

# The Georgia Knowledge Repository: Sharing Georgia Scholarship Beyond its Borders



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# What is the Georgia Knowledge Repository?

- “Hub” for the repositories of participating GALILEO institutions
- Open Access content
  - Archives and Special Collections
  - Presentations and Publications
  - Theses and Dissertations
- Planning for this initiative began in 2004
  - Successfully funded by IMLS grant in 2009 for 3 years
    - GA TECH first hosted
    - Transitioned to GALILEO in 2012

## Participating Institutions

 Albany State University UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA	 AUGUSTA UNIVERSITY	 COLLEGE of COASTAL GEORGIA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA	 COLUMBUS STATE UNIVERSITY
Ram Scholar	Scholarly Commons	Coastal Scholar	CSU ePress
 DALTON STATE	 GALILEO Open Learning Materials	 Georgia Gwinnett COLLEGE	 Georgia Institute of Technology
Dalton State Repository	GALILEO Open Learning Materials	GeneralSpace	SMARTech
 GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY	 Georgia State University	 Kennesaw State UNIVERSITY	 MERCER UNIVERSITY
Digital Commons@Georgia Southern	ScholarWorks	Digital Commons	URSA
 SAVANNAH STATE UNIVERSITY	 The University of Georgia	 UNG UNIVERSITY of NORTH GEORGIA	 VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY
Tiger Scholar Commons	Athenaeum	Nighthawks Open Institutional Repository	Vtext

# Content in the GKR

- View our content at:  
[gaknowledge.org](http://gaknowledge.org)
- Each institution hosts its own repository and deposits content
- Mapping tool is used to “connect” repository items to the GKR



# Access the GKR

- Access the repository at: [gaknowledge.org](https://gaknowledge.org)
- GALILEO Databases A-Z
- Discover GALILEO

## Georgia Knowledge Repository (GKR)

Content produced by Georgia institutions

[More Info](#)

[Express Link](#)



# **Brief Tour of the GKR**

[gaknowledge.org](http://gaknowledge.org)

# ***Panel Discussion***

How did your institution originally become involved in the GKR?

What are some benefits your institution has enjoyed as a member of the GKR community?





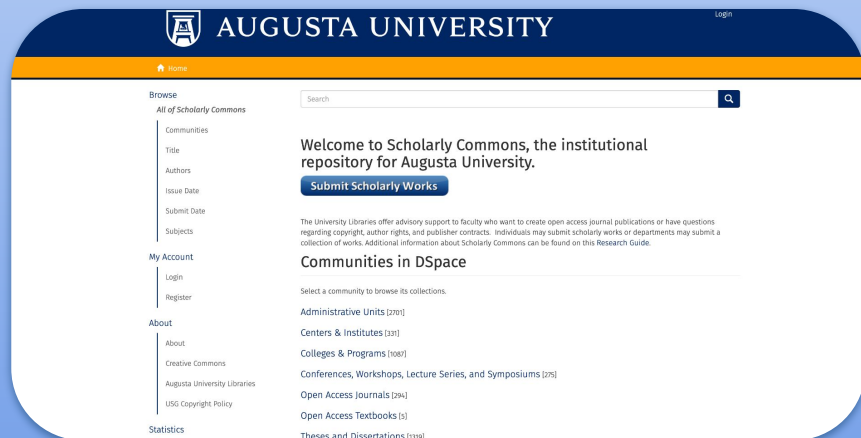
# Augusta University | Scholarly Commons

## History:

- Medical College of Georgia (MCG) was a member of the original cohort of GA institutions to initiate the GKR project.

## Benefits:

- Provides an avenue for supporting open access publishing
  - The GKR now has 16 participating institutions, increased from 4 since 2012
- Promotes information sharing and discovery of research among USG institutions
- Sense of community within USG institutions, particularly with the GKR Committee



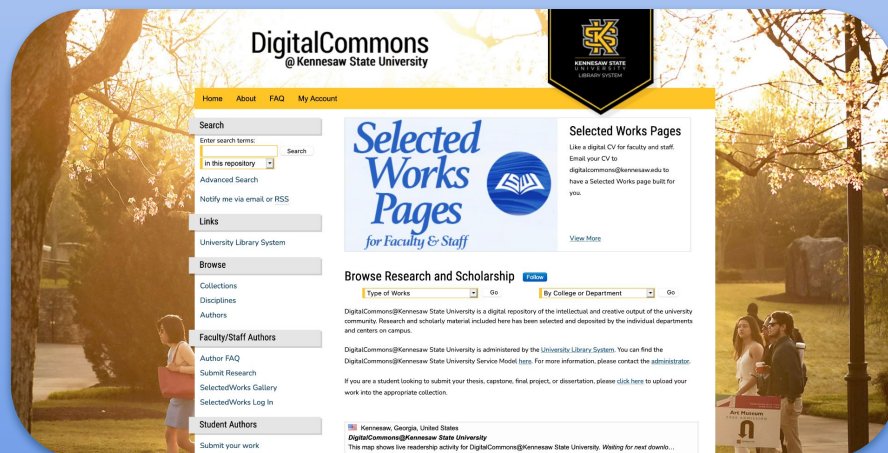
# Kennesaw State University | DigitalCommons @ KSU

