Himmelfarb Headlines - November / December 2021

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Scopus: Research Plus Productivity

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Stay in touch,
Anne
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**Scholarly Communications: Spring 2022 Video series**
Keep an eye out for our video series coming to [Himmelfarb’s YouTube channel](#) soon. This new series will explore the stages of the research life cycle, teach you how to set up Google Scholar profiles, and provide an overview of NIH policies. Keep an eye out for the series to go live on our [Scholarly Communications video Library](#).

**New Additions to the Himmelfarb staff!**
We would like to offer a warm welcome to two of our new staff members: Maxwell Close and Leland Lanquist! Leland, or Ash is joining us as our Senior Library Assistant during our evening and weekend hours. Max is joining us as our Daytime Reference specialist and will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have in regards to research or finding materials around the library.

**Himmelfarb at a Glance**
Whether you are new to the library, or are returning onsite for your studies, check out our Himmelfarb [At A Glance](#) guide! Find out more about what Himmelfarb can offer you in regards to your research, including access to our collection & reserves, scholarly publishing tools, and more.
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Faculty Appointments

Throughout her Himmelfarb career, Anne has received faculty appointments from a number of SMHS departments, as well as from GW’s School of Nursing. Notably, she has taught courses on Translational Health Sciences, Informatics in Healthcare, and Using Media for Health Information. She has continuously served on the faculty of the School of Library and Information Science at Catholic University since 1986.

Anne has played a vital role in numerous regional and national library associations and medical societies. The Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Medical Library Association selected her as the recipient of its 2008 MAC Librarian of the Year Award. She was selected for participation in the Master Teacher and Leadership Development Program at the GW SMHS, and for membership in the Academy of Health Information Professionals at the rank of Distinguished.

Anne has made significant contributions to the scholarly literature of health sciences librarianship, including the 2016 Medical Reference Services Quarterly publication of her master’s thesis: Emerging Roles for Librarians in the Medical School Curriculum and the Impact on Professional Identity.

Himmelfarb Library Legacy

One of the capstones of Anne’s career at Himmelfarb Library has been the conversion of the journal collection from print format to electronic. Incoming Interim Library Director Laura Abate remembers, “This transition touched every staff member as we learned to license and acquire, organize, support user access, share, and use these resources to support our users’ education, research and clinical practice.” The undertaking freed students and clinicians to access journal articles from wherever they were working or studying. The removal of the print journal collection from the second floor resulted in an increase in much needed student study space. Laura Abate adds, “When I think back on the library when I started in 1999 in which we had a floor of books, a floor of journals, and a few databases - and compare it to our holdings today everything is different - except trying to make sure the users have access to the information that they need to succeed. I think keeping our users at the center of all this change is another of Anne's many accomplishments.”

Another capstone was the expansion of library resources and services to accommodate Himmelfarb’s newer affiliates: The Milken Institute School of Public Health and the School of
Nursing. Anne remembers: “Suddenly, we had to know which resources were key for nursing and public health learning and research. We discovered quickly that quantitative statistical software had to be supplemented with qualitative software in our labs. We had to master the art of the systematic and scoping review immediately.”

During her tenure, Anne established an active role for librarians in educating medical students. She states, “I worked with faculty curriculum leaders to integrate librarians more fully into the curriculum so that students could learn about high quality information resources and evidence-based medicine search skills while in the classroom.”

Anne also oversaw an assessment of the library’s collection to learn how Himmelfarb could enhance its support of the GW research community. Meetings with and surveys of basic sciences faculty and departmental chairs led to the acquisition of major, research-oriented journals and databases. JoLinda Thompson, Systems Librarian, adds, “A focus on research support resulted in the implementation of the Health Sciences Research Commons, and creation of Scholarly Publishing and Research Support librarian positions.”

Anne also expanded the library’s role in clinical departments. Embedded and liaison librarians teach residents and faculty about relevant resources.

**Leadership Legacy**

Himmelfarb staff reveal the more personal aspects of Anne’s legacy. So many have pointed to Anne’s advocacy of her staff and of their input. Serials and Systems Librarian Ruth Bueter shares, “One of my favorite things about Anne’s leadership has been her willingness to support staff ideas. Rather than saying ‘we’ve always done it this way,’ new ideas are encouraged and valued, and staff are given the opportunity to spearhead projects they suggest. Being heard and valued by leadership is priceless!”

Anne has always prioritized staff development. Laura Abate describes it this way: “She actively encourages staff to expand their skills and try new areas. Anne was able to see a bigger picture for many of us that we couldn’t necessarily see for ourselves and encouraged us to collaborate on a new type of project or committee, learn a new piece of software, or develop a new skill, class, or both!”

Anne’s unwavering care for the well-being of her staff is expressed by Ruth Bueter: “I have valued her commitment to encouraging a work life balance among Himmelfarb staff. It’s a fantastic thing to not feel guilty for taking time off or not answering emails 24 hours a day!” In addressing the time surrounding COVID, Web Services Librarian Brian McDonald shares, “I always knew we could count on [Anne] to put people first in the decisions [she] made as [she] guided us...”
through the uncertainties of the pandemic and unexpected staffing changes."

