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Unfortunately, there have also been negative budgetary impacts on the University as a whole that have resulted in major cuts to the Himmelfarb Library’s databases and serials collection. These cancellations were hard to make and Himmelfarb staff carefully weighed a number of factors in making these decisions: cost-per-use, rate of cost increase, subject area, faculty publications, and availability within campus-wide database packages (EBSCOhost, Proquest & Project Muse). Please refer to our Himmelfarb Collection Update blog post for a full list of affected databases and journal titles.
While we hope the changes to the collection will be temporary, Himmelfarb staff remain available to assist users in identifying open access copies of materials, in requesting materials via the Documents2Go interlibrary loan service, and in updating durable links or integrating e-reserves.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at alinton@gwu.edu. In spite of these difficult times, I would like to close by saying that Himmelfarb Library and its staff are all here for you.
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APA
The APA published the 7th edition of their citation and formatting guidelines in late 2019, with a plan to fully transition in 2020. As of today, most 6th edition resources are still available, just archived.

You can find physical copies of the 7th edition of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association in our book stacks and first floor reference collection. You can also find format guides and examples for most common materials on our APA Research Guide. The APA Research Guide also includes links to useful resources like the Purdue Online Writing Lab’s (OWL) APA Guide and a host of official APA sites with useful updates and information.

Prefer a video tutorial to reading the manual or Research Guide? Every semester a Himmelfarb staff member hosts our “Demystifying APA Citation Style” workshop via WebEx. You can find the sign up on our Library Events page. If you are unable to attend the session, we publish a recording on our Library Tutorials page.

AMA
The American Medical Association published the 11th edition of their citation and formatting guidelines in early 2020.
Himmelfarb provides online access to the AMA Manual of Style 11th edition, as well as a physical copy located in the first floor reference collection. If you’re looking for quick information on citing a particular type of resource, our AMA Research Guide has you covered. The Research Guide also includes links to other useful resources, like the AMA Style Insider, the official blog of the AMA Manual of Style.

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If you have any questions about APA or AMA citation, you can always contact Himmelfarb reference staff via our Ask Us chat or at himmelfarb@gwu.edu.
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Himmelfarb is now offering a Researcher Profile Audit Service. Keeping up with your researcher profile can be difficult, especially if you’ve ever changed your name, published under variations of your name, or even just moved from one university or institution to another. Things can get even more complicated if you have a name that causes your work to be confused with the works of other authors with the same or similar names. Faculty members from GW’s School of Medicine and Health Sciences, the Milken Institute School of Public Health, and the School of Nursing are all eligible to use Himmelfarb’s new researcher profile audit service. While this service is still in its pilot phase, we invite you to use the service to learn how to differentiate yourself from other researchers, demonstrate your impact for professional advancement, and help you build a professional network.

Submit a Consultation Request to take advantage of this new service!

If you are an early career researcher who would like to learn more about the research and publishing process, check out our Early Career Researcher guide! With information about
finding and utilizing funding, finding collaborators, best places to get started, writing a research proposal, and available literature resources, this guide provides new researchers with tools to start the research journey smoothly. Information about publishing your research, data management, promoting your research and promotion and tenure are also available. This guide has all of the resources you’ll need to support your research from start to finish.

Interested in learning more about pre-prints, systematic reviews, predatory publishing, or writing case reports? We have guides for those too! For general information about scholarly publishing, take a look at our scholarly publishing guide.

Himmelfarb’s Scholarly Communications Committee also hosted a webinar series last Spring entitled Get Yourself Published, Promote Your Research. The committee is currently working to create an additional series of 12 micro-lectures (3-5 minute videos) on a variety of scholarly publishing related topics ranging from institutional repositories, what editors look for when accepting manuscripts, the pro’s and con’s of pre-print services, to NIH compliance and more! These new micro-lectures are scheduled for release in early March and mid-April. If you have suggestions or ideas for future microlecture videos, we’d love to hear them! Please contact Sara Hoover (shoover@gwu.edu) with your ideas!

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Our newest offering is the BodyViz workstation, located on the third floor of the library in the Bloedorn Technology Center. BodyViz is an interactive software suite that allows you to visualize anatomical structures in 3D, using a touchscreen or game controller to manipulate the object on-screen. Filters are available to let you highlight or isolate different types of tissue, areas of interest, or expose internal structures. The BodyViz system comes pre-loaded with a large library of anatomical structures of interest. For more information or to schedule a one-on-one session with a staff member to learn more about BodyViz, contact Steve Bryant at seeker04@gwu.edu.

