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# UNPRECEDENTED

The Margaret and Herman Brown Library Annual Report, 2020-2021



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## Message from the Dean

James Wisner | dean of library services and educational technology

The ACU Brown Library has never experienced an academic year like 2020-2021. Like you, none of us escaped the impacts of COVID-19 and its implications for students, faculty, and our own family in the ACU Library. But I am profoundly grateful to our library faculty and staff, all of whom worked tirelessly to help make the past year as good as it could be for our students and faculty. We talk about student success a lot at ACU, so it was inspirational for me to see how that orientation served as our north star during this challenging year. The ACU Brown Library personnel went above and beyond what anyone expected of them. When a global pandemic altered the course of higher education, they were ready, and they didn't sit still.



Dean Wisner and Dr. Candice Ortals-Wisner, ACU professor of Political Science and University Scholar, with Willie the Wildcat

We entered into an agreement with Cambridge University Press to make ACU faculty-authored journal articles published by that venerable publishing house fully Open Access (OA). We added more than 65,000 new books from Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, and Brill. We provided the ACU community personal licenses to the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, and Qualtrics. Hundreds of high-impact journals were added when we expanded our agreement with Taylor & Francis. Our special collections department furthered the work funded by an NEH grant to better preserve our library's management of unique cultural assets. With partners from

Oklahoma Christian University, the University of North Texas, and the Texas State Library and Archives, we digitized the *Christian Chronicle* and made it available for the world to read for free. The ACU Press signed a revenue-sharing agreement with JSTOR that will provide greater access, availability, and sales of ACU Press books. We received generous new endowment gifts that will enable us to fulfill and expand our mission.

I am humbled and honored to be colleagues with the library faculty and staff here. For many years, I suspected that the library personnel at ACU were among the best in American higher education. After being here for a year, I now know that this is manifestly true. I especially want to thank Dr. Marisa Beard for serving seven months as our interim dean before I arrived: under her wise and capable guidance the library first pivoted and adjusted to the new normal of our times.

So, thank you. Thank you to our faculty and staff, to our administration, to our donors, to our friends, and to the loyal, worldwide ACU family. This unprecedented year belongs to you.



### #doyourpart

As this most unusual school year began, we all had a part to play in keeping the ACU community safe from COVID-19. Our faculty and staff were ready to welcome new students. Through numerous safety protocols and space modifications we were able to meet in person in Abilene for the entire academic year. We all did our part. The Maker Lab created fans displaying a photo of Willie the Wildcat encouraging everyone to mask up to help ACU stay safe.



# Library Services

Dr. Mark McCallon | associate dean for library services

## New Databases

Scopus, Health and Psychosocial Instruments (HAPI), SportsDiscus, and Taylor & Francis journals will provide assistance to nursing and allied health students who are working on Capstone projects and theses.

## Activate Your Complimentary Access to The New York Times



ABI/Inform, New York Times, and Wall Street Journal give much-needed support to our College of Business Administration as they expand programs in marketing and management.



The library faculty and staff were able to successfully navigate the unique learning opportunities that we experienced this academic year. We supported the university's efforts in social distancing by converting several of our social and group study spaces into classrooms for the campus.

Several of our staff members volunteered to disinfect and clean the space between classes, for which our faculty and students were very grateful.

In addition to our face-to-face instruction, we had many more interactions with students through

our virtual reference services, including chat, email, and text. Librarians answered over 1,500 reference questions this past year, a new record for us.

Librarians collaborated with instructional faculty to integrate electronic information resources into hybrid and fully online courses, including innovative projects like the mapping assignment for "Europe after World War I."

## EUROPE IN 1914



their courses and their research. Dr. Joe Stephenson, James W. Culp Distinguished Professor of English, expressed his appreciation for obtaining these new resources in an email saying, "Thanks very much for getting this access! This could help student and faculty researchers quite a bit, not to mention saving money and time."

