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### A Busy Year

Himmelfarb Library's [annual report](#) has just been released. Take a look to learn more about our instructional efforts, the high use of our collections, the growth of Health Sciences Research Commons, and our professional activities.



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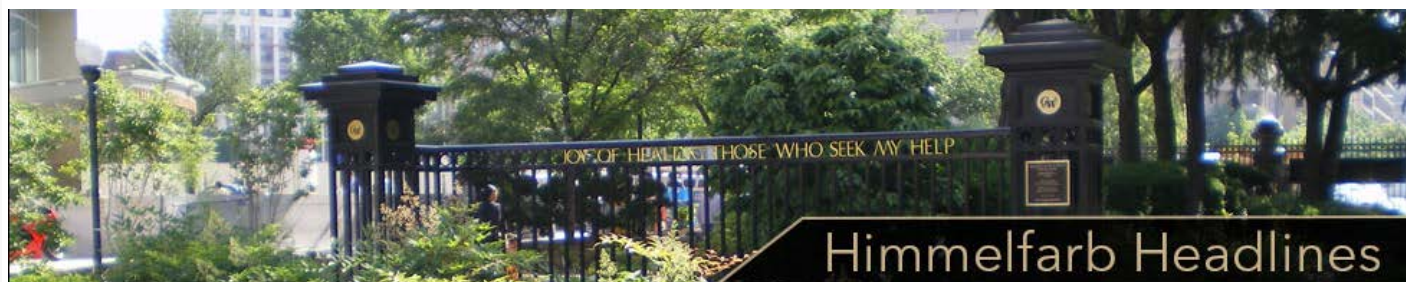


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#### *Bi-annual Student Survey*

During late fall 2016, students in the School of Medicine and Health Sciences, School of Nursing, and the Milken Institute School of Public Health were surveyed regarding services and information resources at the Himmelfarb Health Sciences Library. While analysis is still ongoing, preliminary results are in. Students clearly value the Library's electronic collections, search tools, and study space. Search tools, such as MEDLINE/PubMed and Health Information @ Himmelfarb, were ranked as the most valuable library resource and electronic access to journals was the second most valuable service.

Preferred search tools varied across schools. The top 4 choices in medicine were PubMed/MEDLINE, DynamedPlus, ClinicalKey, and Health Information @ Himmelfarb. The top choices in nursing were PubMed/MEDLINE, CINAHL, Health Information @ Himmelfarb, and ClinicalKey for Nursing, and the top choices in public health were PubMed/MEDLINE, Health Information @ Himmelfarb, RefWorks, and Scopus. Overall click through to the full-text of journals is reported to be almost always or usually available. Students ranked all aspects of interlibrary loan/document delivery services highly,

and most students are either very satisfied or satisfied with their interactions with library staff when they need assistance.

While most feedback was positive, there is room for improvement. Students want more e-content, particularly e-books and texts. They also requested more study rooms and quiet spaces. In the coming months, the staff and librarians at Himmelfarb will be examining the survey results more closely and making changes in content and services as appropriate.

We are also looking at our marketing tools to ensure that we are reaching the greatest number of students about all of the tools and resources available to support their education. For instance, several students requested subject specific guides in areas where we already have a research guide online. Your suggestions on how to promote resources to students are welcome. I always look forward to hearing from our readers at [alinton@gwu.edu](mailto:alinton@gwu.edu) .

Best wishes for 2017!

### *Welcome to April Mann*

April recently joined Himmelfarb as the Library/Metadata Specialist. In this capacity, she will be cataloging the library's print and electronic resources, and providing support for the Health Sciences Research Commons digital repository, a database of scholarship from the GW health sciences communities. You can reach April at [mapril@gwu.edu](mailto:mapril@gwu.edu).