Himmelfarb continues to offer on-demand 3D printing through our Zortrax M200 3D printer. The printer can handle 3D objects in common STL and OBJ formats, and uses either ABS or PLA filament. Our users have created a wide range of objects using the 3D printer, from molecular models and anatomical structures to prototypes of medical devices. Our printing service uses a low-cost model based on the amount of filament used ($0.10/gram, $1 minimum.) Browse any of the online libraries of 3D-printable objects to start the process. To submit a print job or initiate a request for consultation about a
proposed print job, just fill out the 3D Print Job web form.

Himmelfarb also offers a range of software to meet your quantitative and qualitative research needs. Several widely used statistical software packages are available for on-site use in Himmelfarb Library, including SPSS, SAS, Stata, and our latest addition, MATLAB. For qualitative data analysis, we offer both ATLAS.ti and NVivo. You can find information on how to access these programs and other resources on our Bloedorn Technology Center guide to statistical software, or you can learn more about how to get started using them via our Software Tutorials page.

And if on-site access is an issue, that's no problem! You can access several of these programs from your own computer via the GW Virtual Computer Lab. Himmelfarb also has a limited number of laptops available for short-term loan, pre-installed with SPSS, SAS, and NVivo, as well as the Graphpad Prism graphing and statistical analysis software. For more information or to reserve a laptop, contact Catherine Sluder at 202-994-9453 or crharris@gwu.edu.

We hope you get the opportunity to try out all the different technology resources available to you through Himmelfarb, and we would love to hear from you! If you have feedback for us on any of the resources mentioned here, or if you have a suggestion for other technologies Himmelfarb could offer to better support your work at GW, please send us an email at himmelfarb@gwu.edu.
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**Public Health Reserves**
Are you looking for course reserves, or supplemental material for your classes? Our Public Health Reserves Collection is part of the Special Collections Gallery in Health Information @ Himmelfarb. Many of our public health focused Research Guides now include a link to the collection. Titles are sorted alphabetically by default. Use the Search Inside the Collection.
feature at the top of the page to search for a specific title or topic within the list. Also new to Special Collections is a list of Himmelfarb Library’s Core Titles which includes public health resources.

**Systematic Review Lib Guide**
Working on a systematic review but don’t know where to start? Our new Systematic Review LibGuide has you covered! Learn about Covidence, our online tool that will assist in streamlining the process, and find valuable search strategies that will make your review a seamless, not tedious process.
Staff Spotlight - Introducing Kathleen (Kathy) Lyons, Circulation Desk Manager

Share your path to Himmelfarb Library
I’ve always enjoyed reading, so I guess working in a library was predestined for me. I’ve been working in libraries for over 20 years. My first library job was as the Reserves Coordinator at Georgetown University’s Lauinger Library. I also worked at the Circulation Desk and helped with interlibrary loan. Following that, I was the Computer Lab Coordinator at Dahlgren Library, Georgetown’s medical library.

Tell us about your position at Himmelfarb and what you do.
As the Circulation Desk Manager, my primary responsibility is to ensure the Circulation Desk is adequately staffed. I hire, schedule, and with the help of my colleagues, train our student employees. I also spend part of my day working at the Circulation Desk, where I take care of a variety of things. Everything from extending loans to helping users find items to responding to noise complaints. It’s all part of a typical day in the Circulation Department. I also process Course Reserves and help with our Consortium Loan Service and interlibrary loan requests.

What do you enjoy most about your position?
By far, the best part about my position is working with the people here at GW. My coworkers are the most supportive, fun, and service-oriented group of people I’ve ever worked with. The students are so dedicated and hard-working. I can
truly see great things ahead for them.  

**What’s been the biggest challenge?**
I know that I’m not alone in this, but the biggest challenge by far has been helping to ensure the library continues to function and is able to provide a high level of support to the GW community during the current health crisis. The library looks and feels a little different these days, but we are still here providing services and support to the GW community.

**What do you like to do in your time away from work?**
When I’m not working, I enjoy reading, biking, listening to music, and watching movies. I’ve also picked up my camera again and I’m hoping to get back into photography. Following the local sports scene is also high on my list of leisure activities.