ACU Brown Library is feeling happy.  
Posted by Mollie Montgomery Scherer  
Aug 26, 2020

ACU students make our day every day with their upbeat energy, curiosity, bright smiles, giving spirit, and thankful hearts.



## Maker Lab

Micah Heatwole | director, Maker Lab



Micah Heatwole, director of the Maker Lab

Micah Heatwole began his role as the new director of the Maker Lab in January, arriving from Lubbock Christian University, where he was an assistant professor of English. During his first semester, Micah facilitated the acquisition of a new 3D printer and a new Epilog laser. The Maker Lab also began a renovation project to update the sink/kitchen area. The project includes new cabinets and countertops, sink, shelving units, and an overall improved aesthetic.

The Maker Lab hosted a virtual Take & Make as part of Homecoming festivities. We provided two at-home project options: a 9" x 18" felt ACU Pennant or an ACU Lightbox. In an effort to comply with social distancing rules, ACU alumni, faculty, students, and staff were provided videos, print directions, and instructional Zoom sessions. Over 400 people participated in the virtual Maker Lab Homecoming activity.

While we are working our way back to normal operations, the Maker Lab had adjusted hours during the pandemic year. To aid in contact tracing and social distancing, all visits to the Maker Lab transitioned to by appointment only, which allowed us to continue to serve our students, staff, and faculty. We retained our normal hours during the fall and spring semesters with only a few schedule changes during the summer of 2020.



## New Equipment



Ultimaker S5 Pro 3D Printer



Epilog Fusion Pro 48 Laser Cutter

## AT&T Learning Studio

Dr. Kyle Dickson ('93) | professor of english and director, Learning Studio

### Professional Photography Workshop with Asia Eidson ('14)



**A**s the Learning Studio marks its 10th year in the ACU Library, it has worked with thousands of students and faculty sharing their stories and research through media. Collaboration rooms are reserved more than 15,000 times each year and production gear has been checked out more than 18,000 times since we opened.

Each semester, the Learning Studio hosts workshops to help students and faculty develop their media skills. For the last five years, we've brought in **Asia Eidson ('14)**, a professional photographer from Ft. Worth, to lead weekend workshops that combine portrait photoshoots with advanced software tutorials. Since 2014 the Learning Studio has also directed training for ACU's annual FilmFest participants where professional filmmakers offer film production and editing critiques on student films. ACU students have been able to heighten their knowledge and competency while receiving direct feedback from experts from the field.

In addition to hosting workshops, Learning Studio staff spend time in classrooms leading training in media and storytelling. Professors from courses like Cornerstone, English 112, and advanced Bible invite our staff to provide professional training for students' digital media projects. This includes training and support in Adobe software like Premiere Pro, Premiere Rush, and Lightroom.



*Deanna Tuttle ('16) leads training sessions in media and storytelling.*



# Innovation Foundry

Dr. Marisa Beard | assoc. dean of educational technology and director, Innovation Foundry

In the final two semesters of the Adobe Faculty Fellows program, nine faculty members were awarded grants to implement a creative assignment into their courses that required the use of an Adobe Creative Cloud application to teach creativity and digital skills alongside their course content. The Adobe Faculty Fellows for this academic year were Dr. Cliff Barbarick, associate professor of bible, missions, and ministry; Dr. John Boyles, assistant professor of bible, missions, and ministry; **Daniel Garcia ('07)**, instructor of management sciences; **Robert Green ('79)**, professor of art and design; Monique Marquardt, college assistant professor of engineering and physics; Alice Murphy, instructor of nursing; **Dr. Rick Piersall ('90)**, professor and chair of music; **Dr. James Prather ('14)**, assistant professor of computer science; **Sheila (Prickett '87) Ritchie**, college associate professor of communication and director of forensics.



