

# POAR

## PIONEER OPEN ACCESS REPOSITORY

### What is it?

*Pioneer Open Access Repository* is a system that allows the user to submit content in a structured way and add metadata. The system takes that content and metadata and exposes it to make it more accessible locally and internationally. POAR is organized by "College" and then by "Department" with options for Student or Faculty work. Each item submitted to POAR is given a persistent URL back to the metadata and a link to the content.

TWU has many files, pictures and research stored in individual departments with little access. By adding metadata to those items and submitting them these hidden treasures are widely available.

### Stored Scholarship

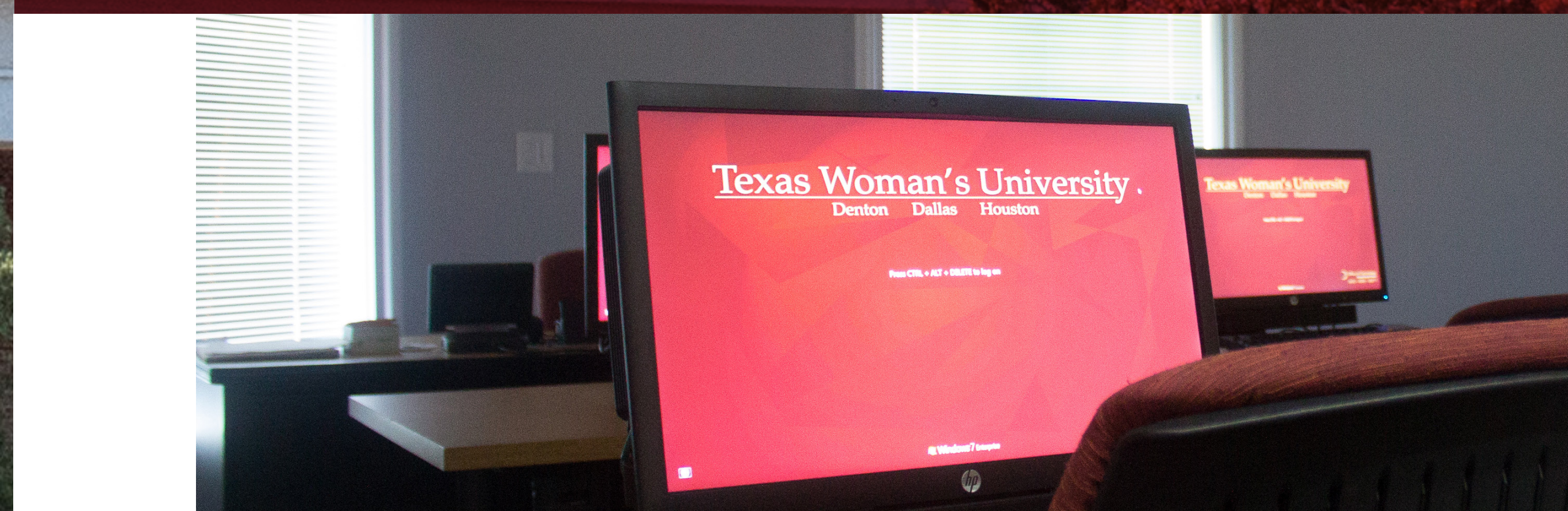


*TWU libraries* currently house 10,879 print or microfiche Dissertations and Theses. Many of these items are currently only available via Inter-Library loan in the print version. TWU has submitted about 5,071 to Proquest making them digitally available, but only to those institutions with a database subscription to Dissertation Abstracts. TWU policy allows for non-exclusive publication rights to Dissertations and Thesis created while at TWU.



