

Kickstarting the Repository@TWU

Three Initiatives to Showcase Research at Texas Woman's University

Abstract

What can you do when no one on campus knows about your new repository? Change tactics and remove the barriers to archiving content. In an effort to showcase the research and scholarly accomplishments of the Texas Woman's University (TWU) community, the Digital Services Unit switched strategies- rather than waiting for faculty and students to place content in the repository, we now actively seek partnerships and campus collaborators.

In the past year, the Digital Services Unit at the TWU Libraries piloted three concurrent initiatives to bring content to the Repository@TWU: 1) Project Retro, Project INDEX, and the H.E.A.R.T. Initiative.

1 Project Retro involves partnering with campus departments to create a complete departmental collection of ETDs within the Repository@TWU, and training student workers to digitize and create metadata for legacy theses and dissertations.

2 Project INDEX was developed to elevate the work of TWU faculty while also increasing the contents of the repository through a faculty assisted submission program. Graduate assistants working in our unit are tasked with researching copyright and permissions policies for scholarly publications gleaned from faculty CVs, with the intention to deposit eligible work into the Repository@TWU.

3 The third strategy, the H.E.A.R.T. Initiative, in part involves providing access to faculty created open educational resources via our institutional repository.

These initiatives dissolved barriers between the libraries and the university through partnerships across our campuses, removed barriers to faculty scholarship, and developed a marketable skill set in our graduate assistants and student workers.