The Innovation Foundry continued its work in the use of virtual reality applications in the classroom. To combat the spread of disease, IF purchased two CleanBoxes to sanitize VR headsets in under a minute. This helped to continue the work of developing empathy with those suffering from dementia, exploring the ancient ruins of Machu Picchu, and exploring our solar system, all from the Innovation Foundry.



ACU students utilize virtual reality applications for classroom assignments.

As ACU faculty transitioned their courses online or in socially distanced scenarios, a team of course development consultants (CDC) was formed. Integral members of this team were the Innovation Foundry staff, serving as technology consultants to faculty working through ways to engage students in academic rigor with digital tools available to ACU classrooms.

## New Research Tool

qualtrics<sup>XM</sup>

Qualtrics, a powerful and well-designed online tool allowing users to build surveys, distribute them, and analyze responses from one convenient online location, has been purchased for all faculty, staff, and students at ACU. This addition to our software repertoire will enhance our research and survey efforts across our residential and online programs.

## Technology Resource Guide

### TEACHING WITH TECHNOLOGY

blogs.acu.edu/innovation\_foundry

<b>Create</b> Creative software used for graphic design, photography, UX design, or video projects. Adobe CC	<b>Detect Plagiarism</b> Detect and prevent plagiarism in student assignments. Turnitin		<b>FIND THE RIGHT TOOL FOR YOUR NEEDS</b>
<b>Evaluate Courses</b> Close the feedback loop so students feel part of an effective, value-added process. Blue	<b>Just In Time Help</b> Diagnose and develop business, technology related, and classroom skills through expert-led course videos. LinkedIn Learning		
<b>Office</b> Office productivity software makes your work tasks easier. Create presentations, documents, and more. Google Applications Microsoft Office		<b>Practor Online Tests</b> Save the grading headaches of manual grading and make the most of your time. LockDown Browser Respondus Monitor	<b>NEED HELP?</b> We're here to help you with any technology-related questions. Contact us at <a href="mailto:if@acu.edu">if@acu.edu</a> or call 800-452-4277.
<b>Research</b> Use library tools to find and document current research in your field. EBSCOHOST Zovaro	<b>Virtual Meetings</b> Meet with colleagues, in synchronous class sessions, or invite an outside speaker. Zoom	<b>Share Videos</b> Share curated videos or make recorded presentations that are available 24/7. YouTube	We're here to help you with any technology-related questions. Contact us at <a href="mailto:if@acu.edu">if@acu.edu</a> or call 800-452-4277.

## Exhibits Showcasing ACU Campus Life in 1940s-1960s



## Milliken Special Collections

Mac Ice | director of archives and special collections

Progress continued on two large grant-funded initiatives. The Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections Grant, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), facilitates analysis and assessment of our archival storage environment. The NEH recognizes the ACU library's role in preserving special collections of importance to American religious history. We anticipate the final assessment results next year. The TexTreasures program of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission fully funded our efforts to digitize the *Christian Chronicle*, the major newspaper serving Churches of Christ since 1943. The *Chronicle* is now freely and digitally available at <https://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/collections/CHCR/>.



## NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

COVID-19 posed challenges for in-person and online course delivery, but we discovered new ways to meet students' and professors' needs. We assisted with courses in Historical Methods, Restoration Movement History, and Public History. The Public History course, led by Dr. Amanda Biles, utilized our collections to create two museum-quality exhibits showcasing campus life in the 1940s-1960s. With Linda Childers, Collections Services Assistant, we completed the first full inventory of our print holdings. Technical Services staff, led by **Shan (Pamplin '86) Martinez**, cataloged over 2000 new items into our print and audio-visual holdings. For many of these new-to-us items, ACU holds the only known copy.

From online meetings to online courses to online church, if we have learned anything in the past year, it is that the ready availability of excellent resources can be simply transformative. In some ways, because of the many years of developing our information repository, Digital Commons, we were already positioned to serve well in 2020. Our usage stats bear this out, with now more than 800,000 total downloads by users in nearly every country around the globe.





