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UNI ScholarWorks: Institutional Repository at the University of Northern Iowa
July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

The repository ties directly to the strategic goals of UNI by illustrating student success. It is one of the few things that clearly demonstrates the value and global reach of all parts of the university.

[UNI ScholarWorks](#) has over 2 million global downloads! UNI's institutional repository is a significant tool in demonstrating the reach and impact of programs and departments at the University of Northern Iowa. The repository is currently receiving 3,000 downloads per day and 90,000 downloads per month and as the system grows these rates will continue to increase.

A wide variety of content is found in UNI ScholarWorks, ranging from *journals* to *conferences* to *image galleries* to *books developed through course assignments* to *undergraduate honors program theses* to *graduate theses and dissertations*.

The entire university community together is creating an important resource for a global audience. The system metrics provide information about individual works. In addition, we receive feedback from people from all over the world about how specific works have impacted and helped them.

A dissertation, "[A study of college student attitudes and behaviors related to recycling](#)," by a student in the Department of Technology is the most downloaded thesis/dissertation located in the repository with 22,151 global downloads since its posting in 2015 (download number retrieved 7/23/2021.)

The global input listed below was collected from responses to a feedback form that is found throughout the repository. The form asks permission so the library can share the submitter's story. The form also requests the link to the resource the person is commenting on, therefore we can often link feedback to a specific resource within the repository.

Feedback received on 6/30/2022 for an article out of the *Proceedings of the Iowa Academy of Science*.

A conservationist states, "I saw a woodcock on my Lucas County, Iowa, farm and googled "Iowa woodcock" to see if I could find anything about this subject on the internet. I was happy to find an article about it and read it. Lucas county is also mentioned in the article as a survey location so that was neat. Long live the Lucas County Woodcock!

[Current Status of the Woodcock in Iowa](#), by Eugene D. Kloglan, H. Lee Gladfelter, Robert G. Sheets, and Gene Hlavka, 1975

[Journal Article | *Proceedings of the Iowa Academy of Science* | Iowa Academy of Science, Director, Craig, Johnson | 344 global downloads since it was posted in August, 2017] (download number retrieved on 7/5/2022)

Journals:

- [Proceedings of the Iowa Academy of Science](#) | 255,820 global downloads (download number retrieved 7/5/2022)

Feedback received on 6/18/2022 for a Graduate Research Work, Master's Thesis, Department of Philosophy and Religion, College of Humanities, Arts, and Sciences.

A student states, "I am a high school student, writing a paper for my philosophy class about Judith Butler's Gender Trouble and the manifestation of the theory in Feinberg's Stone Butch Blues. I used this text as a secondary source, to back up my explanation of how Jess's journey in regards to her gender can be read as an example of Butler's theory, or alternatively as the manifestation of Jess's transgender identity. I'm very glad I could use the paper I found here, and without it, it would've been much harder to, you know, actually back up the idea."

[Drowning in loneliness and writing the blues: Creating lesbian space in the novels of Radclyffe Hall and Leslie Feinberg](#), by Laura Ellen Goetz.

[Thesis | Department of Philosophy and World Religion, College of Humanities, Arts, and Sciences | Advisor: Susan E. Hill | 445 global downloads since it was posted in October, 2018] (download number retrieved on 6/20/2022)

Feedback received on 6/10/2022 for Graduate Student Work, Master's Thesis, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, College of Education.

A student states, "Having access to UNI ScholarWorks has helped me to understand the learners and their reading better. But not just that it has helped me to do research to enrich my mind."

[Motivating Struggling Readers](#), by Tawnie Kerska

[Graduate Research Paper | Department of Curriculum and Instruction, College of Education | Advisor: Lynn Ethan Nielsen | 1049 global downloads since it was posted in December, 2017] (download number retrieved on 6/20/2022)

Feedback received on 6/5/2022 for a document from the James Hearst Collection.

A user states, "I sought to read a poem by Robert Frost and was happy to find it here at UNI."

[Accidentally on Purpose](#)

[Article | James Hearst Documents | 755 downloads since it was posted in April, 2019] (download number retrieved on 6/6/2022)

Feedback received on 5/18/2022 for a Graduate Student Work, Master's Thesis, Educational Leadership, Counseling, and Postsecondary Education, College of Education.

A clinical psychologist, therapist, and author states, "I am writing another book now that included my own work on pleasure and the importance of play therapy for adults, especially in couples' therapy and sex therapy. Ms. Heiden's paper is valuable to me in the development of this work."

[Play therapy with adults](#), by Lisa E. Heiden

[Graduate Research Paper | Department of Educational Leadership, Counseling, And Postsecondary Education, College of Education | Advisor: Darcie Davis-Gage | 2287 global downloads since it was posted in June, 2019] (download number retrieved on 5/20/2022)

Feedback received on 5/4/2022 for articles out of the *Proceedings of the Iowa Academy of Science*.