## History:

- Established in 2009
- Joined the GKR in 2010
- Inherited from previous library faculty/staff
- Collection has expanded

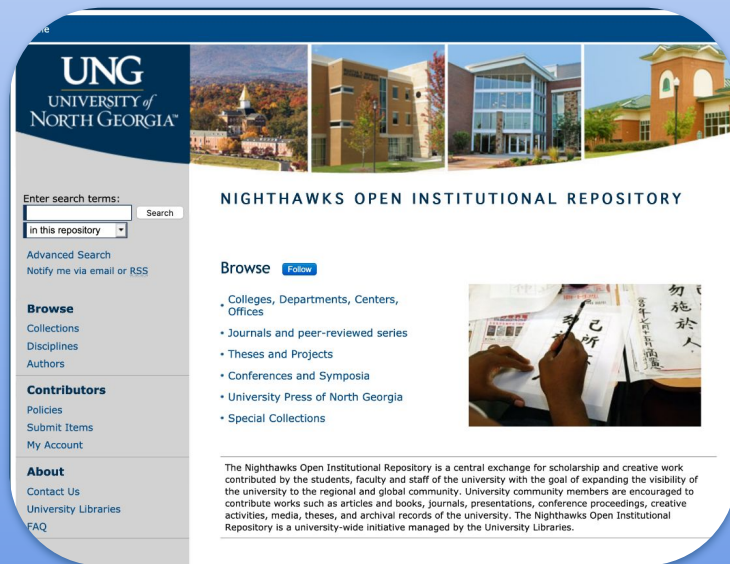
## Benefits:

- Wider dissemination
- Support for the Open Access Movement
- Sense of community
- Collaboration with USG colleagues



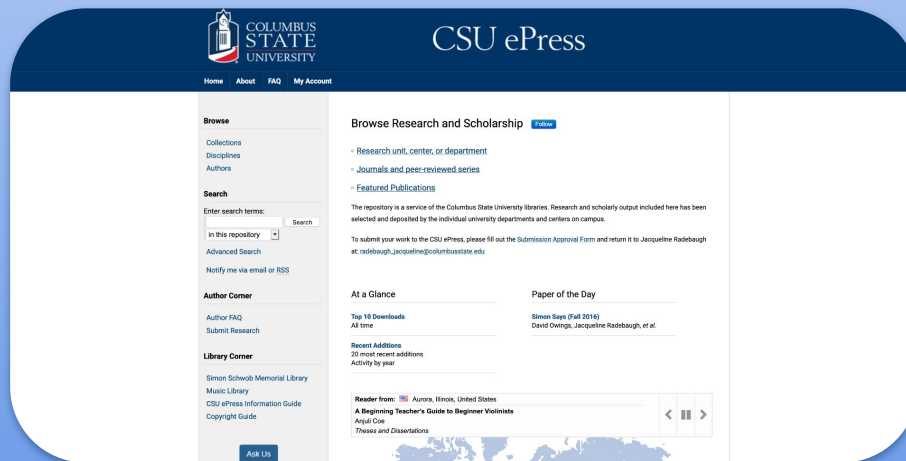
# University of North Georgia | Nighthawks Open Institutional Repository

- History:
  - Established in 2011
  - Joined the GKR in 2014
- Benefits:
  - Discoverability and access
  - Community for administrators
  - GA open access materials for our professors



# Columbus State University | CSU ePress

- History:
  - Established in 2010
    - Originally hosted on DSpace
    - Moved to Digital Commons in 2015
  - Original member of the GKR
- Benefits:
  - Collaboration
  - Highlight of collections alongside other repositories in Georgia
  - Access, access, access!



