Showcasing Faculty Scholarship and Artistic Work

Abstract:
Academic libraries routinely display books written by their institution’s faculty, to celebrate faculty contributions to knowledge and their role in supporting faculty scholarship. But these represent only a segment of scholarly and artistic work, face challenges in an increasingly online information environment, and are only available to those in the library building. At DePauw, we’ve created an online guide to faculty scholarly and artistic work, like (1) good when available links to articles, books, and presentations, and add acknowledging of musical, theatrical, art, and other creative works. This guide builds upon our archivist’s online finding aid for historic faculty publications (some of which is being digitized for inclusion in CONTENTdm). Creating the guide gave us opportunities to collaborate with staff in faculty development, public relations, and other administrative offices. We have not given up the physical book display, but have moved it to a prominent location in our café, where we host book signings for faculty authors. These celebrate faculty scholars and acknowledge the importance of physical library materials. Together, the guide, the ongoing display, and the receptions reiterate the collaboration between the libraries and our faculty scholars and artists.

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In the Library and on campus

Faculty Authors Reception
- Annual spring celebration
- In the Library
- Authors sign copies of their recent books, CDs or other media
- Coincides with Trustees Meeting
- Advertised to the campus and community
- Meet the authors

Book Displays
- Permanent display
- Most recent works
- Prominent location
- Adjacent to other media
- Branch libraries have them, too

Faculty Achievement Event
- Annual celebration sponsored by Faculty Development
- Librarians provide display of current year’s publications
- Librarians, along with other faculty, speak on behalf of colleagues’ works
- Program available online

Online

Library Catalog:
- Make faculty authored books easily findable through the catalog
- Create local subject headings
- Provide links to lists of these works
- Don’t forget other media

CONTENTdm:
- Create database of faculty publications held by Archives or the Libraries
- Provide additional data about journal article publications
- Explore options for full-text links when possible
- Tied to other content about faculty, such as images, campus publications, etc.

LibGuide:
- List of new books published
- Link to catalog searches for books, recordings, CD-ROMs, etc.
- Highlight recent events
- Link to CONTENTdm database
- Link to Archives finding aids for emeriti faculty
- Tabs for creative works, such as music and theatre performances, artwork, etc.