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NSUWorks Annual Report 2015-2016

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NSUWorks is an institutional repository providing a free service from the Nova Southeastern University (NSU) Libraries to the campus at large. This report covers the second year of the repository from February 2015-2016.

http://nsuworks.nova.edu
INTRODUCTION

In 2014 Nova Southeastern University celebrated its 50th Anniversary. In conjunction with the anniversary, the NSU Libraries determined a need to preserve the past, present and future of the university by creating a campus wide repository for all scholarship, creative work, and historical materials produced by the university. NSUWorks is a part of the NSU Libraries’ contribution to the university’s ongoing growth and success as an internationally recognized research institution. NSUWorks was officially launched at the Dean’s Meeting on November 2014, and reached its two year anniversary at the end of February 2016. The NSUWorks Annual Report covers the period of February 2015 to February 2016 through uploads (11,113 items) and downloads (335,819) that occurred during the second year. Comparatively, in the first year staff uploaded 5,539 items to NSUWorks and it received 92,520 downloads. In total this amounts to 16,571 uploads and 425,851 downloads over the two year period. According to the bepress benchmarking numbers of 2015, NSUWorks was in the 94th percentile for Growth (full-text items uploaded) and the 90th percentile for Breadth (number...
of new structures with content added). NSUWorks is well above average in comparison with the 400+ institutions using the Digital Commons software for their own repositories.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

In the second year, NSUWorks staff focused on student and faculty scholarship as well as adding additional journals to the hosted platform. These endeavors were based on NSUWorks’ mission to support NSU’s Core Values – specifically those of “academic excellence” and “scholarship/research”. In addition, a desire was felt to support NSU Vision 2020 that “…NSU will be recognized by accrediting agencies, the academic community, and the general public as a premier, private, not-for-profit university of quality and distinction”.

**Student Scholarship**

At the end of the first year, in February 2015, the repository held a total of 78 Electronic Thesis and Dissertations (ETDs) which had received 3,120 downloads from February 2014 to February 2015.
At the end of the second year, in February 2016, the repository had a total of 1,841 ETDs uploaded and 38,969 downloads. The ETDs have been downloaded all around the world.

Note: Colors show density of download numbers

In addition to the ETDs, in the last year, staff have added an undergraduate student journal to NSUWorks – Digressions. Digressions was started in 2004 by undergraduate students in the Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences. All the back issues were uploaded which included 434 items. Previous to being hosted in NSUWorks, Digressions was only available in print copies on campus to NSU faculty, staff and students.
Since *Digressions* was uploaded to NSUWorks in May 2015, the artistic and creative works have been downloaded 552 times around the world.

**Faculty Scholarship**

Another of the primary second year goals was to gather scholarship from faculty at each of the 14 primary colleges at NSU. This endeavor has proved immensely successful and a glance at this disciplines wheel shows the types of scholarship included from various research areas which cover all 14 colleges.

While some sections are less represented than others, efforts are being made to ensure inclusion of additional faculty from every college. NSUWorks staff have already been asked to present to faculty in the College of Osteopathic Medicine, the H. Wayne Huizenga College of Business and Entrepreneurship, and the College of Engineering and Computing in 2016.
By the end of NSUWorks’ second year, 300 of the 880 full-time faculty had been added to NSUWorks with the following distribution:

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<td>Total FTE at NSU: 880 (as of 12/10/15)</td>
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**Hosted Journals**

By the end of February 2016 NSUWorks was serving as host to twelve journals. The journals are headed by faculty, students and alumni at NSUWorks and are based out of the following colleges and school:

- Abraham S. Fischler College of Education
  - Innovate: Journal of Online Education, [http://nsuworks.nova.edu/innovate](http://nsuworks.nova.edu/innovate)
- College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
  - Digressions Literary Magazine, [http://nsuworks.nova.edu/digressions](http://nsuworks.nova.edu/digressions)
The journals in NSUWorks receive a huge number of downloads and showcase some of the scholarly and creative work being done by NSU affiliates either as editors, reviewers, or authors.

Since March 2016, an additional two journals, both based out of the Abraham S. Fischler College of Education, have been added to NSUWorks. Another two journals – an undergraduate research journal for all colleges and a medical research and education journal from the College of Health Care Sciences – are in the process of being added to the site.

YEAR THREE AND BEYOND

The NSU Libraries are dedicated to preserving the present and future scholarly and creative works of the NSU Community and ensuring the university fulfills its 2020 Mission. As such, the following goals have been established for the next year:

- Expand the suite of services provided by the NSU Libraries beyond NSUWorks to include individual faculty profile pages using the bepress software, SelectedWorks
- Create and highlight a Faculty Expertise Database for the full-time NSU faculty
- Continue doing outreach to all colleges and departments to demonstrate the benefits of utilizing NSUWorks and SelectedWorks
- Continue adding historical dissertations from each of the graduate degree programs at NSU
- Add additional journals and additional journal services to increase their reputation and impact factor
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