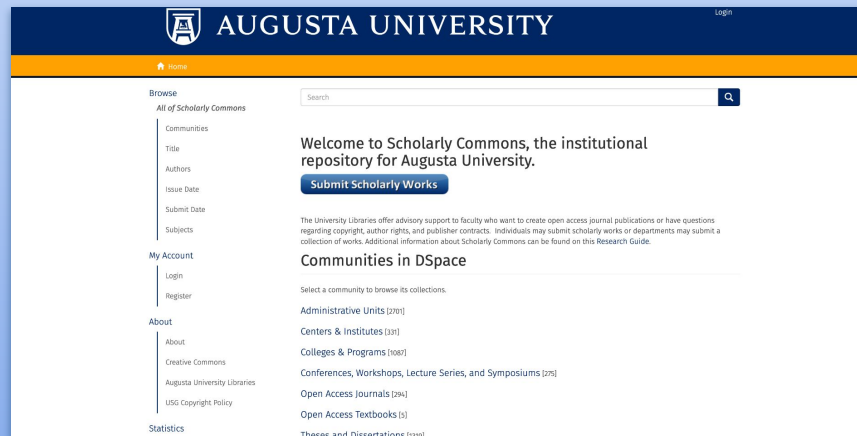
To become a member of the GKR, your institution must already manage an established institutional repository. To build a repository, you must first choose a platform.

Why did you choose your particular platform? Do you like it?  
Are you planning to change the platform in the future?  
If so, why?



# Augusta University | Scholarly Commons

- Why DSpace ATMIRE:
  - Currently in a consortium with three other USG institutions
- Benefits and Advantages of DSpace:
  - Easy to manage metadata
  - Options for open access, restricting to AU community, and embargo periods
  - Content is discoverable through search engines like Google
- Difficulties and Disadvantages of DSpace:
  - Some of the language used can be confusing
    - Organized into Communities -> Sub-Communities -> Collections



# University of North Georgia | Nighthawks Open Institutional Repository

- Why Digital Commons:
  - One stop shop - host a variety of materials and formats
  - Journal and conference hosting
  - Easy for a team of 1 to manage
- Future:
  - Currently exploring options
  - Looking at Ubiquity (Samvera - Hyku)
- Why the change:
  - Commitment to continued open access and use of open source platforms
  - More control over the look and feel of the website
  - Better journal management
    - More professional look and feel of the journal



The scope of individual repositories can differ from others based on institutional preferences, needs, and unique characteristics.

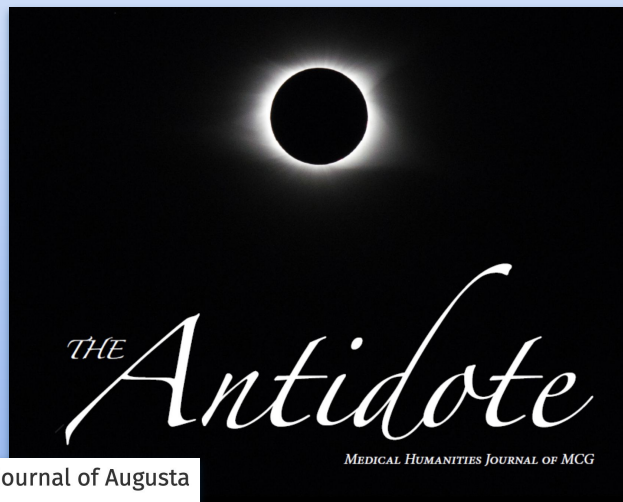
Please briefly discuss the collections in your repositories:  
how have they evolved through the years?





# Collections at Augusta University | Scholarly Commons

- Journals:
  - *The Arsenal*
  - *The Antidote*
  - Back issues of *jGHAP*
- Archival Materials
- ETDs
  - Multi-year digitization project