## ACU Press

Dr. Jason Fikes ('96, M. Div.) | assoc. dean for library publishing services and director, ACU Press

During the pandemic, ACU Press partnered with authors to publish 24 new titles. These projects varied from popular Christian living titles like *Weak Is the New Strong* to academic projects like *The Anatomy of Deconversion*, which offers a probing analysis of the loss of faith in our current context. The Press also joined with local organizations across the Big Country to celebrate West Texas culture through books like *San Angelo A to Z* and *Legacy: The Dodge Jones Family and Foundation*.



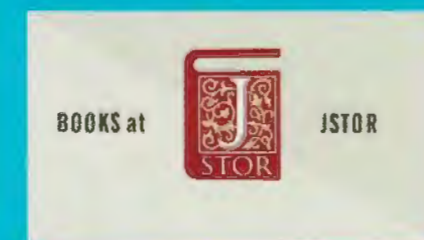
This year the Press also completed work funded by a significant grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and National Endowment of the Humanities (NEH) that supported the digitization and open access distribution of 25 ACU Press titles. These titles are hosted on a new ACU Press platform called Open Book Religion, powered by Manifold, through a partnership with the University of Minnesota Press at <https://openbookreligion.org/>.

Finally, in February 2021, ACU Press announced a new partnership with JSTOR that will allow libraries to purchase or subscribe to 70 ACU Press titles through their existing JSTOR licensing agreements. "JSTOR helps scholars find the best academic resources for research and teaching. ACU Press is proud to join this premier digital collection, placing our titles in libraries around the world," said **Dr. Jason Fikes ('96)**, Associate Dean for Library Publishing Services and Director of ACU Press. ACU Press joins the University of Texas Press and Texas Tech University Press as the only university presses based in Texas to partner with JSTOR in this program.

### Open Book Religion



### JSTOR Partnership



## Distance and Online Services

Dr. Melissa (Johnson '94) Atkinson | director of distance and online services

### New Appointments



Dr. Melissa (Johnson '94) Atkinson



Avery Weems ('13)

In October 2020, Dr. Melissa (Johnson '94) Atkinson and Avery Weems ('13) were appointed as librarians to the newly formed Distance and Online Library Services department which focuses on offering library resources and services to the fast-growing online student population. Atkinson was named director of the department after serving as the online learning librarian since 2016. Her areas of emphasis include doctoral research assistance, narrowing research topics, and locating library resources for online program course development. Weems was named the distance and online services librarian and demonstrates her experience in Zotero by providing workshops and one-on-one instruction about this free citation management tool which helps users to organize and annotate resources efficiently for dissertations and other research projects. Her other areas of emphasis are support for online undergraduate students and electronic delivery of materials (ILL).

Dr. Atkinson and Avery conducted four library webinars this year, two Zotero workshops, numerous one-on-one research consultations, and a weekly Zoom come-and-go session. The Lunching with Librarians session every Wednesday at noon allowed online students the opportunity to ask questions about searching, APA, and Zotero. The sessions were so popular that they will continue through the year.



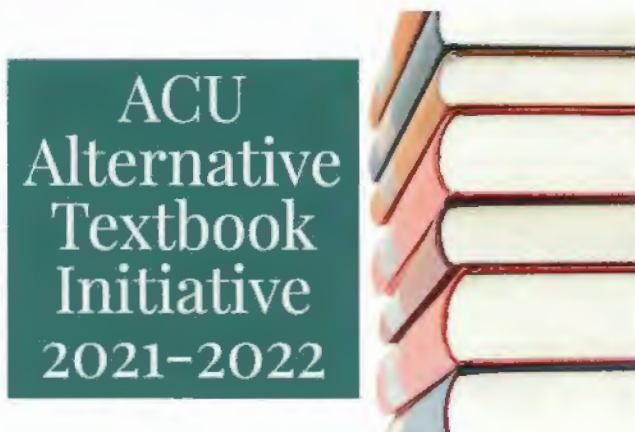
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# LUNCHING WITH LIBRARIANS: ASK US ANYTHING

Join a live session with Dr. Melissa Atkinson and Avery Weems to get your questions answered fast!