A researcher states, "Elmer Dershem is my paternal Grandfather. His son, Elwin Dershem, was an engineering mathematician at Lockheed from the 1950's - 1984. I dabbled in aerospace and military electronics as a technician and metrologist from 1975 - 1986. I am now an Immigration Officer with USCIS/DHS. Thank you for helping me learn more about my Grandfather. I shared this link with my sister and brother."

[The Tungsten X-Ray Spectrum](#), by Elmer Dershem, 1916

[Journal Article | *Proceedings of the Iowa Academy of Science* | Iowa Academy of Science, Director, Craig, Johnson | 16 global downloads since it was posted in July, 2017] (download number retrieved on 5/9/2022)

[The X-Ray K-Radiation of Tungsten](#), by Elmer Dershem, 1917

[Journal Article | *Proceedings of the Iowa Academy of Science* | Iowa Academy of Science, Director, Craig, Johnson | 9 global downloads since it was posted in July, 2017] (download number retrieved on 5/9/2022)

Journals:

- [Proceedings of the Iowa Academy of Science](#) | 243,575 global downloads (download number retrieved 5/9/2022)

Feedback received on 4/28/2022 for a book, *Indian History of Winneshiek County*, by Charles Philip Hexom.

A nurse states, “I came across the article “Indian History of Winneshiek County”. I have a church plate from my mom, of Big Canoe Lutheran Church. The article has a great deal of information about Big Canoe and the history of the Indians that lived in that area in the 1800’s. The author may be a distant relative of mine. This valuable piece of my history would have been lost without this publication being saved. Thank you.”

[Indian History of Winneshiek County](#), by Charles Philip Hexom, 1913.

[Book | Iowa Book Gallery | 183 global downloads since it was posted in February, 2019] (download number retrieved on 4/2/2022)

Feedback received on 4/18/2022 for an article out of the *Proceedings of the Iowa Academy of Science*.

A researcher states, “One of the leading American educators in Brazilian agricultural education, P. H. Rolfs took Dr. Pammel as adviser during his M. Sc. course at the University of Iowa/Ames, by the end of 1891. I was curious to know Dr. Pammel’s history. As a matter of fact, I would say the author did a magnificent job on this biography. Congratulations to all of you.”

[Louis H. Pammel: Pioneer Botanist - A Biography](#), by Marjorie Conley Pohl, 1985

[Journal Article | *Proceedings of the Iowa Academy of Science* | Iowa Academy of Science, Director, Craig, Johnson | 396 global downloads since it was posted in July, 2017] (download number retrieved on 4/19/2022)

Journals:

- [Proceedings of the Iowa Academy of Science](#) | 239,196 global downloads (download number retrieved 4/21/2022)

Feedback received on 4/12/2022 for an article out of the *Proceedings of the Iowa Academy of Science*.

A researcher states, "I am doing a presentation on ferns at Iowa State University, and I'm interested in including a reference to the fossil ferns in Iowa."

[Notes on a Fossil Tree-Fern of Iowa](#), by Clifford H. Farr, 1914

[Journal Article | *Proceedings of the Iowa Academy of Science* | Iowa Academy of Science, Director, Craig, Johnson | 27 global downloads since it was posted in July, 2019] (download number retrieved on 4/15/2022)

Journals:

- [Proceedings of the Iowa Academy of Science](#) | 237,685 global downloads (download number retrieved 4/15/2022)

Feedback received on 4/12/2022 for a photograph in the UNI Panther Athletics subcollection, "1981 Action Shot by Bill Witt"

A former student says, "This is a picture of me! I was on the Men's tennis team in the 79/80 and 80/81 years ."

[1981 action shot by Bill Witt](#), by Bill Witt

[Photography | 10 downloads since it was posted on April 25, 2019] (download number retrieved on April 15, 2022)

Feedback received on 3/16/2022 for map in the Rod Library Maps Subcollection, "Iowa Maps"

A researcher says, "This is an incredible resource! As the Curator of a local history museum, I am delighted to have access to these high quality primary resources!"

[Map of Cedar Rapids 1930 by City Engineer's Office](#)

[Map | 24 downloads since it was posted on April 25, 2019] (download number retrieved on March 18, 2022)

Feedback received on 3/8/2022 for an issue in a magazine, "The Alumnus"

A librarian and private researcher says, “[This issue] helped me verify information about [the] former owner of books now in my collection.”

[The Alumnus](#) University of Northern Iowa Alumni Association, "The Alumnus, v.60 no.3, September 1975" (1975).

