Creative Ways to Support Student Scholarship

Elisa Rollins, Scholarly Communications Librarian
Erin Crane, E-books Librarian
We will share:

- Effective methods for serving a large student body with minimal staff
- Value of using networking
- Value of calculated risk
- Innovative strategies for structuring journals that encourage faculty interest
Liberty University

- Private, Christian university in Lynchburg, Virginia
- Over 100,000 students, mostly online
- Over 450 programs
- New Jerry Falwell Library in January 2014
Scholarly Communications

- Staff of one Scholarly Communications Librarian and one Assistant
- December 2011 both librarian and staff had moved on
- January 2012 to June 2013 E-books Librarian managed
- July 2013 hired new Assistant
New Initiatives for Student Scholarship

- Reinvigorated the department through multiple projects:
  - Workshops
“How can I get my scholarship published?”

A faculty panel hosted by the Jerry Falwell Library

**Thursday, Oct. 2 | 6-7:15 p.m.**

Active Learning Classroom
Jerry Falwell Library, Room 171

**Faculty Panel:** "How can I get my scholarship published?" 6:00-7:15 p.m.

A panel of Liberty’s top publishing faculty will offer tips on the following topics:

- Finding time to research and write
- Shaping your work to make it more publishable
- Finding the right publisher and getting your foot in the door
- Understanding copyright agreements

[View a recording of this webinar.](#)
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Aidenn
The Liberty Undergraduate Journal of American Literature

Editor
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Aidenn is a publication of Liberty University. It features papers of excellence written by Honors undergraduates in a class studying American literature.

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Article

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow: An Ambiguous Ghost Tale
Ellis R. Jacobs

In the Hands of the Reader
Allie J. Kapus

I Would Prefer Not to Help You
Christian Dunn

Tale of the Whale
Joel Schlauf
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  - New Honors journal
The Kabod is the official journal of Liberty University’s Honors Program. It publishes papers written by Honors students while they were enrolled either in an Honors section or in a class in which they petitioned for Honors credit. The papers have been verified as having received an “A” from the professor who graded the assignment. They have been approved for publication by the editor-in-chief (currently Dr. Ayres) and edited by a staff of bright Honors students who are gifted with editing. The banner was designed by Graphic Design major and Honors student Sarah Keller. In our desire to honor God and give Him glory, we have selected only those papers that demonstrate outstanding scholarship, rigorous research, sophisticated craftsmanship, and astute and original insights, the combination of which we consider to be Kabod.


Article

Scriptural Roots Grow Strong
Jaymee L. Wagner
Reinvigorated the department through multiple projects:
○ Workshops
○ In-class journal
○ New Honors journal
○ Non-textual materials
ALL GO GREEN, GO GLAM IMAGES
New Initiatives for Student Scholarship

- Reinvigorated the department through multiple projects:
  - Workshops
  - In-class journal
  - New Honors journal
  - Non-textual materials
  - Proactive solicitation of student scholarship
Four Liberty students earn research grants at VAS Fall Meeting

October 23, 2014 : Liberty University News Service

Two pairs of Liberty University students received $500 research grants for their presentations of studies related to Alzheimer’s Disease during the Virginia Academy of Science’s Fall Undergraduate Meeting on Oct. 18 at Virginia State University in Petersburg.

Of the six recipients selected out of 27 entries from schools throughout the state, including Virginia Tech, ODU, VMI, and VSU, Liberty earned two undergraduate research grants for the first time after having one winner each of the past three years.

“It was pretty cool to be able to go meet students from other schools and present alongside them,” said Nathan MacGilvary, a junior Cell & Molecular Biology major looking to pursue a doctoral degree, possibly in biochemistry.

