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Scholarly Publications Repository

The NCSU Libraries announces the availability of the Scholarly Publications Repository (SPR), which provides improved access to digital scholarly materials created by NC State University faculty, graduate students, and researchers. The SPR is a large database of citations to works by NC State authors. The Libraries has maintained the database for more than ten years, harvesting citations from major indexes to the scholarly literature. Although not comprehensive, the database contains nearly 24,000 entries, and faculty and researchers can add citations through a “submit” process.

The SPR also offers access to the full text of these works, where available. For NCSU-affiliated users, citations offer links to materials such as electronic journals that the Libraries has licensed. A further innovation allows individual researchers to submit full-text copies that are freely available to anyone with an Internet connection. Each full-text item in the repository has a permanent, citable URL.

One purpose of the SPR is to increase the visibility and impact of NC State scholarship. A number of studies have shown that journal articles made openly available on the Internet are cited more frequently than articles only obtainable by subscription. Open digital repositories complement existing systems of scholarly communication, creating new opportunities for scholars worldwide to access research. Placing material in the repository does not alter a work's copyright ownership. The repository infrastructure is capable of holding many different types of materials—articles, books, chapters, conference papers, and patents—as well as associated data files, including audio and video. The Libraries is committed to maintaining the contents indefinitely.

To access the Scholarly Publications Repository, go to <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/repository/scholar-pubs/>. Questions or comments can be directed to Monica McCormick by sending an e-mail message to repository@ncsu.edu. ♦

PubMed Records Link to Library Holdings

Users of PubMed at NC State now have seamless access to the NCSU Libraries' online journal holdings. PubMed is the freely accessible database from the U.S. National Library of Medicine that includes more than seventeen million biomedical citations from MEDLINE and additional content dating back to the 1950s. PubMed, an open access database, has recently made it possible for the NCSU Libraries to insert its “Find Text@NCSU” button, a system originally developed for subscription databases. This button, which gives access to the full text of online journal articles available in the Libraries' collection, along with other options, is visible in either the **Citation** or **Abstract** view of each database record.

To take advantage of this feature, searchers must access PubMed through the special URL in the NCSU Libraries' database list or the catalog, instead of going directly to the PubMed Web site via a search engine or some other link. To bookmark the NCSU Libraries' access point to PubMed, go to <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/cgi-bin/proxy.pl?server=www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?otool=ncsulib>.

Please send any questions to Carol Vreeland, interim reference librarian for veterinary medicine, at carol_vreeland@ncsu.edu. ♦

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NCSU Hosts Library Leadership Program

North Carolina State University hosted a prestigious executive leadership program for academic and research libraries between April 21 and 26, 2007. Jointly designed and sponsored by Association of Research Libraries (ARL) member libraries, the Research Library Leadership Fellows (RLLF) Program aims to prepare the next generation of deans and directors of large research libraries. NC State's institute of the 2007–2008 RLLF Program, the first of three, is organized around the theme “Extreme Makeover: The Library Edition.” Its curriculum included site visits to Duke University and UNC–Chapel Hill. The second institute will be hosted by Harvard University in July 2007.

A selection committee composed of the ARL directors sponsoring the program chose twenty-three Fellows from a highly competitive applicant pool. The 2007–08 Fellows include two senior administrators from the NCSU Libraries: Kristin Antelman,

the associate director for the digital library, and Wendy Scott, assistant director for organizational design and learning. The pilot program in 2004–2006 included David Goldsmith, who has since been appointed to the senior position of associate director for materials management.

The 2007–2008 ARL RLLF Program was designed and sponsored by six ARL member libraries: University of California–Berkeley and the California Digital Library; Harvard University; University of Minnesota; North Carolina State University; Pennsylvania State University; and the University of Toronto. Vice Provost and Director of Libraries Susan K. Nutter said, “As an institution that works actively to recruit and develop the most scholarly, dedicated, and creative members of the library profession, NC State will benefit from working closely with a group of Research Library Leadership Fellows who are poised to shape libraries and librarianship at the national and international level.” ♦