[Magazine | The Alumnus | 124 global downloads since it was posted in October, 2018] (download number retrieved on 3/9/2022)

- Magazines
[The Alumnus](#) | 19,398 global downloads (download number retrieved 3/9/2022)

Feedback received on 2/15/2022 for a book, “History of Black Hawk County, Iowa, and Representative Citizens”

A researcher says, “Access to this publication has helped me in my efforts to uncover my family history in Iowa where most of my ancestors settled before 1860.”

[History of Black Hawk County, Iowa, and Representative Citizens](#), by Isaiah Van Metre, 1904

[Book | Iowa Book Gallery | 114 global downloads since it was posted in February, 2019] (download number retrieved on 2/16/2022)

Feedback received on 1/2/2022 for an article from the Journal of the Iowa Academy of Science.

An illustrator states, “I have been fascinated by fossils from early childhood. Access to UNI ScholarWorks allows me to delve more deeply into understanding the fossilization processes and to know exactly what I am marveling at. :)
Thank you for making this information available.

[Silicification of Corals, Stromatoporids, and Brachiopods at the Weathered Surface Within the Devonian-Age Little Cedar Formation \(Solon and Rapid Members\) in Eastern Iowa](#), by Adam L. Majeski and Paul L. Garvin.

[Journal Article | *Journal of the Iowa Academy of Science* | Iowa Academy of Science, Director, Craig, Johnson | 548 global downloads since it was posted in February, 2017] (download number retrieved on 1/7/2021)

Journals:

- [Journal of the Iowa Academy of Science](#) | 33,613 global downloads (download number retrieved 1/7/2022)

Feedback received on 11/22/2021 for a Graduate Student Work, Master's Thesis, Department of Women's and Gender Studies Program, College of Humanities, Arts, and Sciences.

A user states, "I was able to find and read Xavia Publius's work. I'm working on a series for youth musicians in Canada to develop a framework for the future of orchestras, and I'm going to reach out to Xavia Publius and ask if she's interested in presenting and sharing her knowledge with future leaders of this field. All thanks to discovering this thesis!"

[Suggestions for transgender inclusion in classical music: a minicycle](#) by Xavia A. Publius, 2015

[Thesis | Department of Women's and Gender Studies Program, College of Humanities, Arts, and Sciences | Advisor: Cynthia Goatley | 2,220 global downloads since it was posted in September, 2016] (download number retrieved on 11/23/2021)

Feedback received on 11/4/2021 for a Graduate Student Work, Graduate Research Project, Department of Curriculum and Instruction (Division of School Library Media Studies).

A student states, "I'm a freshman in high school and I have been asked to do some research on finding evidence to disprove or right an author's claim. I was looking for an opposing argument and without the access to this document I may not have found that. Huge Benefit!!! Thank you."

[Harry Potter: A comparison of the characters, themes, setting and plot with the Arthurian legend](#) by Diane L. Engbretson, 2006

[Graduate Research Project | Department of Curriculum and Instruction, College of Education | Advisor: Barbara Safford | 16,052 downloads since March 10, 2015] (download number retrieved on 11/8/2021)

Feedback received on 11/2/2021 for a Graduate Student Work, Lesson Plans, Department of Geography, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

A public high school educator states, "As an educator teaching for 20 years, finding your lesson plan on Monsoons gave me a fresh perspective on a topic and inspired me to incorporate aspects of the lesson plan into my routine. Thank you so much for sharing the resource, it is making the educational lives of high school students better in Western New York."

[Monsoons: A Key to Understanding India](#), by Kelly Davidson, 2012

[Lesson Plans Department of Geography, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences | 1,066 global downloads since it was posted in February, 2017] (download number retrieved on 11/2/2021)

Feedback received on 10/29/2021 for an Honors Program Thesis, Department of Political Science, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

A user states, "I just Read Sydney Faith Atwood, compelling Dissertation: Gender Roles in Same sex couples dynamics." "This was the most uplifting and powerful piece of research I have read in twenty years. I have been recently unjustly accused of discriminating against laws by a system where the justice system does not understand what happens in the everyday norms in a society. I just wanted to send accolades to the department for publishing, so we as women who always live in these male dominated cultures, are 100% in agreement with her research and sympathize with this . I hope she will soon be published, and most police, and justice systems give a validated look at how same sex genders and relationships should necessarily end up in a jail, before reform and help is given to those who desperately need it. She brought a lot of light to a dark subject. I love it and hope to see and read more from this aspiring person, author, and hope she gets published ASAP!"

[The determination of gender roles and power dynamics within female same-sex couples](#), by Sydney Faith Atwood, 2019

[Honors program thesis | Department of Political Science, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences | Advisor: Ana Kogl | 2069 global downloads since it was posted in February, 2020] (download number retrieved on 11/2/2021)

Feedback received on 10/3/2021 for a Graduate Student Work, Graduate Research Paper, Department of History, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

A Museum Director says, "Tony visited Jim's Journey: The Huck Finn Freedom Center here in Hannibal, we discussed this at length. Wish he had notified me of the publication of the article."

