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This section of the newsletter is dedicated to a bit of Himmelfarb trivial pursuit.

What year was the first Himmelfarb Art Show held?

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- 1987
- 1990

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**Dietz, W.H.** (2016). Are we making progress in the prevention and control of childhood obesity? It all depends on how you look at it. *Obesity,* 24(5), 991-992. [http://hsrc.himmelfarb.gwu.edu/sphhs_global_facpubs/159/](http://hsrc.himmelfarb.gwu.edu/sphhs_global_facpubs/159/) This article has been picked up by 65 news outlets and tweeted about 13 times.


GW Research Days 2016 - Present

As the preceding articles demonstrate, the reach and impact of scholarship from the GW health sciences communities has clearly been growing. To gain an overview of this growth, take a look at the poster, Tracking 50 Plus Years of Growth in Scholarly Output in the School of Medicine and Health Sciences, the Milken Institute School of Public Health and the School of Nursing in the Health Sciences Research Commons. Using statistics and metrics derived from bibliographic databases, Himmelfarb librarians tracked the growth in scholarly output from 1960 to the present. Metrics include number of publications, influential papers as measured by citation analysis, key author affiliations, and global reach. It is an impressive record of growth and outreach.
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The following is a brief summary of findings:

- The majority of journals rated most vital to the collection were nursing journals. The Journal of Public Health was also among the most highly rated journals.
- 97% of respondents access the journal collection at least on a monthly basis, while 30% of respondents access the journal collection on a daily basis.
- 68% of users stated that links from databases (MEDLINE, CINAHL, etc.) and Health Information @ Himmelfarb to journal full-text content usually was successful, 23% said links sometimes delivered them to the full-text, 8% stated these links always delivered them to the full-text, while only 1% of respondents stated that these links rarely delivered them to the full-text journal article.
- 51% of respondents stated that they read journals and/or e-books on a mobile device; 76% of them downloaded PDFs to read later.
- 80% said they were either satisfied or very satisfied with their experience with journal collections at Himmelfarb; 15% were neutral and only 5% were either dissatisfied or very dissatisfied.
Respondents requested numerous titles be considered for addition to the collection. These titles require further analysis to determine whether or not they are currently part of the Library's holdings or meet selection criteria. This criteria includes past journal usage, price, cost per use, impact factor, and faculty publications or editors, and whether or not our existing journal holdings adequately meet the needs of our faculty members, based on the rankings they provided for each title in this survey.
Meet Ruth Bueter, Serials and Systems Librarian

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Where are you from and what brought you to GW?
I grew up in a small farm town in Michigan along the Michigan and Ohio border. I went to college for my Bachelors in Ohio where I studied a combination of Environmental Science and Parks and Recreation. After college, I moved around a lot and worked a lot of seasonal jobs doing historical interpretation and teaching environmental science. I spent time living in Arizona, Ohio, and California before moving to Virginia 9 years ago.

In my late 20s, I decided to switch gears a bit and see if I could find a job in a library since I’d always thought that would a great career. My first library job was at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia working with Circulation and Course Reserves. I decided I enjoyed it enough to pursue my Master’s in Library Science.

After I got my MLS, I accepted a job as Electronic Services Librarian at Germanna Community College in Fredericksburg. I spent 3 years there, before moving to downtown DC to be closer to my husband’s work. When I got to DC, I started looking for a new job, and actually started working at Himmelfarb last summer helping out at the Reference Desk on a part-time basis. I was thrilled when the Serials & Systems Librarian position opened up and I had the opportunity to come aboard full-time!

What is your favorite part of your job?
I love working with Excel, and there are many aspects of my job that let me work with Excel, so I love that I get to spend so much time in that program. I also really enjoy all of the analysis that I need to do with the journal collection. I love looking at usage statistics and impact factors and budgets and figuring out which journals are giving us the most bang for our buck. I also enjoy working with the great people here. Our staff is really great, and they are always happy to answer my questions, regardless of how silly they may be.

What has been the biggest challenge?
The biggest challenge has been just getting familiar with the collection in general. Figuring out which journals we get from which vendors. Figuring out which journals we buy individually, and which are part of larger packages. Also, figuring out which journals we buy on our own, and which we buy with other libraries (such as Gelman or Burns). There are a lot of details and things aren't always straightforward. I'm sure things will become clearer the longer I work with the collection, but there are some days when I feel like I'm solving a mystery. And that makes it sort of fun.

What led you to a career as a medical librarian?
I met Anne Linton at a résumé review event and asked her for suggestions about how to transfer from a community college library to a four year college library. She suggested looking at medical libraries due to my experience working with nursing students, which was not an option I had considered. When I moved to DC, I contacted Anne and ended up interviewing for a part-time reference librarian position at Himmelfarb. After six months working in this position, the Serials and Systems Librarian position became available and it seemed like something I would enjoy, so I applied and was able to stay at Himmelfarb full-time.

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

I love to read. I'm normally reading two books at any given time (normally one paper book, and listening to an audio book). I've been on a mission to catch up on some classic literature that I haven't read yet, so I've been slowly checking off my to-read list. I enjoy fiction of all sorts. Some of my favorite authors are Milan Kundera, Michael Cunningham, Nick Hornby, and Kurt Vonnegut. I also enjoy non-fiction, and read a lot about historical events, environmental issues, and food related books. I also love being outdoors. I like hiking, camping, and biking (in a casual way...nothing serious). I love to travel and see new places. I try to visit national parks whenever I get a chance. So far, I've been to about 75 National Park Service sites, and look forward to visiting more. I also really enjoy photography.
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Tell us a little bit about your current position or research/projects.
Currently, I am the Vice Chair for Educational Activities in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics. I spend much of my time managing the academic portfolio of the department, mentoring new faculty, and working on curriculum issues for the department. I also teach Principles and Practice of Epidemiology, Cancer Epidemiology, and Reproductive and Perinatal Epidemiology. I just finished a collaboration with Melissa Perry (EOH) looking at pesticide exposures and male sperm disomy. I am currently working on some projects with Department of Cardiology examining use of mobile applications and community health workers to improve blood pressure, diabetes, and cholesterol control.

