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Maximize the Impact of Your Research

Stay up-to-date with the reach and influence of your research so you can then share this information with your collaborators, your academic department and your funders.

The following steps will help you get organized:

1. Submit a 'shareable version' of your publication on [DSpace](http://dspace).
2. Create a [Google Scholar](https://scholar.google.com) profile and set up alerts to track citations to articles.
3. Track citations and set up citation alerts for publications in the AUS library databases.
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For more information, review the library guide *Tracking Research Impact*.
Staff Profile
Monina Collins, Circulation Supervisor

I began working at the AUS Library in October, 2000. Since then I have learned the “ins and outs” of our library while witnessing the growth of our beautiful AUS campus.

I have lived and traveled in many countries including the Philippines, United States, UAE, Mexico, Norway, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Oman, India, Egypt and more. I have three children; two are in university, and a son in Grade 5 in the USA.

On the job I try to respect others, to listen to differing viewpoints and to be patient and mindful in each moment. My experience at AUS has also helped me to learn more about Islamic thought, Arab and Middle Eastern Cultures. For all of that, I am thankful!

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Library Staff News

Hanan Salem retired from her position as Archives Specialist after 16 years at the AUS Library.

Cornelia Wolf-Crouch (Part-time staff) and Samar Yassin (Part-time Archives Specialist) recently joined the library.

Christine Furno and Alanna Ross presented How to be an Effective Research Assistant to faculty research assistants in March.

Alanna Ross attended the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Conference in Portland, Oregon, USA in March.

Latifa Baali attended the Special Libraries Association, Arabian Gulf Chapter (SLA-AGC) Conference in Abu Dhabi in March.

Ahmed Alwan and colleagues of the Information Literacy Network of the Arabian Gulf (ILN) offered the Threshold Concepts for Information Literacy: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly Workshop at the American University of Sharjah in April.

Daphne Flanagan, Thomas Hodge and Ahmed Alwan will attend the annual American International Consortium of Academic Libraries (AMICAL) conference at the American University in Bulgaria in May.

Dspace Upgrade

The library recently upgraded to the latest version of DSpace, the AUS Institutional Repository available at dspace.aus.edu

Among the new features are a spiffy mobile interface and integration with ORCID (Open Researcher and Contributor ID).

DSpace is an online, open-access repository that showcases the work of AUS faculty, staff and students. Our growing collection includes Masters theses, ENG 207 posters, and SBA Working Papers. Content posted to DSpace is findable via search engines like Google, more frequently cited due to increased visibility, full-text searchable, and preserved for the future.

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