[The Presentation of Race at Mark Twain Historical Sites in Hannibal, Missouri](#), by Anthony Wayne Birch, 2020

[Thesis | Department of History, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences | Advisor: Thomas Connors | 44 global downloads since it was posted in May, 2020] (download number retrieved on 10/11/2021)

Feedback received on 8/30/2021 for an article out of the *Proceedings of the Iowa Academy of Science*.

A student says, "Open access to publications in UNI ScholarWorks has made my research possible in the first place."

[Population Size Estimates for the Endangered Iowa Pleistocene Snail, *Discus macclintocki* Baker](#), by Tama K. Anderson, 2000

[Journal Article | *Journal of the Iowa Academy of Science* | Iowa Academy of Science, Director, Craig, Johnson | 63 global downloads since it was posted in March, 2017] (download number retrieved on 8/30/2021)

Journals:

- [Journal of the Iowa Academy of Science](#) | 29,632 global downloads (download number retrieved 8/31/2021)

Feedback received on 8/10/2021 for a Graduate Student Work, Doctoral Dissertation, Department of Special Education, College of Education.

A student says, "I am Nayma Sultana Mim, from University of Dhaka, Bangladesh. I am doing my thesis titled "Exploring the nature of intersectionality and its impact on education". I searched a lot but didn't get any quality resources on this topic. But finally I found this work of Petersen which provides me a guideline to continue my work. I am really thankful to the authority for this open access to this tremendous work. Thanks a lot."

[Exploring intersectionality in education: The intersection of gender, race, disability, and class](#), by Amy J. Petersen, 2016

[Dissertation | Department of Special Education, College of Education | Advisor: Deborah J. Gallagher | 7,021 global downloads since it was posted in January, 2017] (download number retrieved 8/10/2021)

Feedback received on 8/5/2021 for a Graduate Student Work, Thesis, Department of History, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

A researcher says this work “Assists in researching Norman Baker”.

[Iowa's wolf in populist clothing: Norman Baker, 1925-1936](#), by Eric Scott Juhnke, 1994

[Thesis | Department of History, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences | Advisor: Joanne Goldman | 158 global downloads since it was posted in September, 2018] (download number retrieved on 8/10/2021)

Feedback received on 7/25/2021 for a book, [History of Black Hawk County, Iowa, and Representative Citizens](#).

A researcher says, “I have been searching for my family who immigrated to Iowa from Ireland in the late 1800s. I have been able to learn more about their lives and struggles in becoming Americans. Being able to download this book allows me to go back easily to examine new questions that arise as I continue my research.”

[History of Black Hawk County, Iowa, and Representative Citizens](#), by Isaiah Van Metre, 1904

[Book | Iowa Book Gallery | 90 global downloads since it was posted in February, 2019] (download number retrieved on 8/3/2021)

Feedback received on 7/23/2021 for an article out of the *Proceedings of the Iowa Academy of Science*.

A researcher says, “I have been proposing Ibex depictions in rock art for many years, this article supports my findings (my findings published in <http://pleistocenecoalition.com/>)”

[Ibex lowensis. First Evidence of Fossil Goat in North America](#), by Harris A. Palmer, 1956

[Journal Article | *Proceedings of the Iowa Academy of Science* | Iowa Academy of Science, Director, Craig, Johnson | 96 global downloads since it was posted in March, 2018] (download number retrieved on 8/3/2021)

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- [Journal of the Iowa Academy of Science](#) | 29,157 global downloads (download number retrieved 8/10/2021)
- [Proceedings of the Iowa Academy of Science](#) | 177,347 global downloads (download number retrieved 8/10/2021)

Feedback received on 7/19/2021 for an article out of the *Proceedings of the Iowa Academy of Science*.

A researcher says, "I just returned from ISU, where I pulled all unidentified specimens of snail-killing flies from the insect collection to take home, identify, label, and return. Among the specimens were many thousand that had been collected by Laffoon. So I googled him, and now I'm reading his obituary on your site. By the way, the real purpose of my trip was to attend the opening of Nancy Cobb's musical production on 16 July at UNI of "The Suffragist," which was superb!"

[In Memoriam: Jean Luther Laffoon, 1922-1973](#), by William H. Robinson, Oscar E. Tauber, and Robert E. Lewis, 1974

[Journal Article | *Proceedings of the Iowa Academy of Science* | Iowa Academy of Science, Director, Craig, Johnson | 34 global downloads since it was posted in August, 2017] (download number retrieved on 7/20/2021).

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