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### The Repository @ St. Cloud State 2022/23 annual report

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# THE REPOSITORY @ ST. CLOUD STATE

A St. Cloud State University Library Initiative

*The Repository @ St. Cloud State is an open access online archive that aggregates and preserves the campus scholarly and cultural record to promote interdisciplinary research; maximize research impact; and support local, regional, and global development and interests.*



## **A TIMELY ASSET TO ACHIEVING VISION FOR THE FUTURE**



### ***President Robbyn Wacker***

The lifeblood of St. Cloud State University is the research, writing, teaching and learning that our faculty and students develop and incorporate in their scholarly endeavors. It is through this work that the real magic happens – when we take an individualized approach to student success by actively involving learners in the exciting process of exploring, experimenting, discovering and applying creativity and knowledge. The Repository @ St. Cloud State is a tangible, shareable resource that offers easy access to scholarly works that showcase the results of these life-changing projects in the digital realm. This ongoing project provides a valuable resource for highlighting the quality and depth of academic excellence our teacher/scholars and our students have produced in the form of theses, dissertations, research papers, and other scholarly projects. The work of our St. Cloud State academic community is a precious asset, and we are proud to be sharing it in this way with scholars and researchers throughout the world and helping us lead the way in preparing the educators, scientists and business and community leaders of the future with a world-class education.

## **CONNECTING MINDS WORLDWIDE**



### ***Rhonda Huisman, Dean of University Library***

With the establishment of The Repository @ St. Cloud State, our library opened wide the digital doors for faculty, staff, administrators, and students to house and freely share their scholarly works. Their theses and dissertations, articles and manuscripts, projects and papers, along with university administrative works, have become accessible to researchers and scholars around the world, and the world has responded with increasing interest and thousands of downloads. It is critical to have a mechanism like a repository to keep the scholarly record. We hope it will welcome and encourage those in our campus community to keep on researching, exploring, discovering, writing and producing work that will influence and impact local, regional and global development, issues and interests. This digital repository is a vital partner in our global impact and in showcasing the excellence on our campus and the potential for the future.

## **THE REPOSITORY BROADENS OPPORTUNITIES**



### ***Claudia Tomany, Associate Provost for Research and Sponsored Programs and Dean of Graduate Studies***

The Repository @ St. Cloud State offers many precious opportunities for our faculty, staff, and students engaged in knowledge production and creative activity of any kind. No matter what our research is about – environmental data, local history, pedagogical or business practices – or what type of data or documentation we are collecting, curating, processing – The Repository is a free and convenient way to store our materials. Equally important, it is a convenient and completely free way to make our work available both to other researchers and the public. The user numbers show that tens of thousands of people the world over have accessed materials in our repository since we started it – a remarkable way for us to engage in an open and equitable knowledge exchange and increase the impact of our work.

# YEAR IN REVIEW

2023

**10,398**  
TOTAL OBJECTS

**3,171**  
OBJECTS ADDED

**2.5M+**  
ALL TIME DOWNLOADS



## **Goal 1: Engage with our campus through workshops, individual and departmental meetings, and social media.**

- Sent monthly item and download reports to campus.
- Conducted workshops as part of the Open Access Week outreach schedule of events.
- Led CETL-hosted introductory sessions for new faculty.
- Visited college and school leadership meetings to discuss University Library resources, including The Repository.
- Hosted the 2nd annual Celebration of SCSU Scholarship, highlighting professional works hosted in The Repository.

## **Goal 2: Solicit material submissions, especially faculty scholarship to support the Teacher-Scholars efforts within the It's Time initiative.**

- Engaged with individual faculty to discuss past and future scholarship accessibility.
- Engaged with individual department chairs regarding The Repository.
- Created monthly reports for college and school deans and other campus units regarding their materials hosted in The Repository.
- Updated The Repository research guides and began creation of a guide focused on Creative Commons and copyright support.

## **Goal 3: Upload high-value historical material from the University, including multi-page publications and image galleries.**

- University Archives posted 2,911 new objects, including the entire run of the University Chronicle, chromolithographic images, annual financial statements, various campus newsletters, past alumni magazines, oral histories, and campus fact books and summaries of academic data.
- Other material from University Archives appeared in separate communities in The Repository included Gerontology newsletters, KVSC trivia answers books and posters, and Survey Center past surveys.
- SCSU journals Linguistic Portfolios and the Journal of Student Scholarship continued to upload new content. This highlighted student scholarship created in collaboration with St. Cloud State University faculty.

## **Goal 4: Solicit permission from SCSU graduate culminating project creators to digitize and upload to The Repository.**

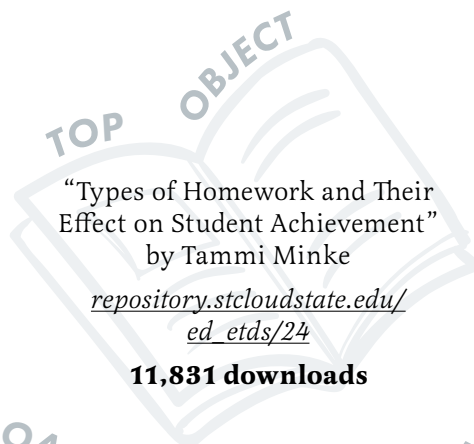
- Developed processes and workflows for work to begin fall 2023.
- Contacted a number of alumni to make accessible their culminating projects available in The Repository.

# YEAR IN REVIEW

2023

## Other notable activities for FY 2023

- Published The Repository's 2021-2022 annual report.
- In late April 2023, total downloads surpassed 2.5 million, less than a year after reaching two million downloads.



# LOOKING FORWARD

2024

## Plans for FY 2024:

- Continue outreach to St. Cloud State University faculty and other creators regarding past and future scholarship. This will entail educating on the benefits of hosting content in The Repository, open access, and making work previously available behind pay walls accessible.
- Search for St. Cloud State University-produced grey literature and discuss potential upload to The Repository with creators.
- Continue uploading and making high-value archival material accessible.
- Contact graduate culminating project creators requesting permission to digitize and upload their work into The Repository.
- Investigate memorandum of agreements for current and future academic journals hosted by The Repository.
- Investigate how The Repository can be home to research data, especially for federal grants with new federal open access requirements.



## ***Advantages of contributing to The Repository @ St. Cloud State:***

- Increase visibility and accessibility to other researchers and students
- Allows for wide dissemination of the work and contributes to advancement of knowledge
- Platform metrics provide contributor with valuable insights related views and downloads
- Promotes scholarship happening at St. Cloud State University



## ***Types of content collected in The Repository @ St. Cloud State:***

- Scholarship created by St. Cloud State University students and alumni
- Original publications or creative work by St. Cloud State University employees
- Open Education Resources created by St. Cloud State University faculty
- Historic St. Cloud State University publications and images
- St. Cloud State University-hosted conferences or proceedings

## ***Contributing to The Repository @ St. Cloud State:***

Email [repository@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:repository@stcloudstate.edu) to schedule a meeting with a librarian





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