## Scholarly Communications

Erica Pye | scholarly communications librarian



**A**nounced to faculty in February 2021, the 2021-22 Alternative Textbook Initiative grant was presented as a way to support ACU faculty in their efforts to improve textbook affordability on campus. Dr. Robert Brown, assistant professor of engineering and physics, was awarded a grant to replace all materials for his ENGR 281 (Engineering Thermodynamics) course with open-access textbooks or alternative no-cost options.

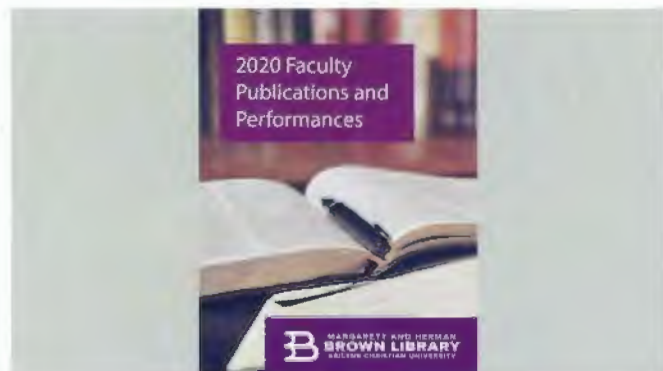
ACU entered into a read-and-publish agreement with Cambridge University Press. This gold Open Access agreement allows ACU-affiliated authors to unlock their articles in Cambridge academic journals at no cost to themselves.

In January 2021, the third iteration of the annual ACU Faculty Publication Catalog was published to Digital Commons, listing over 200 faculty works from the 2019/2020 academic year including books, book reviews, book chapters, journal articles, conference proceedings, and artistic contributions. Congratulations to our amazing faculty for their commitment to the dissemination of research!

### Alternative Textbook Initiative Grant Recipient



Dr. Robert Brown, assistant professor of engineering and physics



## Celebrating Milestones

In grateful recognition for years of service and dedication to the students and mission of ACU, certificates were presented to:



**Laura Baker ('87),**  
librarian for user experience and  
assessment - 25 years



**Al Estrada,** warehouse manager,  
ACU Press - 10 years



**Shan (Pamplin '86) Martinez,**  
director of technical services  
- 15 years

## Library Faculty and Staff Recognition

Celebrating Milestones and New Staff Appointments



**Dr. Melissa (Johnson '94) Atkinson** was appointed director of distance and online library services.



Dr. Carisse Berryhill was appointed special assistant to the dean for strategic initiatives.



**José Garcia ('19)** was named library circulation supervisor.



**Amos Gutierrez ('19)** transitioned to creative learning technologies coordinator and Adobe ambassador.



Micah Heatwole was named director of the Maker Lab.



**Avery Weems ('13)** was appointed distance and online services librarian.



**James Wisner** joined the library team as the dean of library services and educational technology, joining ACU from the Community College League of California, where he is its library consortium director. He previously held related positions at SAGE Publishing, SCELIC, Pepperdine University, and General Motors.



Congratulations to **Trent Dietz ('12), Amanda (Arzigian '12) Dietz,** and Daniel Dietz (big brother) on the birth of Ezra Matthew Dietz.

# Thank You

Molly Scherer | communications and development officer

**C**ontributions to the Brown Library enable ACU to build on its tradition of academic excellence through innovative education, real-world learning opportunities, and faculty-guided research. We rely on a combination of endowments, gifts of collections, and cash gifts to supplement and build upon the budgeted support from the university. Your gifts, no matter the size, make you a Friend of ACU Library (FACUL) and offer support for a wide range of programs, activities and fundraisers. Thank you for your support!