### *Mark Your Calendar*

The Himmelfarb Health Sciences Library will be presenting the series, *Updates in Scholarly Communications: Publishing, Impact, and Visibility*, during the spring 2017 semester. The series is designed to answer the questions: What are the steps involved in getting published? Can you identify a predatory publisher? How can you boost your researcher profile and expand the reach of your scholarly works? How can you ensure that you're complying with federal funder requirements? Please mark your calendar for the following dates. Information on panelists to follow.

Compliance with NIH Public Access Policies Wednesday,  
March 22, 12:00 PM

Predatory Publishing—How to Recognize and Avoid  
Wednesday, March 29, 12:00 PM

Writing a Successful Scientific Article Abstract Wednesday,  
April 12, 4:30 PM

Promoting Your Research—Tips and Strategies Wednesday,  
April 19, 12:00 PM

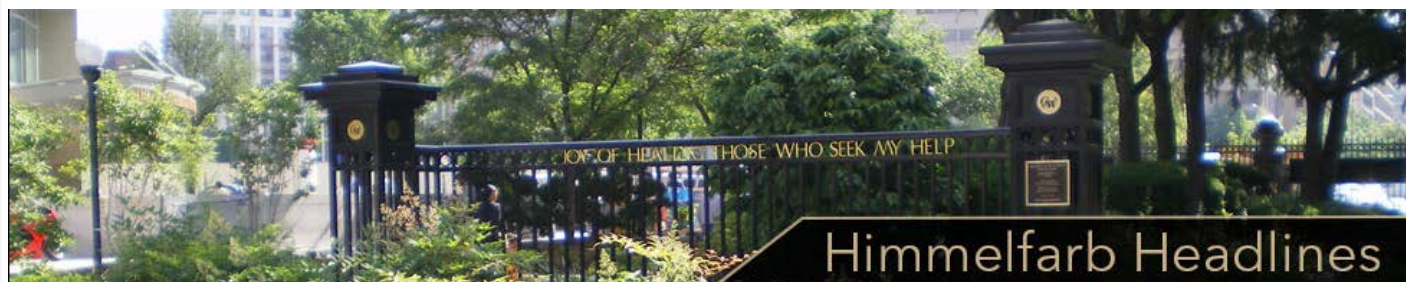
Experiences with Open Access Publishing Wednesday, April  
26, 12:00 PM

Establishing Your Scholarly Web Presence Wednesday, May 3,  
12:00 PM

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### Himmelfarb to Hold First Scholarly Communications Lecture and Panel Series

» Do you want to get published, but aren't sure where to start?

» Not sure how to measure your impact or visibility?

» Are you curious about predatory publishers and want to learn how to avoid them?

» Have you received NIH funding but aren't sure how to comply with Open Access policies?



Join us for *Updates in Scholarly Communications: Publishing, Impact, and Visibility*, lecture and panel series and learn more about a wide range of topics related to publishing and scholarly communications.

#### **NIH Compliance:**

**Date:** March 22, 2017

**Time:** 12:00 pm

**Location:** Ross 227

Have you received NIH funding for your research, but aren't sure how to comply with NIH Public Access Policy? Dr. Bart Trawick of the NIH will present a session on managing compliance with the NIH Public Access Policy. This session is essential viewing for principal investigators and researchers receiving federal grants.

## **Predatory Publishing - What You Don't Know Can Hurt You:**

**Date:** March 29, 2017

**Time:** 12:00 pm

**Location:** Ross Lobby C

Do you know how to recognize a predatory publisher? Panelists will discuss the tactics predatory publishers use to target faculty and students looking to get published, and what you can do if you are solicited by a questionable publisher.

## **Writing a Successful Scientific Article Abstract:**

**Date:** April 12, 2017

**Time:** 4:30 pm

**Location:** Ross Lobby C

A well-organized abstract is key to getting your paper accepted for publication. Panel participants will share strategies and tips for writing an abstract that will increase your chances of getting accepted to a top-quality journal or conference.

