

Library Update

Journal Evaluation

Looking for guidance on finding an appropriate journal publisher for your research? Have you been invited to serve as a reviewer or editor for a publication and are wondering about its scholarly worth? Are you concerned about the standard of a particular Open Access journal? Help is at hand.

Understanding the criteria for assessing journal quality is critical in determining the overall value of any publication. The [Tracking Research Impact](#) guide will help you identify and evaluate journals for publication. This guide includes current standards (such as peer review, impact factor, positive and negative indicators) for assessing journal quality. It also includes both ranked and core journal lists compiled by subject experts.

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The AUS Institutional Repository 7 Reasons to Deposit your Research in Dspace

Did you know that most journals permit researchers to deposit a *version* of their published articles in an open access institutional repository without affecting copyright? The Library manages DSpace; the AUS institutional repository which showcases and permanently archives the research output of our faculty and graduate students. We are currently recruiting content, and there are a number of reasons why you should consider depositing your scholarship in DSpace: <https://dspace.aus.edu:8443/xmlui/community-list>

- 1. Increase exposure to your own scholarship:** DSpace is free to anyone with Internet access, so your publications will receive the widest possible exposure.
- 2. Discover your work in Google Scholar:** As DSpace is crawled by Google and other search engines, your publications will more likely be discovered in Google Scholar.
- 3. Enhance your research impact:** Reach a wider audience; increase your citation count.
- 4. Showcase AUS research output:** DSpace provides a publicly accessible showcase of our work.
- 5. Archive your work:** Your publication will be archived and preserved by AUS.
- 6. Share your research:** Direct requestors of your work to your DSpace page, and by doing so, increase your citation count.
- 7. Contribute to the growing body of research literature freely available online:** As content in DSpace is freely available, open access ensures the widest possible dissemination of your research, and highlights the impact of AUS research output.

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Staff Profile

Vincent Mani, Library Clerk



I was born in Mumbai and earned a diploma in Refrigeration and Air Conditioning from Datamatics Institute in Chennai. I began my career at AUS in the Chancellor's Office in 1997 as an Office Assistant. After a year my role expanded to

working with other departments including the College of Arts and Sciences, Office of Admissions, Continuing Education Center and the Office of the Registrar. In 2003 I joined the Library as a Clerk working on the Circulation team. Work in the library is always dynamic. For example, this year we moved to a new library management system which required lots of hands-on training and team work. Working in the Library is not only a vocation for me but also a passion!

WorldCat Tip

Need a library book, but it's checked out? Place a recall!

Use this option if you need a checked-out item urgently. Recalling a book shortens its loan period and generates a notification to the current borrower with a new due date. You'll be notified once the item is ready for collection from the library.



** If you are prompted to contact a librarian at any stage during the above process, select "Place hold". You'll be automatically added to the queue.

Keep track of your recalls and checked out items, and also renew your books online through your library account available from the library's homepage. If you have any questions, e-mail the Circulation Desk at circulation@aus.edu or call (06) 515-2256.

Reminder! The Spring 2017 coursepack submission deadline is Tuesday, December 13, 2016. Send your submissions to copyright@aus.edu.

Library Staff News

Replaced positions: **Fatemeh Moshref** (Library Assistant), **Ghada El-Abbady** (Circulation Supervisor), **Catherine Torio** (Library Assistant), **Syeda Naqvi** (Library Assistant), **Basma Al Amawi** (Part-time staff) and **Heba Hussien** (Circulation Supervisor) joined the library.

Veronica Ramshaw and **Rhonda Stricklett** completed the 2015 - 2016 Faculty Teaching Certificate Program.

Rhonda Stricklett and **Christine Furno** participated on the panel, "Trends in Academic Librarianship: Perspectives from the Gulf" at the Sharjah International Book Fair /American Library Association Conference. Librarians Latifa Baali, Veronica Ramshaw and Véronique Lecat attended the conference.

Alanna Ross attended the European Conference on Information Literacy in Prague.

Daphne Flanagan co-authored the chapter, "American-style academic libraries in the Gulf region" and **Christine Furno** co-authored the chapter, "Information literacy in the Middle East: a case study of the American University in Cairo and the American University of Sharjah" published in *Library and Information Science in the Middle East and North Africa*, Berlin: De Gruyter, [2016].