## The Arsenal: The Undergraduate Research Journal of Augusta University

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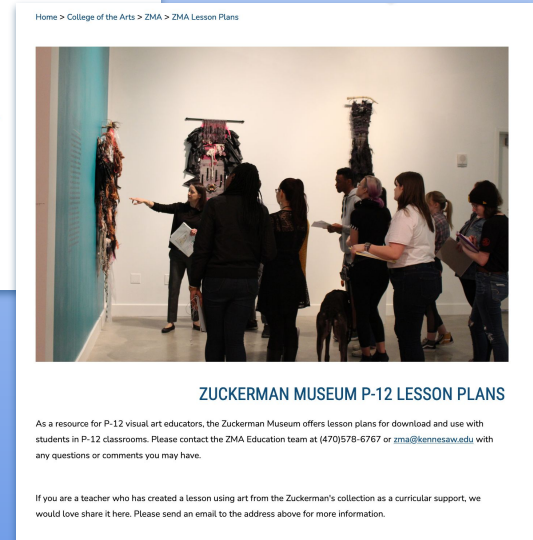
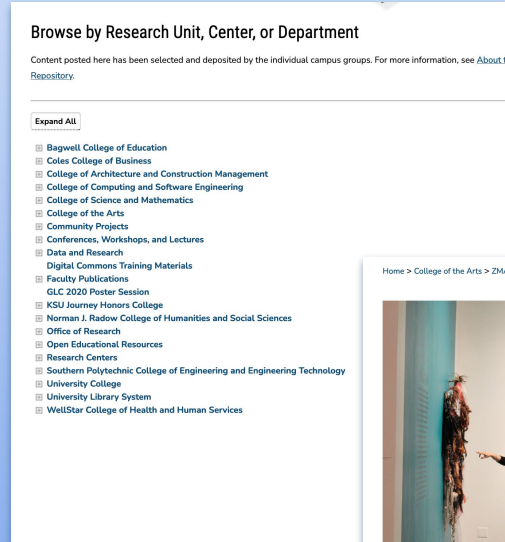
Search within this community and its collections:

**THE ARSENAL**

Augusta University's Undergraduate Research Journal

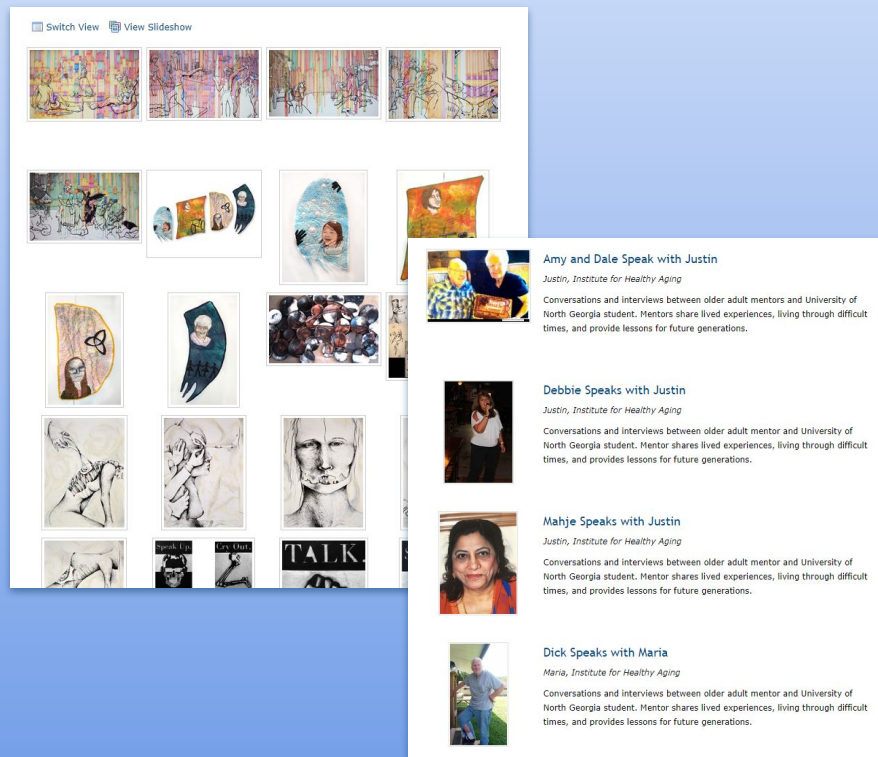
# Collections at Kennesaw State University | DigitalCommons @ KSU

- Then: traditional repository
  - Faculty publications
- Now: all outputs of our scholarly community
  - Undergraduate work
  - Grey literature
  - Conferences
  - Journals
  - *Georgia Library Quarterly*
- Highlight: Zuckerman Museum P-12 Lesson Plans



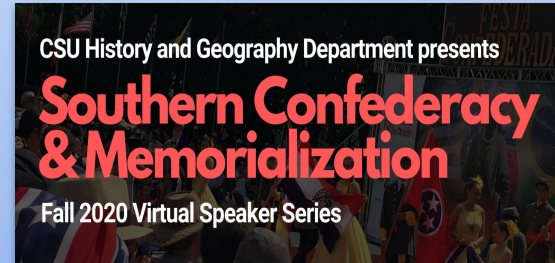
# University of North Georgia | Nighthawks Open Institutional Repository

- We currently host:
  - Faculty publications
  - Student research
  - Electronic theses and dissertations
  - Journals
  - Student publications
    - Newspapers
    - Yearbooks
    - Literary magazines
  - Special Collections and Archives
  - Art exhibits
  - Open Access Textbooks
  - Conferences