How did you become interested in your field?
I was originally interested in going to medical school and was taking the usual pre-med classes in college. I needed some non-science electives so I chose a medical geography class. That class opened my eyes to the world of public health and epidemiology. I took as many research methods, population geography, and demography classes that I could since my undergraduate institution didn't have public health courses at the time. At that point I decided that I wanted to pursue an MPH. During the MPH program at GW, I became interested in environmental and occupational exposures in one of Dr. Katherine Hunting's classes, and my interest really took off from there.

What has been your biggest professional challenge?
My biggest professional challenge was making the transition from graduate student to faculty. As a graduate of GW's MPH and PhD programs, I was really fortunate that a faculty position was open when I completed my PhD. It was difficult transitioning from being a student in the department to being a faculty in the department. The faculty in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics who had previously been my professors (notably, Dr. Dan Hoffman, Dr. Dante Verme, Dr. Sam Simmens, and Dr. Richard Riegelman) were incredibly welcoming of me as a colleague and easing that transition.

What has been your most memorable moment at GW?
My most memorable moment at GW was last year when I was able to hood my first doctoral student. This student had previously been a student of mine in the MPH program, and she decided to pursue her doctoral degree at GW as well. She asked me to co-chair her doctoral dissertation committee. I was extremely proud of her growth throughout the program and really enjoyed the opportunity to welcome her as a colleague during that ceremony.
What library resources or services have you found to be the most useful?
As a faculty member, I really appreciate all of the workshops for students that the library holds each semester. I always promote these to the students.

Whom do you admire?
My academic mentor, Dr. Dante Verme. He is such a tremendous teacher and has such care for all of his students. I have learned so much from him throughout my tenure as a professor as he has shared so much of his teaching expertise and administrative wisdom.

How do you spend your free time? (or What do you do to relax?)
I love running, reading, and hiking with my family. I’m a chapter leader of a running group in my area called Moms Run This Town. It’s a free running group for women to encourage women to get out and enjoy running and each other’s company. I love running so much that I trained for and completed a 100K trail race during my sabbatical. Most weekends you can find me either watching or helping coach one of my sons' baseball or basketball games, running a race, or curled up with a good book.

What advice would you give to a new faculty member just starting at GW?
I would tell new faculty to get to know as many faculty from other departments as possible, not just within the School, but throughout the University. I have been privileged throughout my time at GW to get to know some brilliant researchers and educators not only in the School of Public Health, but also in the School of Medicine and Health Sciences, and Columbian College. You never know what collaborations you might come up with by reaching out to colleagues in other parts of the University.
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Access CINAHL Plus with Full-Text to explore PlumX Metrics and consider how they might be useful to you, or explore additional examples of PlumX Metrics in action for GW researchers:


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The tradition of celebrating the arts began several years ago when Himmelfarb Library launched its first Art Show promoting artistic works of students, faculty and staff. It is now a time-honored tradition and through the years the Art Show has grown and each year we receive more submissions from our patrons. Preserving and sharing the annual talents of our artists was important to us, and in 2008 Himmelfarb Library created a virtual art show hosted on our Health Sciences Research Commons. Checkout this year's Virtual Art Display: 2016 Art Show Submission.

This year we have introduced two new initiatives.

| Outreach to Distance Education Students: As an outreach to our distance education (DE) students and faculty, this year we began accepting virtual art work submissions. Our goal is to have all our patrons embrace their creative side and celebrate their talents. |
| Meet the Artist: Each artist will have the opportunity to be interviewed about their artwork and creative process. The videos will be featured on the Himmelfarb Library YouTube channel. |

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What's New At Himmelfarb

Our charging lockers have moved from behind the Circulation Desk to the photocopy area on the first floor, across from the photocopier. You can secure and charge your iPad, laptop, phone, etc. in a locker while using the library or attending a class.

Ruth Bueter joined the staff as Serials and Systems Librarian in March. You can learn more about Ruth by reading her staff profile featured in the newsletter this month.

The Health Sciences Research Commons reached the 200,000 document download milestone on Wednesday, April 20th! This robust usage demonstrates how the HSRC makes the research activities of faculty, staff and students visible and accessible on the world wide web. The HSRC is an online repository for gathering, archiving, and disseminating the research output of the Milken Institute School of Public Health, the School of Medicine and Health Sciences, the School of Nursing, and the Himmelfarb Health Sciences Library.

Elaine Sullo and Alex Gomes published, "A Profession without Limits: the Changing Role of Medical Librarians" in the April issue of the peer review journal, Medical Reference Services Quarterly (DOI 10.1080/02763869.2016.1152141).

The library hosted Praba Naidoo, the Medical Library Association's Cunningham Fellow, May 5-6th and 9th. The Cunningham Memorial International Fellowship is awarded annually to assist the education and training of librarians outside the United States and Canada. Praba is Principal Librarian, College of Health Sciences, Edgewood/Medical School, University of Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa.