

A Letter from Your Library Liaisons

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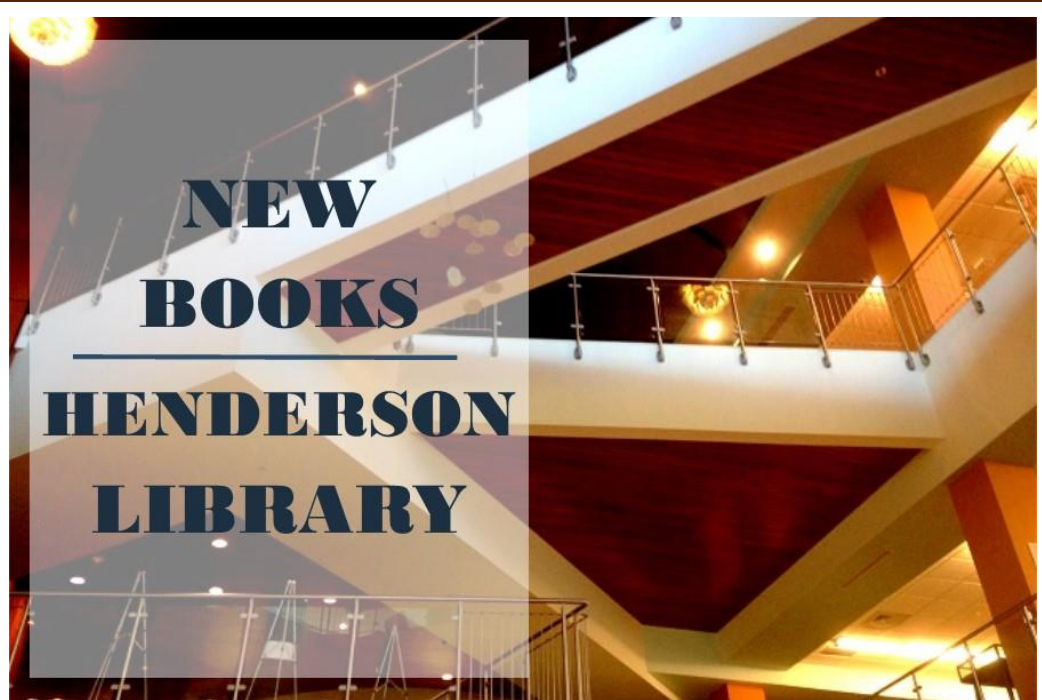
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New Opt-in Library Approval for Monographs

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The Zach S. Henderson Library is modifying its approval plan, making it an opt-in system rather than opt-out. This new arrangement will reduce the unnecessary and time consuming processing of unwanted books, and ensure that titles actually in demand by faculty and students are purchased.

Under the current system, print books are automatically shipped and electronic books are purchased if, in the opinion of approval plan vendor employees, the books meet selection criteria established by the vendor and Henderson librarians. However, despite numerous attempts to refine the selection profile over the last two decades, Henderson Library continues to receive thousands of books not desired by Georgia Southern faculty and students. If we choose not to purchase such books, we ship them back to the vendor, a staff-intensive, time consuming process.

In place of this opt-out approval plan, in which we have to identify which titles to refuse and send back, we are adopting an opt-in system in which records of newly published academic print and e-books will be a) entered into our catalog, b) listed in the online book purchasing platform GOBI, which we have been using to place orders for desired books if they were not going to be included in our automatic approval plan shipments, c) listed on an additional book purchasing service, Oasis, and d) listed on notification slips shipped monthly for review by librarians and

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interested faculty. Book titles identified and desired by faculty and students through one of the above methods will be purchased as a result of requests placed online by the interested patron. And as has always been the case, anyone who learns about a new book that would be a good addition to Henderson Library may notify us so we can order the title. While Henderson Library faculty regularly search key book reviews published in *Choice* and other sources of scholarly book review, suggestions are welcome and encouraged. Our online book request form may be found at

http://library.georgiasouthern.edu/about/contact/suggest_collection_addition/

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To learn more about collection development at Henderson Library, visit
<http://georgiasouthern.libguides.com/colldev>.

Help Build the Library Collections

In addition to your normal routine of monitoring new publications in your discipline, Henderson Library offers you some tools for keeping abreast of new publications you might want us to purchase:

- *Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries* is the premier source for reviews of academic books and digital resources of interest to scholars and students in higher education. More than 35,000 librarians, faculty, and key decision makers rely on *Choice* magazine and *Choice Reviews Online* for collection development and scholarly research. *Choice* reaches almost every undergraduate college and university library in the United States. You may view current and back issues this resource by searching the title on our web page's e-journal A-Z list. If you click on the REGISTER link and create a user name and password, you will be able to create and save lists, save searches, and receive monthly alerts based on your subjects and keywords. To access *Choice*:
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- Available soon! The Library's online catalog not only lists all the resources we own, but it also contains thousands of records for books and electronic books which are available for purchase, but a selection decision has not been made. Clicking on one of these records will give you an opportunity to recommend the item be purchased.
- The Collection Development Online portal contains additional information and tools for your convenience. You can access this online portal at <http://georgiasouthern.libguides.com/colldev>

As always, your Library Liaisons are here to collaborate with you. Contact us!

New Library Faculty Profile: Jeff Mortimore, Discovery Services and Data Curation Librarian

The library is excited to welcome its newest faculty member, Jeffrey Mortimore. Jeff comes to us from South University in Savannah, GA, where he served for two years as Instructional Librarian. Prior to that, he served for six years as Reference Librarian at Bennett College in Greensboro, NC. As his new title suggests, Jeff is responsible for supporting two important services of the library, discovery services and data curation.



Understood narrowly, “discovery services” refers to web-scale research tools like DISCOVER @ Georgia Southern. Tools like DISCOVER are capable of searching across a large range of the library’s print and electronic resources, and providing access to relevant results in the kind of intuitive interface that today’s researchers have come to expect from websites like Google, Amazon, and Netflix. Understood more broadly, “discovery services” refers to the full array of platforms and interfaces the library provides to support research and resource discovery, including discovery tools, traditional and next-generation catalogs, databases, institutional repositories, electronic archives, and more. Each of these tools needs to be individually configured and mutually integrated in order to provide as intuitive and seamless a research experience as possible. Jeff is responsible for developing, configuring, and integrating these discovery services, as well as coordinating troubleshooting of electronic resource access issues across the library collection.

Second, Jeff is responsible for supporting the data management, sharing, and preservation needs of all Georgia Southern researchers, including students, faculty, and staff. Data curation involves preserving research data long-term so that it is available to others for ongoing and future research. Sharing data offers numerous benefits to researchers, including increasing the visibility and impact of their work, creating new opportunities for collaboration, and satisfying mandates of funding agencies and publishers. In this role, Jeff provides a first point of contact for copyright questions related to data curation and open access repositories, like *Digital Commons @ Georgia Southern*.

Jeff’s current research interests include the impact of emerging technologies on the discovery-to-delivery process and its ramifications for redefining library services. In addition to his work in academic libraries, Jeff has taught numerous courses in American religious history, theology, and philosophy of religion at UNC-Greensboro and Bennett College. He takes special interest in the history and literature of the American Romantic and Pragmatic traditions, and religious pluralism. In his free time, Jeff is an avid cyclist. See his faculty profile at http://works.bepress.com/jeff_mortimore.

