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The results of this year's LibQual survey are in:

- A total of 1,441 Duquesne students, faculty and staff completed the survey, an increase of 46.9% compared to 2006.
- 12% of the campus population responded to the survey.
- 48% of respondents provided comments.



Simon Silverman Phenomenology Center

**27th Annual Symposium
Phenomenology and the Theological Turn
April 28 - 29
Power Center Ballroom**

Phenomenology did not begin as religious philosophy, but recently several prominent phenomenologists have asked whether a coherent phenomenology of human experience must find its fulfillment in religion. The Silverman Center's 2009 Symposium



on phenomenology and the theological turn will sympathetically and critically examine the turn to religion in phenomenology. We hope you will join us for what is sure to be a spirited conversation about a matter that is of far more than just theoretical interest.

Speakers are:

Jean-Luc Marion, University of Chicago
and University of Paris-Sorbonne
Richard Kearney, Boston College
Edith Wyschogrod, Rice University
Jay Lampert, University of Guelph

Plan Ahead

On May 7, 2009, the fifth floor of Gumberg Library will close for the renovation of the Music Center and large group study rooms. The Curriculum Center will remain open.

Year in Review

The Gumberg Library has a new \$1.1 million entrance plaza with pleasing open space on top and an effective retaining wall and drainage system beneath. It was dedicated on October 1, 2008.

Construction continued in the summer of 2008 with every book and shelf on the Library's first floor being moved in a coordinated sequence of renovations. When the first floor reopened, newly painted walls complimented new carpet tiles. New compact shelving, with the capacity to hold thousands of bound print journals, were also put in place.

At the end of the fall semester, a comprehensive security system was installed in the Library. Every study carrel, restroom and service area now has panic buttons that connect to Public Safety. Video cameras record activity at the loading dock and front entrance.

Over the holiday break, 100 new electrical outlets were installed in public study areas on the second, third, and fifth floors of the Library.

The Popular Reading area on the fourth floor now has new furniture for comfortable study and student gathering in addition to the expanded study space on the fifth floor. President Charles J. Dougherty provided supplemental funding to purchase the additional study furniture for the Library.

In addition to renovation improvements, the library has seen an increase in its usage statistics: Foot traffic in the Library has grown 30%, total items circulated increased 10%, and student and faculty use of research carrels increased 94%. Laptop usage increased 163% with the addition of 17 new loaner laptops purchased with presidential supplemental funding.



Documenting the Impact of Your Scholarship

Monday, May 11, 2009; 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
408 Gumberg Library

Presenters:

David A. Nolfi, MLS, AHIP, Health Sciences Librarian
Julie Motyka, MSLS, Reference Librarian

Discussants:

Dr. Jim Weber, University Promotion and Tenure Committee
Dr. Paula Witt-Enderby, President, Faculty Senate

The workshop's goal is to help faculty members make the case for excellence in scholarship by using tools such as citation analysis, impact factors and other methods. Newer faculty who are just starting to publish can also benefit by using these tools to develop effective publishing strategies. Following the presentation, participants will have hands-on opportunities to use the tools and begin documenting the impact of their own scholarship. The workshop will conclude with a discussion about using scholarship data in the promotion and tenure process. No registration is necessary.

If you have questions about the workshop, contact David Nolfi at nolfi@duq.edu or 421.396.4931.

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Visit the Gumberg Library 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily for children's and young adult literature, board books, multicultural and Spanish titles, software, teacher resources, cookbooks and more. Major credit cards accepted. Proceeds benefit the Maureen Sullivan Curriculum Center. For details, contact Danielle Buck at 412.396.1858.