## **Promoting Your Research: Tips and Strategies:**

**Date:** April 19, 2017

**Time:** 12:00 pm

**Location:** Ross Lobby C

Attend this session to learn more about creating a professional web presence and promoting your scholarly research. Topics will include bibliometrics (h-index, citation analysis, etc.), Altmetrics, and ways to increase the visibility of your research including open-access repositories, developing an online identity, and tools like Mendeley, Research Gate, and SlideShare.

## **Experiences with Open Access Publishing:**

**Date:** April 26, 2017

**Time:** 12:00 pm

**Location:** Ross Hall 227

This session will cover the basics of open access publishing as authors discuss why they chose open access, who paid the fees, the peer review process, and the overall experience vis-a-vis traditional publishing.

## **Establishing Your Scholarly Web Presence:**

**Date:** May 3, 2017

**Time:** 12:00 pm

**Location:** Himmelfarb B103

This program will be a hands-on session focused on learning about and signing up for various scholarly web tools including ResearchGate, Academia.edu, and Impact Story. There will be a short discussion of some of these tools, their characteristics, pros, cons, etc. Attendees will have the opportunity to sign up for and experiment with these tools.

Regardless of what your scholarly communications interests

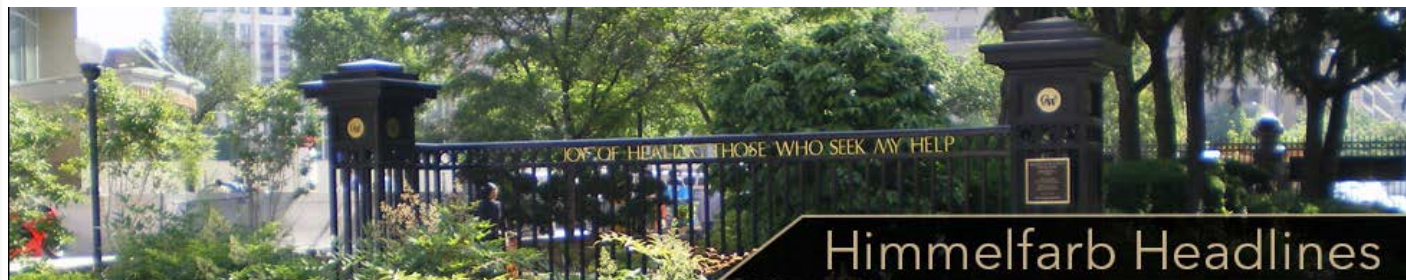


and experience may be, the *Updates in Scholarly Communication* series is bound to have a session for you! Be on the watch for more information about this exciting new event on the website, our blog, and on social media.

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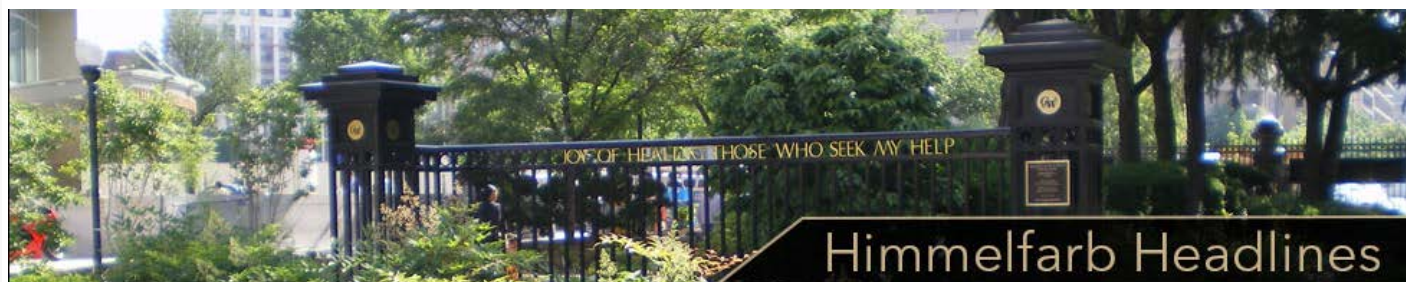
Please mark these dates in your calendar:

**Submissions:** March 13 - March 31

**Opening reception:** Thursday, April 6

**Art Show:** Thursday, April 6 - Friday, May 5





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I've never used Documents2Go:

« New users will login with their NetID and password to create their account, and that information will be automatically fed into the appropriate fields in the account creation process.