### Electronic Access

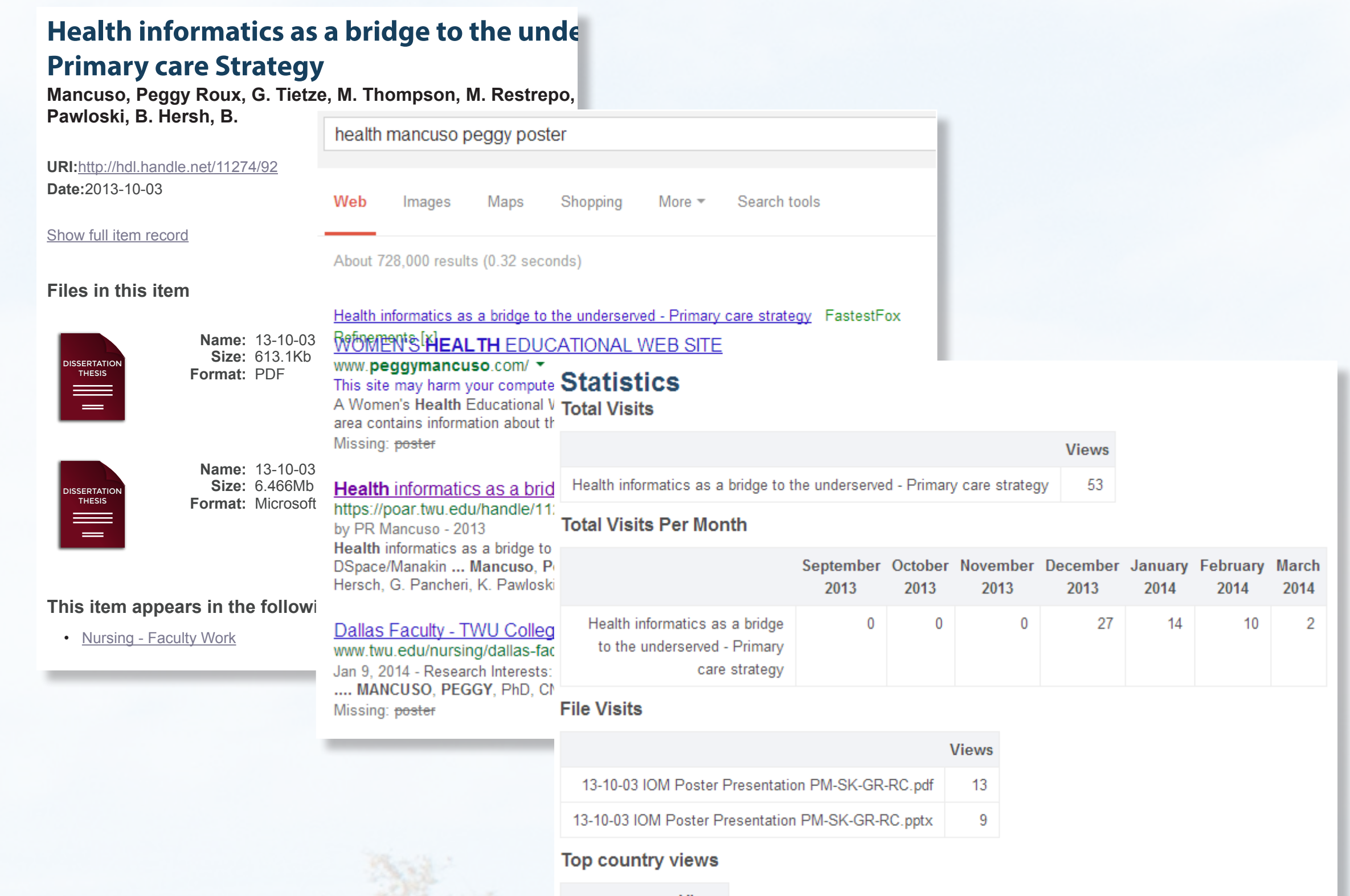
TWU is currently scanning, adding metadata, and loading Dissertations and Thesis into POAR. The research is now more widely available and saves the library postage. Students scan about 6 dissertations or thesis a week retrospectively based on Inter-Library Loan requests. Items that have only been borrowed a few times or never are being used more than ever before.



### Future Opportunities

- Loading Etd's (Electronic Theses And Dissertations)
- Campus Presentations (Poster Sessions)
- Monographic Serial
- Research Posters/Symposium Posters
- Pro Papers
- Photographs
- Research Articles
- Possible Video Streaming
- Student Art and Design Portfolios

### Case Study: Dallas Faculty Poster



This is an example of a Dallas Faculty spotlight poster from October. After the event where did it go, and who has access to it? By loading it into POAR, and giving it a little metadata this poster in PDF format has been viewed over 50 times and as far away as Austria. In February you can see this item has been viewed 9 times. The PDF file itself was downloaded over 11 times.

POAR makes its content easily readable for search engines allowing Google and other engines to index. A search for "health mancuso peggy poster" the POAR record was the second item after Peggy Mancuso's personal website.

