



# SMU Digital Repository

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### Overview



The SMU Digital Repository is a searchable online collection of scholarly research and information, allowing the faculty, staff, and students of Southern Methodist University to showcase their research and scholarly achievements. It preserves and provides access to research, online journals, articles, conference agendas and papers, theses, image collections, and other scholarly works.

Central University Libraries (CUL), the Office of Research and Graduate Studies, and the Office of Information Technology (OIT) have combined resources to create the SMU Digital Repository using the Digital Commons software platform from Berkeley Electronic Press.

The SMU Digital Repository is online at <http://digitalrepository.smu.edu>. The repository currently hosts 82 papers or other works, and repository materials have been downloaded 18 times.

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### News

The SMU Digital Repository site was launched on October 18th, 2011, about one month after the preliminary demonstration site ([demo.somu.bepress.com](http://demo.somu.bepress.com)) was made available to the repository team. During this time, repository implementation staff participated in site administration training, uploaded 56 test items, and finalized the design and organization of the site.

Requests for the repository's inclusion in the [Registry of Open Access Repositories](#) (ROAR), the [Directory of Open Access Repositories](#) (OpenDOAR), and the [Open Archives Initiative](#) (OAI) directory have been made, and registrations are pending. First steps for indexing repository metadata with [OAster](#) have also been taken.

Big iDeas presentations from 2008 to 2011 have been posted in the Digital Repository just in time for the 2011 Big iDeas Fall Symposium being held on November 4th. These presentations and supplementary materials can be seen and downloaded at [http://digitalrepository.smu.edu/big\\_ideas](http://digitalrepository.smu.edu/big_ideas).

Keep your eyes open for upcoming series for the *SMU Research* magazine and for the Global Summit on Ending Corporal Punishment and Promoting Positive Discipline Conference (which took place June 2nd through 4th, 2011).

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## Authors Update

128 members of the SMU community have posted their work in the SMU Digital Repository. 125 of these are undergraduate students from a number of departments who are represented through the Office of the Provost's Big iDeas program. The remainder are Central University Libraries staff and corporate entities.

47 campus entities have been contacted about contributing to the Digital Repository. Two projects are being processed by repository staff for immediate posting on the site while several others are actively moving to this stage.

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## Repository Coordination

82 items were uploaded to the SMU Digital Repository in October: 79 articles, two images (supplementary materials for Big iDeas projects), and one site logo. Metadata for the 2008 through 2010 Big iDeas projects was ported over from [CUL Digital Collections](#) to the Digital Repository, and new metadata records were created for the current 2011 Big iDeas projects.

Six volumes of the *SMU Research* magazine were scanned and processed.

Site structures for the Global Summit on Ending Corporal Punishment and Promoting Positive Discipline, *SMU Research* magazine, and Hilltopics have been created. 25 metadata records have been written for Hilltopics in advance of final approval.

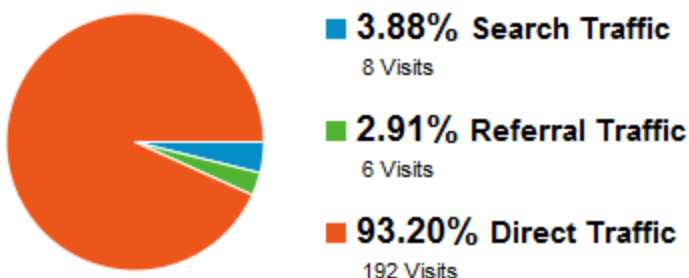
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## Usage Summary

Repository records were accessed 72 times in October and full text documents

were downloaded 18 times. 28 unique items were accessed in this timeframe.

The site received 100 unique visitors in October. The majority of traffic this month was direct traffic: the site was new and not indexed for much of the month (and word of mouth sharing and a memorable URL no doubt helped as well).



Top referring sites are the Digital Commons site ([digitalcommons.bepress.com](http://digitalcommons.bepress.com)), the SMU Digital Repository demo site ([demo.somu.bepress.com](http://demo.somu.bepress.com)), and a Tumblr blog ([tumblr.com/blog/kwaheri](http://tumblr.com/blog/kwaheri)).

The SMU Digital repository is the second result for a Google search on "smu digital repository" and the third for a Google search on "smu repository."

The following table depicts October usage as reported by Google Analytics:

206 Visits
100 Unique Visitors
1,716 Pageviews
8.33 Pages/Visit
00:10:45 Avg. Time on Site
28.64% Bounce Rate
45.63% % New Visits

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## Interesting Research on Institutional Repositories

Armstrong, M., & Stringfellow, J. (2011). No fees required: Opening access to university content. *The Idaho Librarian: A Publication of the Idaho Library Association*, 61(1). Retrieved from [http://works.bepress.com/michelle\\_armstrong/13/Oar\\_For2.pdf](http://works.bepress.com/michelle_armstrong/13/Oar_For2.pdf)

Chanson, H. (2011). Some experience with digital publishing, open access repository, research impact and quality. Paper presented at the *Open Access Collections Workshop, Australian Partnership for Sustainable Repositories*, 1-12. Retrieved from <http://espace.library.uq.edu.au/eserv/UQ:121513/>

Slade, S., & Bates, K. (2011). Carrot or stick?: Persuading academic staff of the benefits of using an open access institutional repository. In *6th International Evidence Based Library and Information Practice Conference, 27th-30th June 2011, University of Salford*. Retrieved from <http://usir.salford.ac.uk/15946/>

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## Contact

Questions about the SMU Digital Repository? Please contact the digital repository implementation team at [digitalrepository@list.smu.edu](mailto:digitalrepository@list.smu.edu).

Wish to unsubscribe from this monthly email newsletter? Please contact Jacob Brown at [jhbrown@mail.smu.edu](mailto:jhbrown@mail.smu.edu).

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