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Focus 1: SelectedWorks

- Integration with SelectedWorks Author Profiles
- Individual and collective faculty metrics
Focus 2: Faculty Publication Lists

- Integration with Faculty Research and Publication Lists
- Graphs with a narrower purpose
Focus 2: Faculty Publication Lists

Metrics for Department

SelectedWorks Author Profiles

Faculty Research and Publication Lists
Focus 2: Faculty Publication Lists

Usage for Department

SelectedWorks Author Profiles

Faculty Research and Publication Lists
Focus 3: Institutional Reports

- Integration with Digital Commons@Georgia Southern
- Institutional repository annual reports
- Accreditation & academic program reviews

Social Media for Conferences (2014-2015)
Focus 3: Institutional Reports

Usage for College

Usage from all sources

Usage from Digital Commons
Focus 4: Conferences

- Annual reports for conference organizers
- Encourage organizers to request presentation materials
- Analyze findings to discover best way to gather materials

Usage for Conferences (2014-2015)
Non-traditional metrics are beneficial to new and established journals when citations are not available and/or the impact factor is needed.
Focus 6: Grants

- Track a project’s success
- Example: Textbook Transformation Grants - Affordable Learning Georgia

Submissions from 2014

- Link: Designing LibGuides as Instructional Tools for Critical Thinking and Effective Online Learning, Ruth L. Baker
- Link: Scholarly Information Discovery in the Networked Academic Learning Environment, Li Li
- Link: Reflecting on the Future of Academic and Public Libraries, W. Bede Mitchell

Submissions from 2013

- Link: Developing a Topic-Centered First-Year Seminar with an Emphasis on Information Literacy at a Large Regional University, Wendy L. Chambers, Lisa Smith, Jessica N. Orvis, and Christopher Caplinger
- Link: A Note on Civil Disobedience and Professional Ethics Codes, W. Bede Mitchell
- Link: Techno-Stress in the Higher Education Environment, Sonya S. Shepherd
- Link: New and Emerging Technology in Education, Sonya S. Shepherd and M. D. Richardson
- Link: The Increasing Momentum of Technological Change in Higher Education, Sonya S. Shepherd and Michael D. Richardson