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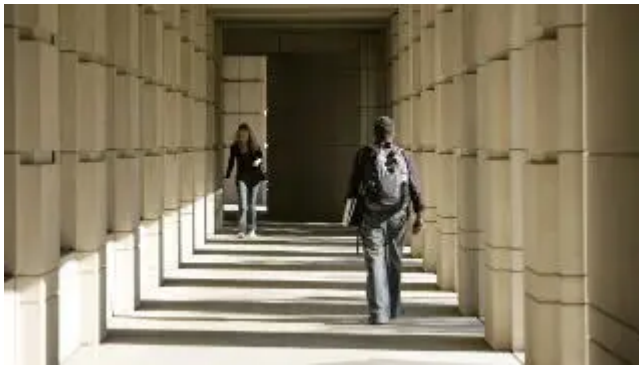
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Seton Hall University's Institutional Repository, eRepository, officially hit the two million mark for



worldwide downloads as of **July 7, 2017**. Maintained by the Seton Hall University Libraries in partnership with Seton Hall Law, the eRepository exists as a publishing service for the preservation and dissemination of University scholarly works. Faculty works profiles as well as Seton Hall published journals, conference materials, student theses and doctoral dissertations are centrally archived and available for digital download as reference materials for research and other similar efforts.

“Reaching this milestone really speaks to Seton Hall University Libraries’ place as the intellectual and cultural heart of the University. The eRepository is a reflection of the Libraries’ Mission Statement, which aims (in part) to support excellence in academic and individual work, enable inquiry, foster intellectual and ethical integrity and respect for diverse points of view through robust collections,” states Sebastian Derry, Assistant Dean for Public Services, Seton Hall University Libraries.

According to Derry, the ability to store and preserve a variety of digital content supports students' work by providing access to theses and dissertations, and supports faculty's work by encouraging an interdisciplinary approach to research. This is significant for the fact that the eRepository allows the University's research to become a viable worldwide resource.

Elizabeth Leonard, Assistant Dean for Information Technologies and Collections Services states, "In today's world, communication and networking takes place as much through open access sources as it does through paid collections. The two million downloads show how valuable our partnership with BePress and the eRepository initiative has been, in sharing Seton Hall University's unique and valuable content with a global audience."

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