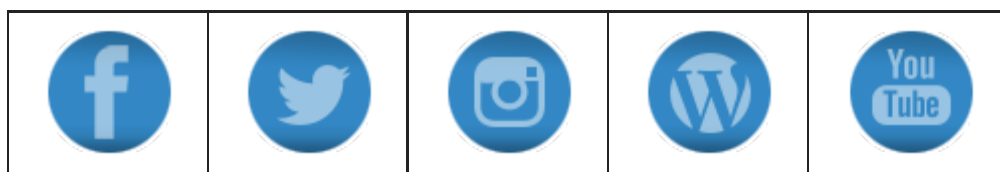
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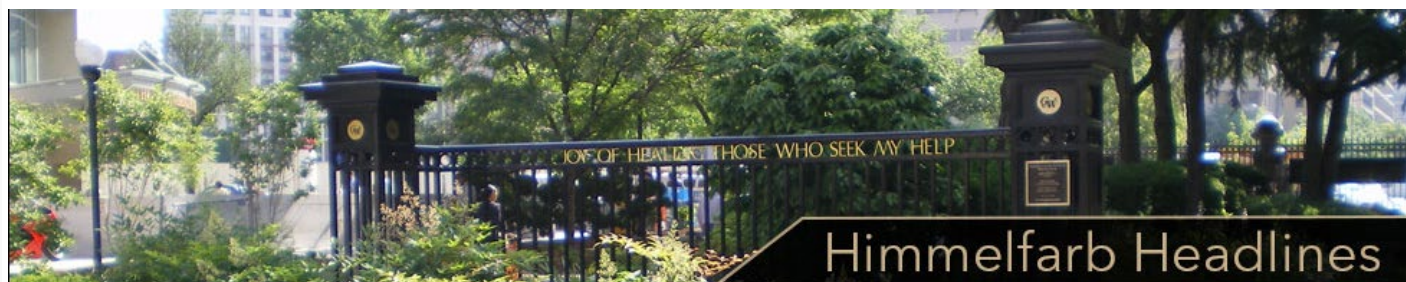
In addition, our librarians provide support for those beginning other literature review projects. This often includes assistance in the development of focused search strategies to identify relevant literature, as well as guidance on the usage of different article databases to ensure the most complete search possible. We also provide assistance with citation management tools, such as [RefWorks](#), to help keep track of discovered literature and make the formatting of citations during manuscript preparation easier.

For help with any of these things, please email the Himmelfarb library ([himmelfarb@gwu.edu](mailto:himmelfarb@gwu.edu)) and we'll put you in touch with one of our skilled reference librarians who'll be able to assist!

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The policy stipulates that for grant applications due January 25 or after, researchers must submit a data management and sharing (DMS) plan within the budget justification section of their application. This plan should describe how you will organize, protect, and preserve research data. Data management is an important process that spans the entire research lifecycle, from details like file naming conventions to major decisions like where to archive the data. You can find more information about this process on Himmelfarb's [data management guide](#).

The [NIH website on scientific data sharing](#) also includes a number of pages that you may find useful in preparing for the new policy. "Writing a Data Management and Sharing Plan" outlines exactly what elements to include in your DMS plan, while "Budgeting for Data Management and Sharing" provides guidance on applying for funding for the data management process.

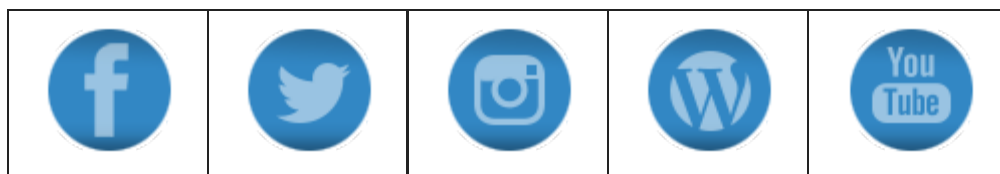
Himmelfarb librarians are ready to help you understand the new policy. Contact Sara Hoover, Scholarly Publishing Librarian, at [shoover@gwu.edu](mailto:shoover@gwu.edu) or Paul Levett, Reference and Instructional Librarian, at [prlevett@gwu.edu](mailto:prlevett@gwu.edu) for more assistance.

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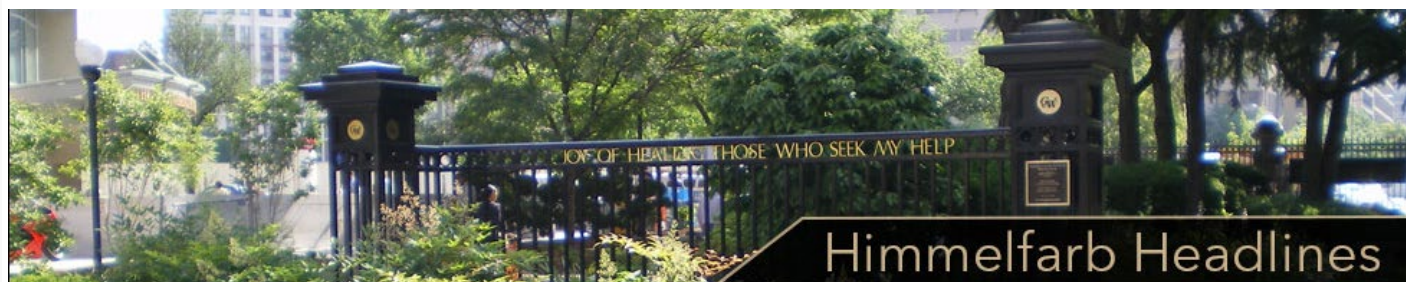
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The information included in this database is divided into two sections: Journalytics and Predatory Reports. In the Journalytics section, you can search for journals by title or topic. The entry for each journal provides information pertinent to researchers considering publication, such as submission guidelines, peer review process, and acceptance rates. You can also select several titles at once to compare the information about each journal side-by-side. Inclusion in Journalytics is by invitation only, and Cabells has strict eligibility criteria, so you can rest assured that these are high-quality journals.