**Melissa Atkinson ('94)** and Robert Atkinson

Carisse Mickey Berryhill

John and Lauren Boyles

Dale and Rita Brown

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**Craig Churchill ('91)** and Anita Churchill

**Amy Coffey ('79)**

Lee Ann DeArman

\***Don Drennan ('58)** and **Rudith Drennan ('65)**

**Scott Ferguson ('93)** and **Sandy Ferguson ('92)**

Carolyn Glidewell

**Karen Hendrick ('65)**

Highland Church of Christ

**Mike Hoover ('82)** and **Mary Tom Hoover ('83)**

Christopher and Mary Lou Hutson

Martha Walker Hutson

Mark and Julie Keith

**Eddie Mahanay ('77)** and **Carole Mahanay ('00)**

Margaret May

Mark McCallon and **Beverly McCallon ('96)**

**Ray McGlothlin Jr. ('49)**

**Dave Merrell ('64)**

Tony and Suzy Moreno

**Joe Hawkins ('75)** and **Kaye Price-Hawkins ('72)**

**Mike Reese ('62)** and Lauren Reese

**Jack Rich ('77)** and **Karen Rich ('78)**

**Garner Roberts ('70)**

Bart and Molly Scherer

Raoul Shroff

Carl Stem and **Linda Stem ('59)**

**James Thompson ('64)** and **Carolyn Thompson ('65)**

**Ron Tyler ('64)** and Paula Tyler

**Bill Walker ('89)** and Cheryl Walker

**Jimmy Walker ('58)** and June Walker

James Wisner and Candice Ortbals-Wisner

\* *Deceased*

## Dean's Council

ACU Library relies on the meaningful connection, guidance, friendship building and financial support of Dean's Council members:

Dr. Carisse Berryhill

Dr. John Boyles

Dr. Donald G. Davis, Jr.

**Trent Dietz ('12)**

**Amanda (Arzigian '12) Dietz**

**Dr. Dave Merrell ('64)**

**Karen (Nelson '65) Hendrick**

Dr. Christopher Hutson

**Stephen Orr ('73)**

**Pattie Orr ('76)**

**Dr. James Thompson ('64)**

**Carolyn Thompson ('65)**



Virtual Meeting of the Dean's Council in April.



**Library strives to  
endow 30 new Named  
Collection Endowments  
before 2030**

The Hutson endowment is one of 12 restricted collection endowments held by the Brown Library for supporting the acquisition of materials in a specific subject area. The Brown Library hopes to endow 30 new named collection endowments before 2030. If you are interested in establishing a fund to endow acquisitions in a certain discipline and would like to know the giving levels necessary to do this, please contact Brown Library at 325-674-2344.

## New Named Collection Endowments

Hutson Africana Studies Collection Endowment | Novak Special Collections Endowment



*ACU gratefully acknowledged the establishment of the Christopher and Mary Lou Hutson Africana Studies Endowment by presenting the Hutsons with a framed certificate of appreciation.*

**D**r. Christopher and Mary Lou Hutson of Abilene made a gift to the Abilene Christian University Brown Library establishing the Christopher and Mary Lou Hutson Africana Studies Collection Endowment.

This generous gift permanently endows a fund that will support our annual acquisition of materials supporting research and teaching in African-American and African diaspora history, literature, and religion. We are thankful that this endowment will help ACU become a place where more African-American and African works of scholarship are readily accessible.

Our friends **Joe Hawkins ('75)** and **Kaye Price-Hawkins ('72)** established the Warder and Lottie Novak Special Collections Endowment. This gift honors Kaye's parents who spent their lives in ministry to Churches of Christ. We are grateful that their personal papers are entrusted to us at the library, and that this gift will allow us to acquire other important personal papers and records.



