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Notes from Beneath the Blue Awning

Hello UWF Researchers,

I am happy to announce that UWF RAE has scheduled two webinars by our grant-writing consultant, Hanover Research. These events are reserved for UWF faculty and staff and will address the following topics:

- This Friday, March 5, from 12-1 p.m. (Central Standard Time), ***Build and Sell Your Concept***. This webinar will provide a close look at how a good idea might be turned into a fundable opportunity. Hanover Research will emphasize the importance of developing a concept paper and undertaking program officer outreach, in advance of any full proposal development, as significant elements of the grant-seeking process. An opportunity for a Q&A will close out this webinar. **CLICK TO REGISTER** (required) for ***Build and Sell Your Concept***
- On Friday, April 9, from 12-1 p.m. (Central Daylight Time), ***Understanding the RFP: the foundation of a responsive proposal***. Requests for proposals (RFPs; a.k.a. funding announcements or solicitations) can be intimidating to tackle and understand. Once you realize that they all contain similar key areas, learn where to find them, and what they mean, you'll be able to effectively use the RFP as a manual for creating a responsive and compelling application. Learn the critical things you need to know from the RFP (1) before investing time and energy, (2) as you prepare your grant proposal, and (3) after you've submitted your application. Hanover Research will talk about reading between the lines for crafting a competitive proposal, including strategies for writing toward the merit review criteria so that you tell a story that directly addresses the mission and goals of the RFP. **CLICK TO REGISTER** (required) for ***Understanding the RFP: the foundation of a responsive proposal***

These events would make for a great first step for an individual who wants to explore how to expand a current practice or internally funded pilot study into a larger project. Additionally, these webinars are a good resource for research teams looking to refine an idea for a future proposal.

I hope that you will consider registering for these events; if you cannot attend, please register for access to a recording of the webinar.

Regards,

Library maintains open-access collection of University research materials

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Publicizing your research can be tough, but the **John C. Pace Library** at the University of West Florida offers tools and services to make that a little easier. The **Institutional Repository** is one such tool.

Created in 2015, the repository serves as a collection of articles, presentations and other forms of scholarship from the UWF research community. The repository holds 1,200 submissions, 75-80% of which are articles, said **Cindy Gruwell**, assistant librarian and coordinator of scholarly communication with the library.

But the repository isn't just a space to store research materials. It also exposes those outside the UWF community to University research by serving as an open, searchable web resource. To date, the repository has logged more than 25,000 page views, or visits by internet users.

Library staff members take note of UWF publishing announcements, database alerts, and library liaison contacts to keep the repository up to date, Gruwell said. Faculty members can help by notifying the library when they publish or create a video or another piece of media they'd like to add. Gruwell said she encourages faculty members to contact the library about **submitting** all new publications.

"Let us look at it for you," Gruwell said. "If it is under embargo, we can embargo it in the database. It won't be released until the (embargo lifts)."

Gruwell said library staff are working to redesign the repository's look and to add additional items from student researchers. Last year, library staff uploaded videos created by students who participated in the 2020 **Summer Undergraduate Research Program**. Gruwell said the library plans to add presentations from the upcoming **Student Scholar Symposium and Faculty Research Showcase** later this year.

"Our hope is to capture these each year so that these students who are at the beginning of their research careers can share this with the University and the research community more broadly," Gruwell said.

New publications

The University of West Florida Office of Research Administration and Engagement congratulates the following researchers for their new publications.

- Dr. Bradford Stockdale, whose article "**Moral Responsibility, Alternative Possibilities, and Acting on One's Own**" was published in The Journal of Ethics.
- **Dr. Frank Gilliam**, whose article "**Impacts of Tropical Cyclones on Longleaf Pine Ecosystems of Florida: Tropical Cyclogenesis, Landfall Frequencies,**

and Climate Change" was published in *Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution*.

- **Dr. John Derek Morgan, Dr. Brian Eddy, and Dr. John Coffey**, whose article "**Activating Student Engagement with Concept Mapping: A Web GIS Case Study**" was published in the *Journal of Geography in Higher Education*.

If you or your students have recently published an article, let us know and we'll feature it here. Contact Jeffrey Cassady at jcassady@uwf.edu and include the authors' names, the name of the article, the name of the journal, and a link to the article or to an abstract.

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