I've used Documents2Go in the past:

« Prior users who already use their NetID for a login will now use the password associated with their NetID for the password on the Documents2Go system.

« Prior users who used a different login should now login with their NetID and password. Fill in your personal information to create a new account, and then library staff will manually connect your old account to this new account.

I don't have a NetID:

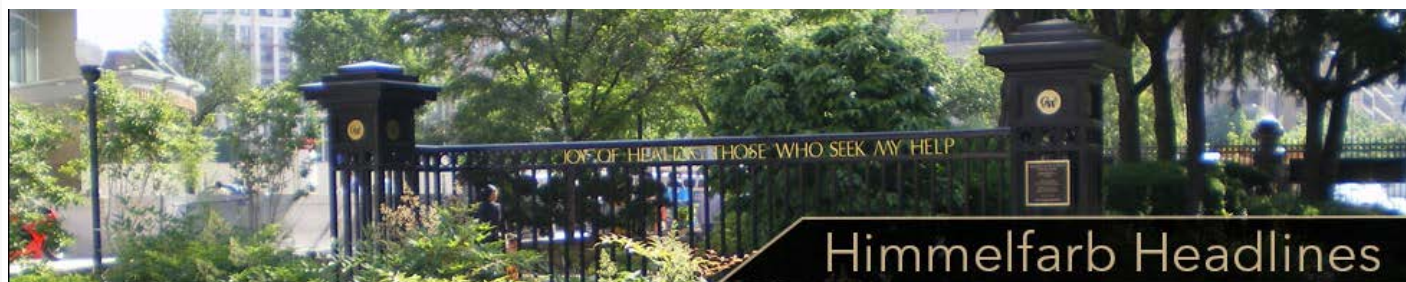
« Most GW-affiliated people are eligible for a NetID. If you

are eligible for a [NetID](#) please go ahead and [create/claim](#) your NetID. Once created/claimed, you can use it to login to Documents2Go.

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### **Predatory Publishing: Know How to Identify the Red Flags**

Have you ever been approached to submit an article to a journal unfamiliar to you?



While it may be flattering to hear that a journal is interested in publishing your work, don't be fooled by flattery. The rise of open access publishing through legitimate publishing venues has opened the door for predatory publishers to take advantage of and profit from researchers seeking to publish the results of their research.

Predatory publishers exist for the sole purpose of collecting exorbitant author fees. The primary goal is not one of publishing scientific research; publication of such research is merely a byproduct of their business.

With the rise of predatory publishing, how can you ensure that you are publishing in a legitimate, respected, high-quality journal? Taking time to research a journal can save you from unknowingly publishing in a predatory journal, and thus help you maintain your professional reputation. Keep an eye out for the following key red flags:

- » Pay careful attention to journal titles. Many predatory publishers mimic journal titles of well-respected journals or publishers or include misleading geographic information.
- » Critically assess the journal/publisher website: Is it

professional in appearance? Are there typos or advertisements? Do they provide adequate information in the “About” section?

» Does the journal or publisher provide full contact information including a physical address, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses? Be wary of sites that only provide a web contact form.

» **Tip: Do a Google search for the address and look at the street view of the address. Does it look like a location from which a reputable publisher would operate?**

» Take a critical look at available published articles. Do they seem appropriate and based on sound science? Are there numerous articles written by a single author?

» Who serves on the editorial board? Are they respected experts in the field with appropriate credentials?

» Can you verify their claimed impact factor on [Incites Journal Citations Reports](#)?

» What is the journal's peer-review process? Be wary of promises of quick publication.