# Collections at Columbus State University | CSU Press

- Faculty bibliography
  - Started in 2010
- CSU theses and dissertations
  - Started in 2011
- Since 2015
  - Open Educational Textbooks
    - *Brown's Useful Guide*
  - Student Projects
    - *History from Below*
  - Community Projects
    - *Columbus Community Geography Center*
  - Video series and other media
    - *Southern Confederacy & Memorialization Fall 2020 Virtual Speaker Series*
- Open Access Journals
  - *Servant Leadership: Theory & Practice*
  - *Perspectives in Learning*
  - *The Muscogiana*



One of the most important activities of a repository manager is outreach, not only to market the collections, but also to encourage faculty and student participation.

Please briefly discuss some of your outreach activities:  
how successful have they been?



# Outreach at Augusta University | Scholarly Commons

- Inclusion in Orientations
  - New Faculty Orientations
  - Human Research Academy/Responsible Conduct of Research courses
- Partnerships with Campus Stakeholders
  - Center for Undergraduate Research and Scholarship
  - The Graduate School
  - Medical College of Georgia Student Association
- Marketing Efforts
  - Social Media posts
  - Newsletter articles

# Outreach at Kennesaw State University | DigitalCommons @ KSU

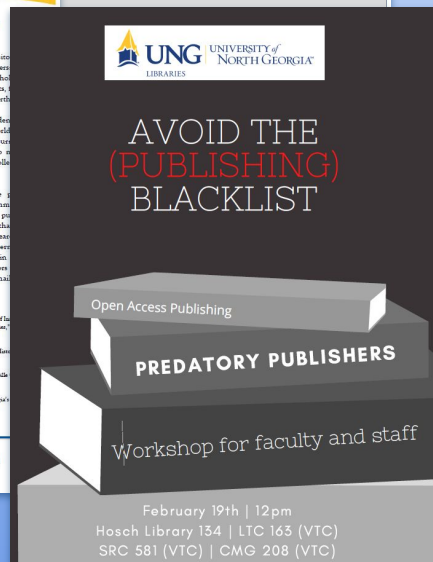
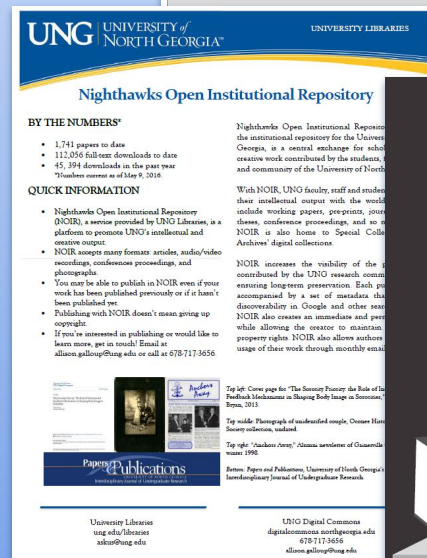
- Marketing to faculty and staff
  - Gold Open Access vs Green Open Access
  - Encouraging creation of Selected Works profiles
  - Brief presentation at New Faculty Orientation
- Presentations during educational events
  - Open Access Week (October)
  - Open Education Week (March)
  - Fair Use Week (April)
- Measurements of success
  - Survey results from educational event attendees



# University of North Georgia | Nighthawks Open Institutional Repository

- Presentations
- Emails and brochures/flyers
- Annual Authors Reception/Bibliography
  - Most successful
- In-class demonstrations
- Included/highlighted in annual reports
- Partnerships on campus
  - CURCA
  - Institute for Healthy Aging
- Social Media
  - Posts from the libraries and university accounts

## What is an Institutional Repository?





# Outreach at Columbus State University | CSU ePress

- Many, many, many presentations
  - Faculty and Staff Welcome Back Week
  - Presentations for Administration (Provost, President, etc.)
  - Open Access Week
    - With faculty participants highlighting particular projects
  - Conferences
- Informational videos
- Posters and flyers
- Postcards mailed to faculty
- Emails to faculty by the Provost: Please participate!
- Word of mouth
- Student participation: Freshman course in Scholarly Communications

# Get involved!

## Want to join the Georgia Knowledge Repository?

Visit our website and fill out the Contact Us form, or message the GKR Coordinating Committee directly.

Please tell us about yourself

☒ I would like to contribute content to the GKR

☒ My institution would like to join the GKR

☐ My institution is a current member of the GKR

☐ None of the above

Question