Library Newsletter

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Scholarship Repository Statistics

The Scholarship @ CUA Law repository recently celebrated its second year online. The repository contains three currently updated collections; Faculty Scholarship, The Catholic University Law Review, and The Catholic University Journal of Law and Technology. The repository also houses the archive for the CommLaw Conspectus and the Journal of Contemporary Health Law and Policy. During the past two years over 550,000 articles have been downloaded. 60,000 of those downloads are articles authored by our faculty. The repository currently contains the full text of 4,650 papers, 945 of which are authored by CUA Law faculty members). Also included in the repository are descriptions for 108 books authored by our faculty. Three of the top 10 most downloaded papers in the repository are faculty authored articles, and the most downloaded paper in the entire system, with over 7,000 individual downloads, is a 2005 article by Professor Duggin.

Promoting Library Resources

Over the past year, the library has curated collections of materials targeted at helping the students develop better academic skills. This LibGuide provides more information on these resources. Although there has been interest in the collections from the students, and the library has spent time promoting these resources, our recent student survey indicates that these collections are still underperforming in terms of usage and awareness. Faculty members can greatly assist with getting students to explore these resources by promoting them either in class or during office hours. For example, with finals fast approaching now is a good time to remind students of the large number of West Study Aids available online.