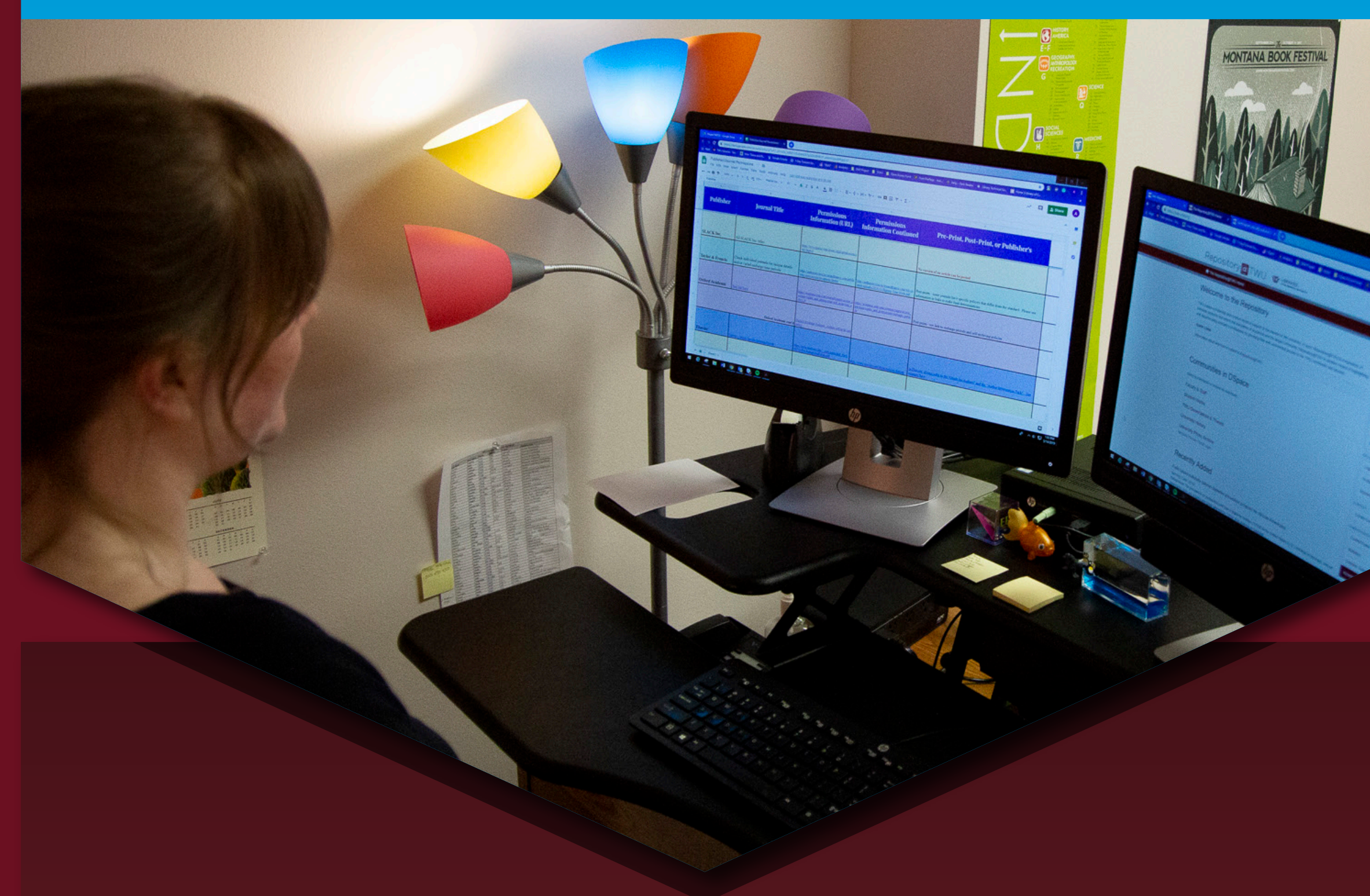
Project INDEX

Developing relationships with departments and faculty on each campus

GRA, SLIS practicum students, and project librarian conduct copyright and journal policy research

GRA creates records for eligible articles and applies metadata

Items are archived in the Repository@TWU



HEART Initiative

Collaborate with faculty members who are creating an Open Educational Resource (OER)

Assist with content formatting, licensing, and metadata

Archive in the Repository@ TWU, faculty members able to link directly from their course shell in Canvas



Project Retro

Building Collaboration: Digitizing Health Science and English Department Dissertation Collections

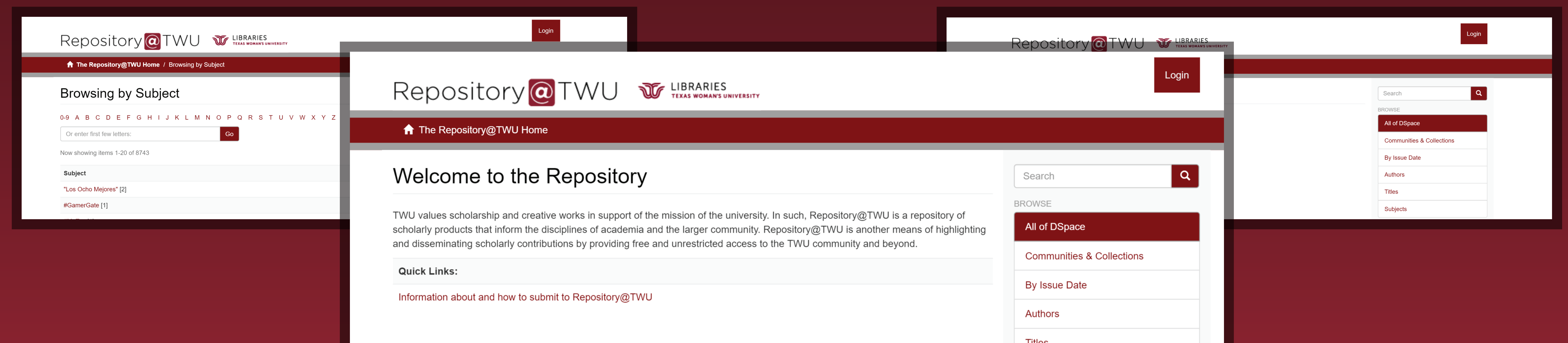
Digitizing Process: Staffing with student workers and providing Digital knowledge

Average 75 titles per Month of new ETD submissions

GRA: Archives and creates metadata in our repository



Repository@TWU



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Kinesiology • Occupational Therapy • Physical Therapy