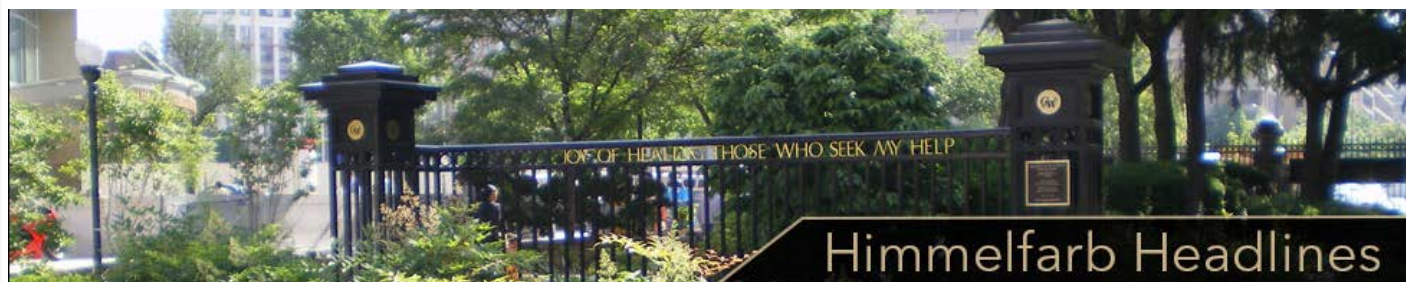
» Are policies regarding author fees easily located on website? Do the author fees seem comparable to other reputable open access journals?

Until recently, Jeffrey Beall's [Scholarly Open Access blog](#) provided a list of open access publishers with questionable publishing practices that Beall called “potential, possible, or probable predatory publishers.” Jeffrey Beall, a librarian at the University of Colorado Denver, operated and maintained this blog. On Sunday, January 15, 2017, Beall's List, which had been controversial at times, was effectively shut down and all content had been removed from public view. A short message explaining that “this service is no longer available” is the only content that remains on the site. It is not yet known why the site has been taken down. For more information, please refer to [Retraction Watch](#) or [Inside Higher Ed](#) articles on this matter.

Taking time to really evaluate a journal or publisher can save you from falling prey to predatory publishers. For more tips on how to identify predatory publishers, take a look at Himmelfarb's [Scholarly Publishing Research Guide](#) . If you would like help determining whether or not a journal is a predatory publisher, contact [Ruth Bueter](#) , Serials and Systems Librarian.

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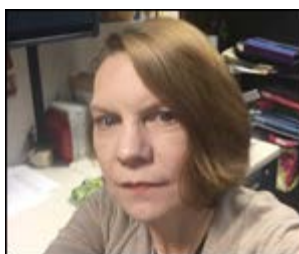
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### Staff Spotlight - Introducing JoLinda Thompson, Systems Librarian

#### How did you become a medical librarian and how long have you been working at Himmelfarb?

I started working in medical libraries in 1985 when I interned at the library at Lehigh Valley Hospital Center in Allentown, PA. The fax machine was the latest technological breakthrough and I spent time typing catalog cards and verifying citations in print Index Medicus. Boy have things changed! I liked how medical librarianship tied into my Biology minor and I enjoyed literature searching in the days when you had to know command languages to interact with the systems. It was like solving a puzzle.



Since then I've worked in a pharmaceutical company library and as a reference librarian at Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk prior to being hired at Himmelfarb in 1995. Not counting a brief break in service, I've been at Himmelfarb for over 20 years.

#### How has your job changed over the years?

I started life here as Head of Access Services which put me in charge of circulation and document delivery. About a year into my job I became interested in the administrative end of the new integrated library system/online catalog that had just been purchased and was mentored by the systems librarian at the time to become his backup. When he was promoted I moved

into his old job. The systems I support have changed completely since then, requiring a lot of flexibility and adaptation.

### **What's been your biggest challenge?**

Keeping up with all of the constant change. But that's also what's kept the job interesting and engaging. I'm always learning new things. Four years ago we migrated to a new library system which was a mammoth project involving most of the staff in library operations. We split the responsibilities across teams and worked intensely for a four month period to set up the new system and move over all of our data. We all had to figure out how to do much of our day to day work a new way. The staff in library operations did a tremendous job working collaboratively to complete the project on time with minimal disruption in service to library users.