In the Predatory Reports section, you will find information on titles associated with predatory publishers. (To learn what predatory publishing is, check out [Himmelfarb's guide!](#)) If you have doubts about a journal's credibility, you can search for it in this section to see if Cabells has flagged it. The entry for each journal lists all of the violations that have been identified, such as false qualifications, fake editors, misleading metrics, or false fee information.

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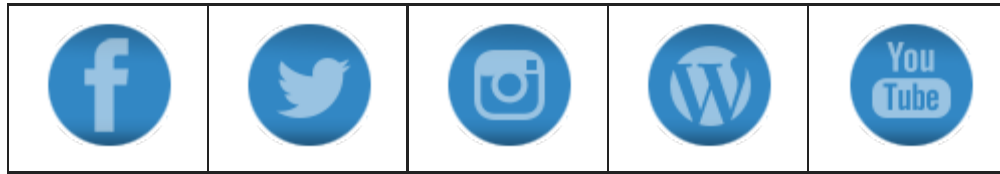
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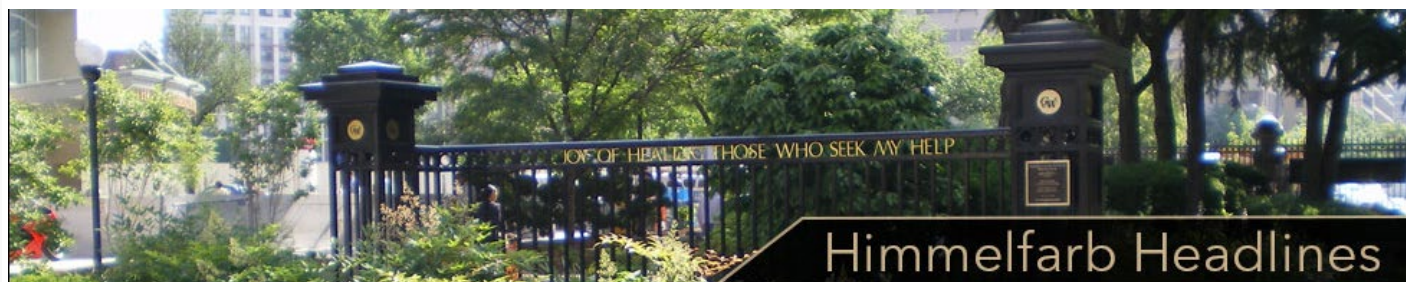
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#### Where are you from and what brought you to Himmelfarb Library?

I grew up in Lanham, Maryland, graduating from DuVal High School then going on to the University of Maryland Baltimore County graduating in 1994. I came to GW in 1989 by way of a high school classmate who was working in the library at the time and she told me about the Accounting assistant position. I applied and the rest is history.

#### Tell us about your current position and what you do?

Currently I am the Account Analyst for the Himmelfarb Library and the Office of Curricular Affairs and Educational Services. I am responsible for budget preparation and management, procurement, accounts payable, endowments and gift funds. I maintain payroll, leave records and I am the department timekeeper. I also help out with Facilities and other administrative duties.

#### What's the best part of working at Himmelfarb?

The friendly atmosphere and the long-term relationships I have developed since working here.

#### What about your job do you enjoy most?

I enjoy the numbers, I know that may sound funny but I love numbers. Though it can be stressful I like having to stay within the constraints of a budget and having to make it work. I like if there is an error, for example, say I am a penny off

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and having to track that error. I just like the exactness of it all.

**What’s been the biggest challenge?**

Keeping up with University changes and working independently most of the day.

**Whom do you admire?**

My parents whom were married for 41 years before my father passed away. Despite my dad having only an eighth-grade education he accomplished so much in his lifetime, how smart he was and the vastness of his vocabulary because he was a proofer with GPO, still amazes me until this day. And my mom, wow what can I say the example of a woman she has represented for me until this day is unmatched.

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

I like being with family, going to concerts and traveling. Most of all I aspire to inspire young people by giving back to my community through coaching basketball. I have been coaching girls high school basketball since 2000 and with the same coach, we have been a tandem for over 20 years. We began our journey at The Academy of the Holy Cross, moving on to Potomac High School and currently at Gwynn Park High School. We have amassed over 300 wins while impacting over 100 young ladies’ lives. Most of the young ladies I encounter are African-American so I strive to be a positive role model for them to learn from and envision they can be whatever it is they want to be in life and to show them commitment and love in action. Helping them understand that basketball can be used as a vehicle to higher education and other opportunities if they put the work in, listen and grow. Basketball opened doors for me and helped with my introverted personality. My daily goal in coaching is to help them understand basketball is a great analogy for life. Understanding that communication and teamwork are two very important skills that if learned through basketball will greatly benefit them in most relationships they will encounter in life.

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