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First Annual Library Research Award

2014 Library Research Award Winners: Seniors Alex Booker, Sarah Dannemiller, and Wil Fisher.

The three winners of the first annual Library Research Award went far beyond library basics to utilize many of the unique resources, collections, and services that the Pepperdine University Libraries provide. From archival boxes and obscure conference proceedings, to newspaper databases and InfoGuides, these students used the library to its fullest extent. Their winning essays and projects demonstrate the value of effective library research in academics.

The winners, listed below, were honored at a reception in the Great Books Room in Payson Library on Tuesday, April 15th.

Best Undergraduate Student Project
Wil Fisher, *Public Opinion Toward Bike Lanes: The Case of New York City.*

Best Use of Special Collections and University Archives
Sarah Dannemiller, *Associated Women for Pepperdine: Enriching a Legacy.*

Honorable Mention
Alex Booker, *Finding a Frame that Fits: Analyzing Rival Framing of American Gun Control Policy in 2013.*

Summer Is Here, and Whatever Your Research Plans, Pepperdine Libraries Can Help

- Collecting Data? We developed an **InfoGuide on data management** with the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, and it has info on everything you'll need—from writing your data management plan, to how to upload your data to the Pepperdine Digital Commons.
- On the go? Wherever you are, Pepperdine Libraries provides you with access to 55,720 online journals, 281,579 electronic books, and 150 online databases. All you need is your WAVENET ID to log in.
- Staying in the area? A new resource-sharing network called Camino has been integrated into Pepperdine Libraries' online catalogue, allowing you to borrow materials directly from other libraries in Southern California. This process speeds up delivery of items, which usually arrive within 2 days.

Need Help with Research? Ask a Subject Liaison

Pepperdine Libraries' subject liaison program is a unique way that the library provides comprehensive support for our university faculty. Each program at Pepperdine is assigned a subject liaison with extensive knowledge of the references and resources available in that subject area.

For students, this translates to librarians who can be particularly helpful when they're researching for a class. But for faculty, this relationship can be even more beneficial.

Claire Moler, the Religion Liaison since Fall 2013, continually evaluates how well the library collection meets faculty research and instructional needs. Faculty input is essential for the liaisons, who use it to choose new books and other resources to add to the collection.

To better serve this group of faculty, Claire enrolled in a theological librarianship class to learn more about biblical research methods and the full scope of religious materials available across many forms of media. Claire's refined skills will serve her well as a partner in faculty research and in teaching theological research methods to classes when needed.

To get in touch with your faculty liaison, visit **http://library.pepperdine.edu/contact/liaisons/** for contact information.

SelectedWorks

In March, Pepperdine Libraries held a hands-on workshop for faculty members to learn how to build their own SelectedWorks page. **SelectedWorks** enables Pepperdine faculty to create their own search engine optimized website, submit papers directly to the Pepperdine Digital Commons, and network with colleagues who follow their work.

Says Profesor of Political Science Joel Fetzer, "SelectedWorks has helped tremendously in publicizing previous research and allowing students and scholars around the world to access my writings. It will likely become the default platform for intellectual exchange among social scientists." Among its many advantages, content in SelectedWorks is indexed in Google web search and Google Scholar, increasing your reach and impact, and readership reports can help you track who and how many are reading it. Authors retain full copyright to their submitted works.

If you would like to build your own SelectedWorks page over the summer, you can visit **http://works.bepress.com**, or contact Kevin Miller, Librarian for Digital Curation and Publication, at **Kevin.Miller3@pepperdine.edu.**

Let Us Know Your Needs for Fall 2014

- Work with your **subject liaison** to ensure that books, databases, and other resources you need for your courses are available.
- Set up your **course reserves.**
- Think about having a customized **InfoGuide** made to help your students conduct research.