Amanda Hazy, a senior planning to pursue her Ph.D. in veterinary medicine after graduating next spring, and Matthew Dalton, a junior looking to become a doctor, presented a poster on gene

Analysis of Differential mRNA and miRNA Expression in an Alzheimer’s Disease Mouse Model

Amanda Hazy, Liberty University
Matthew Dalton, Liberty University

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Abstract
Research has shown that changes in gene expression play a critical role in the development of Alzheimer’s Disease (AD). Our project will evaluate genome-wide RNA expression patterns from brain and blood in an AD mouse model. This analysis will provide insight regarding the mechanisms of AD pathology as well as determine a possible diagnostic tool utilizing RNA expression patterns found in the blood as biomarkers for AD.

Comments
This poster was presented at the Virginia Academy of Science’s Fall 2014 Undergraduate Meeting held at Virginia State University in Petersburg, VA.
New Initiatives for Student Scholarship

- Serendipity and Networking
  - Library Tours
Editors

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Strategic Informer is the student publication of Liberty University’s Strategic Intelligence Society. The goal of the journal is to provide brief but detailed analyses of current issues pertaining to intelligence, law enforcement, national security, and international affairs. Articles published in Strategic Informer are written by Liberty University students and faculty.
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The Liberty University Law Review strives to cultivate a forum of intellectually rigorous thought and debate regarding contemporary legal issues, gleaning insight from the Western legal tradition and remaining faithful to the Christian worldview. Through its publication, the Law Review endeavors to further the mission of the Liberty University School of Law, as well as to bring honor to the God of all Truth. Soli Deo Gloria.

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  - Liaison activities
Gloria (Love Seat Design)

Lia Serapijlia

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Article

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Abstract
My inspiration for this love seat was the beautiful mountain sunsets we see almost every day at Liberty University. I love how the dark mountains stand out against the brilliant oranges, pinks, and purples of the sky. I chose to add the curvature of the backrest to resemble the rise and fall of the mountains. While this is a fun design
New Initiatives for Student Scholarship

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  - Library Tours
  - Faculty Orientation
  - Liaison activities
  - Department/School Presentations
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Quaerens Deum is Liberty University's journal for undergraduate students in philosophy of religion. The title, Quaerens Deum, indicates our Philosophy Department's search for truth about God as an academic community, and the journal is a public forum where students can share their research in philosophy of religion, philosophical theology, apologetics, and related disciplines. As such, Quaerens Deum exists to facilitate the public pursuit of the knowledge of God through rigorous philosophical thinking and writing. Although a natural fit for philosophy and religious studies majors, students from other disciplines are invited to submit their original work in these areas.
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*Bound Away* is the journal of the Liberty University Department of History. As part of a Christian academic community, *Bound Away* editors are especially interested in articles and book reviews produced from a Christian Worldview perspective. As such, we welcome submissions from graduate students and scholars who write from traditional approaches to history that emphasize empirical evidence, balanced interpretation, and cogent narrative. Non-traditional submissions such as expositions on public history, curriculum design for history programs, oral history projects, and documentary films or collections will also be considered.
Expanding Initiatives and Outreach

- Facilitate journal setup process for faculty
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- Step-by-step setup process for faculty
- Marketing assists with banner image creation
Facilitate Journal Setup Process

- Faculty member and/or student is trained to use DC application by Scholarly Communications
- Connect BEPress with faculty member
Expanding Initiatives and Outreach

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- Increase visibility of student scholarship
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- Flexibility of library spaces
- Utilize technology
- Expand scope of Digital Commons
Expanding Initiatives and Outreach

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- Research Symposia
Undergraduate & Graduate Symposia

- 2014
  - solicited final papers

- 2015
  - became co-sponsors of the symposia (sponsored awards and provided judges)
  - established journals to house scholarship from the symposia
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- SACS Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP)
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In 2015 the university chose graduate research as the focus of the QEP and the Graduate Research Symposium has been identified as a QEP action item.

Impact will include an increased focus on producing and showcasing student scholarship, which will lead to a higher demand for scholarly communications services.
Lessons Learned

- Integrate quality control and streamlining into the journal process, but encourage creativity
- Proactive pursuit of student work builds connections
- Online student populations require unique service approaches
Lessons Learned

- Identify faculty who will spread the word about journals

- Pursue flexible use of library spaces to showcase student scholarship