*Seen here is Warder Novak, standing at a chart describing the book of Acts. From Warder Novak papers, Center for Restoration Studies Manuscripts #272.*

## Selected Works

Library Faculty and Staff

**Baker ('87), Laura.** "No IR? No Problem: The Resourceful Librarian's Guide to Archiving Digitized Government Publications with the Internet Archive." U.S. Government Publications Webinar (October 2020).

Beard, Marisa and **Gutierrez ('19 MACM), Amos.** "Creativity in the Classroom: Engaging Students in the Creative Process." Educause Conference (October 2020).

Beard, Marisa, **Gutierrez ('19 MACM), Amos, and Rektenwald ('99), Stephen.** "Exploring the Potential of Virtual Reality in Higher Education." *Proceedings of Society for Information Technology & Teacher Education International Conference* (March 2021).

Berryhill, Carisse. *Answered by Fire: The Cane Ridge Revival Reconsidered.* Eds. Leonard Allen and Carisse Berryhill. Introduction by Carisse Berryhill. ACU Press.

Berryhill, Carisse. "What are Theological Libraries?" In *Introduction to Theological Libraries.* Atla Open Press.

Berryhill, Carisse. "A Threefold Cord: A Narrative and Reflection." In *Shifting Stacks: A Look at the Future of Theological Libraries in Celebration of Atla's 75th Anniversary.* Atla Open Press.

Berryhill, Carisse. "How Projects in Special Collections Help Students Find their Faith

and Voice," with Bob Turner. *Atla Proceedings* (2020).

Berryhill, Carisse. "Interim Pastoral Skills as a Resource for Library Leadership Transition," with David E. Cox. *Atla Proceedings* (2020).

Berryhill, Carisse. ACU Cullen Research Travel Grant, 2019-2020: \$3,300. Three presentations at ACU Adams Center "Traveling to Glasgow with Alexander Campbell" (Spring 2020).

**Dietz (Arzigian '12), Amanda.** Academy of Certified Archivists 2020 Item Writing Workshop (2020). Academy of Certified Archivists recertification for 2020-2025.

**Fikes ('96 M. Div.), Jason.** "President Jesse P. Sewell, White Supremacy, and the Formative Years of Abilene Christian College." Christian Scholars Conference (June 2021).

**Gutierrez ('19 MACM), Amos, Beard, Marisa, and Rektenwald ('99), Stephen.** "Creativity in the Classroom: Engaging Students in the Creative Process." *Proceedings of Society for Information Technology & Teacher Education International Conference* (March 2021).

Ice, Mac. "Samuel Davies," "Asahel Nettleton," and "James A. Garfield" (Short Essays); "Revivalism" (Long Article); and "African Americans and Religion (Colonial Era to the Civil War)" (Thematic Essay). In Gary S. Smith

(Ed.) *American Religious History: Belief and Society Through Time*, ABC-CLIO.

Ice, Mac. Book reviews in *Restoration Quarterly* and *Western Historical Quarterly*.

Ice, Mac. "'The Gospel Is For All': The Story of One of E. L. Jorgenson's Great Songs of the Church." Stone-Campbell Journal Conference (April 2021).

Ice, Mac. "Assisting Researchers with Publication," Archivists of Religious Collections Section, Society of American Archivists Annual Meeting (July 2020).






McCallon, Mark. "Shared Print Program at ACU." Southern California Electronic Library Consortium (SCELC) Channel One Webinar (April 2021).

**Rektenwald ('99), Stephen.** "Dynamic Rights for Your Dynamic Viewers." Bluenotes Global Virtual Conference (August 2020).

Scherer, Molly. "Social Media Successes: What Worked Well for our Library." Christian College Librarians Conference (May 2021).