Similarly, I've worked closely with staff in information services to customize our Health Information @ Himmelfarb searching service for a health sciences environment. We've done a lot of assessment to learn how our users search and to deliver a tool that meets their needs.

### **What's the best thing about working at Himmelfarb?**

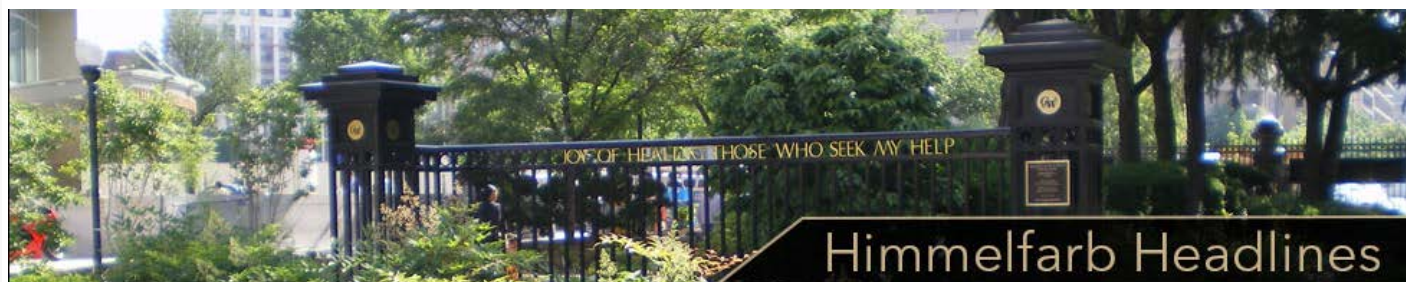
Definitely my co-workers. Himmelfarb has a dedicated crew who care very much about the library and the services they deliver. Everyone is kind and supportive and fun to work with. I consider myself extremely lucky to work here.

### **What do you do outside of work time?**

My husband and I just celebrated our 26th anniversary this month and we have a daughter who is about to start college next fall. I've been involved in her activities, many music related. We enjoy traveling and watching Pittsburgh sports (Steelers, Pens) together. I'm also a big fan of the Arsenal, an English Premier League soccer team.

I enjoy reading literary fiction and have recently discovered Audible which allows me to multi-task. I like to write and a couple of years ago I authored a professional book on library discovery systems which was rewarding but incredibly hard work. I don't know that I'd be willing to take a project like that on by myself again!





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### Faculty Profile - Interview with Kim Robien, Associate Professor, Milken Institute School of Public Health

#### Tell us a little bit about your current position or research/projects.

I am an Associate Professor in the Department of Exercise and Nutrition Sciences in the Milken Institute School of Public Health. I also direct the Public Health Nutrition MPH program.



I'm an active member of the GW Food Institute and the GW Cancer Center. My research focuses on diet and obesity and chronic disease prevention, especially cancer. I'm also interested in environmental nutrition and sustainable food systems, and the extent to which exposure to food-borne chemicals may contribute to risk of obesity and chronic diseases. I am an investigator with the [Iowa Women's Health Study](#), a prospective longitudinal cohort study of 40,000 Iowa women who were post-menopausal at the initiation of the study in 1986. The primary aims of the study are to investigate the association of dietary and other lifestyle factors with risk for cancer and other chronic diseases. I also just received a pilot grant from the Redstone Global Center for Prevention and Wellness to conduct an intervention study where, in addition to implementing a well established weight loss intervention, we will be teaching college-aged women how to decrease their exposure to endocrine disrupting chemicals, especially phthalates. Phthalates, a class of endocrine disrupting industrial chemicals commonly found in personal care products and food packaging, are widely detected in the general US population.