We at Himmelfarb wish Anne all the best in this new chapter of her life. And we will never forget her. JoLinda Thompson’s words speak for all of us: "I can’t imagine Himmelfarb Library without Anne Linton."

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Faculty Support: Readings & Resources + Research & Writing + Productivity

Whether you are teaching online or in person this winter, Himmelfarb Library has resources to support you and your students!

Himmelfarb Library can help connect your students to readings and resources:

- Himmelfarb staff can create durable links to articles, books, and multimedia items in GW collections, and can also help you learn to create durable links yourself! To get help with durable links, send your reading list or syllabus to himmelfarb@gwu.edu.

- Share your required and recommended book titles and Himmelfarb Library will check for online e-book access and add it to the collection, if possible! Email Acquisitions & Resource Sharing Librarian Ian Roberts (imroberts@gwu.edu).

- Course reserves? We can make materials available to students via print or electronic reserves!

Himmelfarb library can support your students’ research and writing - and yours, too:

- Himmelfarb’s Tutorials and YouTube channel provide database, research, and scholarly publishing tutorials. To schedule a customized session for your course, please contact Associate Director, Reference, Instruction, and Access Tom Harrod (tph@gwu.edu).
• Himmelfarb librarians can be embedded in your online courses to provide semester-long support for your students’ information and research needs. Please contact Tom Harrod (tph@gwu.edu) to request an embedded librarian.

• Research and statistical software are available to on-site users in Himmelfarb’s Bloedorn Technology Center and to off-site users via GW’s Virtual Computer Lab.

• Individual writing support is available via GW’s Writing Center which is reopening January 24, 2022.

Finally, productivity matters whether you’re teaching on-site or online. Here are a few tools to make your academic life run more smoothly.

• **LibKey Nomad** - this easy-to-install browser plug-in will try to fast track you to article PDFs as you search PubMed, Scopus, etc. After you install, choose ‘George Washington University - Himmelfarb Library’.

• **Keep up with the research in your field** by letting technology work for you: customize your journal library via Browzine, get brief key targeted clinical research summaries via NEJM Journal Watch, or set up journal Table of Contents or database search alerts.

• **Ask us** - you’re busy enough and it’s literally our job to answer questions. If you can’t find what you need or something’s not working as expected, please let us help! We can be reached via IM, phone, email, text, and in person!
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- **View citation overview**: This function allows us to view the citation trend for selected documents so you can see how frequently the documents have been cited and explore the impact of publications in a particular area.

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- **View references**: This function is similar to ‘View cited by’ but pulls together all of the references (i.e. bibliography) of the selected articles. Because reference lists for each article can be lengthy, this function can generate a lengthy list of references depending on the number of articles that you select.

- **Create bibliography**: This feature allows you to format a bibliography in a specific bibliographic style (e.g. APA, NLM, etc.). After the formatted bibliography displays, you can copy/paste it into another document or presentation.
Scopus is available from on- and off-campus locations. If you are working from off-campus, you can use either method of off-campus access: VPN or web-based login.
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Where are you from originally, and what brought you to the DC area?
I moved to Silver Spring a little over two years ago to return to graduate school in public history- but have visited the area many times due to the presence of family friends, relatives, and its historical significance. I grew up in Concord, Massachusetts, birthplace of the American Revolution and among other things the site of the Carl Velleca Affair in 1976.

Tell us a little about your position and what you do?
Beyond directing people to the restrooms, the main component of this work is to handle a grab bag of queries on resource availability, hours and policies, directions, and reference questions. My other duty, and one perhaps not as specified in the formal job description, is to be a warm presence in the Library both when offering assistance in a formal transaction and even more so when not- becoming a presence which patrons seek out and desire to engage with.

What made you want to work at Himmelfarb Library?
The opportunity to meld my prior experience in library settings (two high schools and special collections libraries as well) with the potential to develop and manage exhibit spaces including the Art Show, but hopefully others. My hope is to bring other disciplines and subjects into the health sciences space and engage patrons and visitors on multiple
As a new staff member, what do you enjoy most about working at Himmelfarb so far?
As with any new job, the development of one’s toolbox to handle one’s duties is tremendously satisfying. I feel I have adapted well to both colleagues and content—much faster than I had anticipated. I also feel my extroverted nature has had positive results in developing nascent relationships with colleagues and students and others. Libraries can be an introverted business, but I strive to transcend such stereotypes and it seems to be working? You tell me!

What’s been the biggest challenge?
The pandemic’s residuals: the struggle to re-engage with the University body and return them to the Library, reignite old patterns, yet all while maintaining a safe environment.

What do you like to do in your time away from work?
I’m a record enthusiast! I’ve been amassing a collection for 15 years and pride myself on my eclectic if archaic tastes. Come say hello at the Reference Desk and pick my brain about prog rock or jazz fusion and I promise I won’t be “prog rock pond scum set to bum you out” (once some choice newspaper review phraseology to skewer a King Crimson performance in Los Angeles 30 years ago.)