• Urban land-grant state university here in Columbus, OH
• Founded 1870
• 3rd largest campus in the U.S., with enrollment ~ 58,000
• Big 10
• FOOTBALL and other sports
• Comprehensive academic programs
  • engineering, medicine and nursing, law, business, veterinary medicine, food/ag/environmental sciences, music, visual and performing arts
William Oxley Thompson Memorial Library
Dissertations (PhD) and Master’s Theses deposited with the University Libraries

PhD (1892-2001*) 35,232
Master’s (1895-2008*) 56,673
Total 91,905

*Electronic deposit mandated was in 2001 (PhD) and 2008 (Masters); the numbers above reflect print holdings deposited prior to these mandates.
Making common cause?: western and middle eastern feminists in the international women’s movement, 1911-1948
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Year and Degree
2003, Doctor of Philosophy, Ohio State University, History.

Abstract
This dissertation exposes important junctures between feminism, imperialism, and orientalism by investigating the encounter between Western and Middle Eastern feminists in the first-wave international women’s movement, focusing primarily on the International Alliance of Women for Suffrage and Equal Citizenship and its later extension, the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom. By examining the interaction and exchanges among Western and Middle Eastern women (at conferences and through international visits, newsletters, and other correspondence), as well as their representations of “East” and “West,” this study reveals the conditions of and constraints on the potential for feminist solidarity across national, cultural, and religious boundaries. In addition to challenging the notion that feminism in the Middle East was “imposed” from outside, it also complicates conventional wisdom about the failure of the first-wave international women’s movement to accommodate difference.

Influenced by growing ethos of cultural internationalism during the interwar period, Western feminist attitudes toward Middle Eastern women were characterized less by overt racism and hostility than by a belief in the universal applicability of Western standards of progress. Some of the assumptions on which the discourse of feminist orientalism was based were shared by Middle Eastern feminists, who appropriated liberal ideas of national sovereignty and linear progress to articulate an autonomous vision of feminism that both challenged and affirmed traditional gender roles. This common aspiration of modernity provided a fragile basis for solidarity between Western and Middle Eastern feminists, for whom the notion of sisterhood remained a novel idea. But they understood its obligations differently. While Western feminists frequently invoked their responsibility to “lead” their less fortunate sisters, their Middle Eastern counterparts sought solidarity first and foremost within their own communities. This realization of Pakistan finally allowed the crack in the foundation on which their union had been built. It was upon this issue that Western...
  - Downloaded 219 times

  - Downloaded 326 times

  - Downloaded 185 times

  - Downloaded 118 times

  - Downloaded 860 times
Task Force on Stewardship of Student Works (2012)

Charge:

• Review existing collections of thesis, dissertation, and student project content managed by the University Libraries in all formats.
• Develop a plan that addresses:
  • Digitization
  • Appropriate and consistent housing and access policies for print, digitized and born digital theses and dissertations

“The plan should address priorities for action … , strategies for reformatting and implementing new access and housing policies, and broad timelines for accomplishing the work.”
Step 1:
• Purchase dissertation back files of digitized microfilm from ProQuest
  • ~26,000 Pdfs

Step 2:
• Digitize everything else
  • As requested, systematically, to preservation standards

Step 3:
• Make all paper masters non-circulating

Step 4:
• Ensure all OSU ETDs (digitized and born-digital) are accessible and preserved through the OhioLINK ETD Center

Step 5:
• Enhance description and access to ETDs
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6,500 OSU digitized theses and dissertations in OhioLINK ETD Center

1 hour per \( \rightarrow \) 6,500 hours
\[= 162 \text{ standard 40-hour weeks}\]
\[= \text{more than 3 years of full-time work}\]

At this rate, it would take us about **35 years** to digitize all 66,000 retrospective theses and dissertations (after accounting for the 26,000 dissertations from ProQuest)
RFP issued 2014 for digitization of retrospective Masters Theses

20,000 volumes/2,000,000 pages over 2 years

Scanning specs
• Color/grayscale/bitonal corresponding to characteristics of originals
• PDF/A-1b, full-text OCR

Logistics
• Bids included:
  • Insured shipping both ways
  • Disbinding + trimming textblocks pre-scanning; tie-up post-scanning
  • Acid-free, lignin-free 1.2 cu ft record storage boxes for transport and long-term storage
Contract awarded fall 2014 to Buffalo-based D4

Pricing obtained through this competitive bid process will enable us to scan roughly 1/3 more pages than originally anticipated for the funding allocated to this project

Scanning completed in about 18 months; QC ongoing

Results: >26,000 Master’s Theses digitized
  • Almost every title deposited between 1960-2008
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OhioLINK ETD Center Adds Retrospective Batch Upload

Columbus, Ohio – The OhioLINK Electronic Theses and Dissertation (ETD) Center database is about to get a major influx of content to further benefit students, faculty and researchers.

On September 7, the ETD Center added a new capability called Retrospective Batch Upload, in which OhioLINK member libraries and graduate schools can upload older theses and dissertations in bulk. Previously, ETDs could be uploaded on an individual basis only.

This new feature allows the member libraries and graduate schools to add digital versions of older paper-based theses and dissertations to the Center, and expand access to them beyond the hard copies that are currently in a campus library or archive.

“This will significantly increase the availability and ease of use of research from Ohio’s graduate programs,” said Gwen Evans, executive director of OhioLINK. “Some libraries and graduate programs already had digitized paper dissertations, but nowhere accessible to host them, and now other institutions can embark on their own mass digitization programs. We’re looking forward to the first batch of historical dissertations from Ohio State University Libraries very shortly. All dissertations in the ETD are open access, so this will benefit researchers worldwide.”

The ETD Center is an open-access website that makes Ohio’s original research available to anyone on the web. The Center currently contains more than 50,000 theses and dissertations from students at 31 of Ohio’s world-renowned academic institutions. The ETDs are included in Google Scholar, increasing visibility and expanding the reach of Ohio’s academic output.

“Theses and dissertations deposited by Ohio State University graduate students convey the rich, nearly 150-year legacy of student research conducted at the university,” said Damon Jaggers, vice provost and director of libraries for University Libraries. “The ETD Center’s new Retrospective Batch Upload feature will help make an additional 50,000 recently digitized retrospective theses and dissertations openly available through the ETD Center, aiding Ohio State in realizing its goal to eventually make all theses and dissertations ever deposited at OSU publicly available.”

The Ohio State University plans to start using the new feature immediately by uploading this large collection of digitized theses, with some going back to around the early 1900s. Other Ohio schools are in various stages of digitizing their paper ETDs.

In 2015, visitors from 212 countries downloaded 9,475,581 theses and dissertations.
Step 1:
• Purchase dissertation back files of digitized microfilm from ProQuest
  • ~26,000 Pdfs of varying quality

Step 2:
• Digitize everything else
  • As requested, systematically, to preservation standards

Step 3:
• Make all paper masters non-circulating

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Challenges

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QC

• 1 staff person, 1-3 students for 1 year+
• Full QC on first 1,000 files to establish baseline
  • 1.17% error rate
  • Mostly rotation errors on pages with graphs, charts and/or tables
• ~10% check thereafter (1-2 files per “box”)
  • PDF/A-1b compliance
  • Completeness
  • Rotation, cropping errors
  • Image quality
• If errors found with one file, all files in that box are checked
Challenges

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Questions?
Thank you!