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Our study will evaluate whether it is possible to decrease phthalate exposures by changing our diet and the personal care products (e.g. such as perfumes, deodorants, soaps, shampoos, and other hair products).

### **How did you become interested in your field?**

After practicing as a clinical dietitian for more than 10 years, I realized that I wanted to work in nutrition at a broader level – preventing disease rather than treating it, and contributing research findings to support evidence-based practice. I decided to pursue a doctoral degree in Nutritional Sciences at the University of Washington, Seattle - a school where the nutrition program is housed in the School of Public Health. My coursework and research projects at the UW allowed me to explore the field of public health from many perspectives – nutrition, epidemiology, environmental health, and health services. Over the years in my doctoral program, and now more than 10 years since completing my doctoral degree, I have become increasingly devoted to the field of public health nutrition.

### **What has been your biggest professional challenge?**

There isn't enough time in the day to do all the projects I would like to do!

### **What has been your most memorable moment at GW?**

I've only been at GW for four years, yet I've had so many "only at GW moments"! I've had the chance to meet many important politicians and celebrities in the field of food and nutrition at various GW events. But, perhaps the thing I like most about GW is being here in the nation's capital in the middle of the "action" - where public health policy is happening!

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

The librarians! I have been really amazed how the librarians seem to go above and beyond the call of duty to come and guest lecture in our classes, set up web pages with information resources on our course topics, and their willingness to meet one-on-one with our students as they work on their culminating experience projects.

### **Whom do you admire?**

Michelle Obama. She is always so cool, calm and collected, intelligent, patient and well spoken. She's also done so much for the field of public health nutrition during her time as first lady.

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

I love traveling, cooking, and photography.

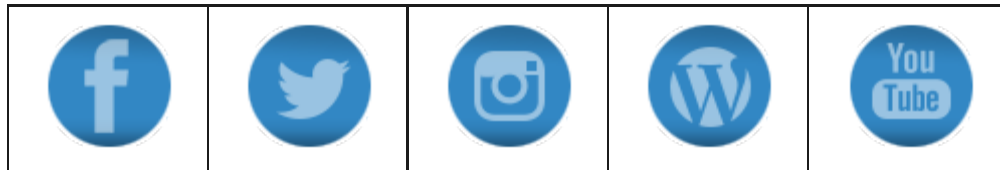
### **What advice would you give to a new faculty member**

### **just starting at GW?**

Take advantage of all that DC has to offer - make it your classroom! And get to know faculty from outside of your own division and school. You never know when opportunities for professional collaborations will develop!

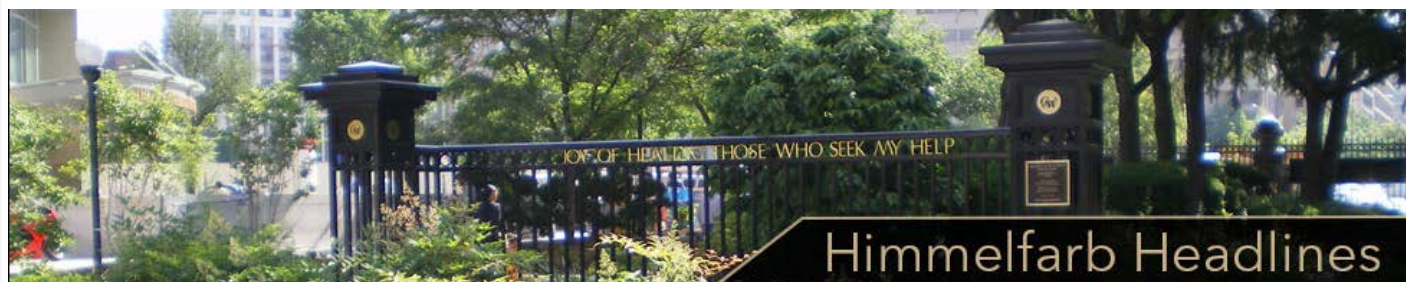
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### **Student Spotlight - Meet Artin Galoosian, a fourth year medical student**