**Where are you from originally, and what brought you to the DC area?**
I grew up in the Maryland suburbs, right outside of DC, and I consider myself a native Washingtonian. This area has so much to offer that I never felt the need to move away.
Tell us a little bit about yourself, your current position, and why you decided to pursue a career in your field.

Hi, my name is Karen McDonnell and I am the Vice-Chair in the Department of Prevention and Community Health at the Milken Institute School of Public Health. How did I decide to pursue a career in public health... in one word, serendipity. I actually fell into Public Health. I took a gap year after my undergrad (gap year sounds better than took a year off), much to my parent’s chagrin, and I took classes in community and public health at the university where I was working and WOW... I never knew you could do the things I liked to do as a career. This year was life changing and I applied to doctoral programs in public health and fell in love with everything the field had to offer. I grabbed every opportunity that came my way to be involved in the community and I found that I could not get enough. My family always taught me to make sure you choose a field that makes you want to get up in the morning. For me it's public health. I get to work with great people who cultivate that passion and you can be sure that every day is sure to bring a new adventure.

How did you become interested in your field?

Going into public health means never being bored! Just look at what is going on around us today. We are in the midst of multiple pandemics and the tools that I developed in my graduate training that I’m now teaching to the public health students, these are the skills that we desperately need today.
What brought you to GW?
Balance and wanting to make a difference. GW provides the best mixture of teaching, service, and research and values community service. GW's location provides the ability to see public health in action.

What has been your most memorable moment and biggest professional challenge?
I've had two very memorable moments and at the same time my biggest professional challenges just this past year. The first is working with the federal government to draft and pass the STOP FGM Act of 2020. FGM/C (Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting) is a human rights violation that over 200 million women and girls have experienced worldwide. Our project designed a virtual evidence based living toolkit (www.fgmtreekit.gwu.edu) to inform, educate, and support survivors of FGM/C, health care providers, and community members about FGM/C. We built this website in collaboration with survivors, health care providers, and FGM/C experts and their voices and perspectives can be seen and heard throughout the toolkit. Imagine our dismay when medical providers who were found to have performed FGM/C on young girls in Michigan were let go because of loopholes in the existing law. I worked with our partners in the House of Representatives Judiciary Committee and we designed a bipartisan, bicameral bill that was introduced by Representative Sheila Jackson Lee and was unanimously approved in the House and the Senate and was just signed into law on January 5th, 2020.

Could you share about your work with the Campus COVID Support Team? (if not already addressed above)
The Campus COVID Support Team is the second memorable moment and biggest professional challenge this year. When COVID was declared a pandemic and we were hearing a call from our partners at the local health department for assistance, no time was wasted in volunteering to help organize our GW volunteer task force to work with our local health departments. I led the efforts in a local health department and the lessons learned from these early days in the Spring and Summer of 2020 helped immensely in working with my fellow public health visionaries Amita Vyas, Amanda Castel, Cindy Lu, and Dean Lynn Goldman to set up the GW public health efforts to bring GW safely back to campus. The CCST has been a life changing experience and it is because of our teamwork and communication that we are able to create and implement a COVID response team that sustains the campus reentry. Our campus continues to have a less than 2% positivity rate and we are able to contact every person who tests positive within minutes of receiving their results and ensure their health and well-being concerns are addressed.

What library resources or services have you found to be the most useful?
In our virtual environment, the services that are offered by the library are invaluable. Having the best journals available online along with the support you provide the students and faculty to become informed consumers of information; support that is so necessary in our time of needing to be critical purveyors of all of the information that is readily available to all of us.

**Whom do you admire?**
I greatly admire my mom and dad. Every day they have shown me the power of education. My mom is the first in her family to graduate from high school and my dad worked multiple jobs to be the first in his family to graduate from college. My dad was a teacher for over 30 years and now my sister and I serve as teachers.

**How do you spend your free time? (or What do you do to relax?)**
This past year, with the support of amazing friends, I stepped outside my comfort zone and trained for and ran my first marathon. Safely training together outdoors has helped me in keeping centered during these stressful pandemic times.

**What advice would you give to a new faculty member just starting at GW?**
Reach out and get involved. GW is a place that needs your voice and your input. It’s a place where we are not stuck in the past and we are willing to hold the difficult conversations needed to create real equitable change. I could not have survived without the support I have gotten from so many people who are willing to help... make yourself vulnerable and reach out and ask for the support you want to receive.