# By the Numbers

## Departmental Statistics

 <b>Distance &amp; Online Services</b>	493	Chats
	769	Research Questions Answered
	6	Webinars
	10	Library Instruction Workshops & Zoom Sessions
	55,341	Distance Learning Portal Views
	7,634	Doctor of Education Resource Guide Views
	3,898	Doctor of Nursing Practice Guide Views
3,256	CORE 115: Intro to Critical Thinking Guide Views	
4	New Guides Created for Online Programs	
 <b>Learning Studio</b>	15,000+	Collaboration Room Reservations (per year)
	18,000+	Production Gear Check Outs (since opening)
 <b>Library Collections</b>	691,845	Volumes Held
	5,967	ACU New Print Items Added
	26,825	ACU New Electronic Items Added
	207	ACU New AV Items Added
	62,023	Total E-Journal Subscriptions
43	Total Current Print Journal Subscriptions	
 <b>Library Services</b>	15,204	Print Checkouts
	8,518	In-Library Use
	33,626	E-Book Usage: Entire Book Downloads & Views
	35,490	E-Book Usage: Chapter & Section Downloads & Views
	233,312	E-Resource Articles & Documents Downloads & Views
	2,603	Reference Transactions
	486,499	Total Number of Library Visits
	4,191	Laptop Checkouts
	3,191	Interlibrary Loan Requests Filled (Borrowed)
	3,647	Interlibrary Loan Requests Filled (Lending)
1,970	Students Receiving Library Instruction	
97	Classes Receiving Instruction from Librarians	
117,015	Library Home Page Views	
113,866	Library Subject Guides Views (LibGuides)	
 <b>Maker Lab</b>	6,064	Maker Lab Visits
	3,913	Maker Lab Tool Reservations
	519	New Maker Lab Accounts Created

 <b>Innovation Foundry</b>	3	Faculty Focused Foundry Chats
	4	Maker Mondays in Partnership with the Maker Lab
	6	Adobe Sessions (Hands-on)
	10	Tech Tune-Ups
	21,845	Blue eXplorance Student Course Evaluations
	61,232	Blue eXplorance Summary Reports Generated & Distributed
35.68%	Student Course Evaluation Response Rate	
76	Adobe Certifications Earned	
9	Adobe Faculty Fellows - Grants Awarded	
297	Adobe Faculty Fellows - Students Reached	
 <b>Scholarly Communications</b> (DC = Digital Commons)	213	Faculty Publications in 2020 Faculty Publication Catalog
	5	– Books
	19	– Book Chapters
	88	– Book Reviews
	1	– Conference Proceedings
	83	– Journal Articles
	17	– Artistic Contributions
	163	Faculty Works in DC
	12,026	Total Downloads of Faculty Works in DC
	510	Student Works in DC
284,225	Total Downloads of Student Works in DC	
25,400	Submitted Items in DC	
784,166	All-Time Downloads of All Items in DC	
23	Journal Articles Published to DC	
 <b>Special Collections</b> (DC = Digital Commons)	519	Manuscript Collections
	5,971	Linear Feet - Center for Restoration Studies
	6,246	Linear Feet - University Records
	4	Public Exhibitions on Display
	4	Permanent Displays
	38,144	Stone-Campbell Cataloged Items
379,277	Downloads of Stone-Campbell Materials in DC from <b>212</b> Countries	
5,964	Downloads of New Finding Aid Information in DC <b>87</b> Countries	
13, 830	Items in West Texas Digital Archives	
1,381,239	Uses of Items in West Texas Digital Archives	
139,085	Items Cataloged and Held in Special Collections	
3,206	Hymnals in the Taylor Collection	





*Snow day view from the Barry and Diane Packer Forum*

Abilene Christian is the highest-ranking university in Texas in a 2021 U.S. News & World Report assessment of institutions highly regarded for their commitment to student success. Nationally, ACU achieved Top 10 status in three and Top 50 in another of eight high-impact categories among 1,500 universities evaluated for the annual “America’s Best Colleges.” No other Texas university was named in the top 10 of any category. Learn more at [acu.edu](https://acu.edu).

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