#### **Tell us a little bit about yourself, your hometown and why you decided to pursue medicine.**

I grew up in a suburb of Los Angeles. My parents were Armenian immigrants and, like many immigrants, wanted their children to realize the American dream. My older sister and I sought that dream through education. For my sister, it was law school. For me, it was medicine. Without a doubt, it was my mom's diagnosis with rheumatoid arthritis when I was only six years old that set me on a path toward medical school. When all standard and experimental medical treatments failed my mom - and even gave her additional malignancy - I was angry. I didn't understand why the doctors couldn't relieve her of her pain. Ultimately, however, I came to realize that the doctors didn't fail her. That although the treatments failed to modify the disease, the doctors never stopped fighting. They knew medicine was her only hope, and they took that responsibility very seriously. I also realize that the compassion they showed her was itself part of her treatment. I was happy that as a kid I was also able to give her that compassion, but as an adult I wanted to be able to fight for the health of others the way my mom's doctors fought for her. Even when it might seem hopeless. It is incredibly humbling that in mere months I will be a resident physician.



#### **What brought you to GW?**

As a first-generation college student, the path toward medicine often felt more like a dream than a possible trajectory. I was fortunate to have many teachers and peers who helped me get to where I am today. When I interviewed at GW, more than any other program I visited, I felt that the program faculty offered the kind of support and hands-on guidance that is so important to the success of future doctors like me; the ones who can't rely on guidance and experience from their families to help them succeed. I am also strongly committed to serving the kind of patient population seen at GW - a safety-net academic hospital in an urban setting, where you see a wide breadth of pathology and a microcosm of global diversity.

**Are there any research, special projects or medical trips you have participated in while at GW?**

Yes. GW offers such an incredible variety of opportunities for students. I chose to participate in the Medical Education and Leadership Track program and I have had a wonderful experience in that program. I have worked on medical education projects with many of the faculty not only here at GW, but also at Children's National Medical Center. The faculty at GW, including the librarians (thank you Gisela!), have been very supportive with my research endeavors. Because of my involvement and interest in the Medical Education and Leadership Track, I was fortunate to serve as the curriculum representative for three of my four years of medical school. This interest lent itself to being involved with the LCME accreditation process as part of the Medical Education Subcommittee. In addition to my track program involvement, I also started up a program in Yerevan, Armenia that could help promote health and chronicle practical remedies of common health issues with an added focus on HIV transmission. I developed a manual in Eastern Armenian that was distributed to various rural villages. I also helped create a program aimed at teaching community leaders about safer sex practices and proper hygiene sanitation in attempt to reduce preventable and communicable disease. I also had the opportunity to spend a summer in Boston as a fellow in the Harvard Medical School Neonatology Fellowship program. I was able to work with world-renowned epigeneticist Dr. Yang Shi, who discovered the histone demethylase, LSD-1. My research focused on the interaction of LSD-1 with MRE-11, which is another protein that, together, function to regulate telomeres and DNA damage repair.

**As you reflect on your years at GW, can you share a favorite Himmelfarb Library memory or experience?**

I would say my favorite Himmelfarb Library memory would be studying with all of my friends. Nerdy as it is, nothing makes studying late at night better than studying with all of your closest friends (and eating overly-priced SweetGreen and



Whole Foods pastries). Also, seeing your attendings and residents at the library studying is also really cool.

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

Medical school can be very challenging; it is an arduous journey. However, at GW I was really surprised and lucky to have had such dedicated attendings that really cared deeply about teaching the medical students, training us and challenging us to become the best clinicians we can be. Particularly after doing away-rotations at other institutions, I have really come to appreciate the clinical faculty at GW.

**What are your future plans after GW?**

Internal Medicine! But maybe travel a bit before starting residency.

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

Cooking; I can pretty much whip together anything I can find in the kitchen. - I am fascinated by linguistics and languages; Armenian is my first language (google it, it's beautiful). - Coffee shops.