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MAKING WOMEN’S HEALTH CONNECTIONS - BETWEEN RESEARCHERS AND TO RESOURCES

The UMMS Women’s Health Resources Dissemination Outreach Project
The Lamar Souter Library – University of Massachusetts Medical School

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**National Library of Medicine & Office of Research on Women’s Health**

**Access and Promotion of Resources**

- **Women’s Health Resources Dissemination Outreach Project**
- **Women’s Health in the Curriculum**
  - Development of Women’s Health Specific case studies to be integrated in the curriculum.
  - Used in the Nursing School and School of Medicine.
  - Heavily used in conjunction with evidence based medicine materials and courses.

**Women’s Health in the Curriculum**

- **Sex & Gender in Research**
  - "Sex is an important basic human variable that should be considered when designing and analyzing the results of studies in all areas and at all levels of biomedical and health-related research."
  - Institute of Medicine, Exploring the Biological Contributions to Human Health: Does Sex Matter?
- ** Continuing Medical Education**
  - The Science of Sex and Gender in Human Health is a free online courses – designed to create a permanent foundation for sex and gender accountability in medical research and treatment by enabling researchers, clinicians, and students in the health professions to integrate knowledge of sex and gender differences and similarities into their research and practice.

**Women’s Health Research**

- **Future Directions**
  - Systematic Reviews
  - Communication Events
  - Altmetrics
  - Promotion & Outreach
  - Reach Beyond UMMS

**Connecting Researchers**

**Women’s Health Research Faculty Publications Collection in eScholarship@UMMS**

- **Improves Visibility and Dissemination of Work**
  - Variety of publication formats (articles, presentations, etc.)
  - Provides Download counts
  - Promote Open-Access
  - Indexed by Google
  - Over 2,190 publications related to Women’s Health
  - 8,151 downloads of the free full text articles
  - 25 Featured Researchers in the Author Gallery

- **Women’s Health Research**

- **Goals:**
  - Improve and promote access to women’s health resources within UMMS
  - Highlight and build connections between women’s health researchers
  - Enhance the leadership of women within academic medicine
  - By supporting women research and researchers through the goals of this project, targeted groups will become better researchers, contribute meaningfully to their fields, and have greater opportunities for promotion and leadership.

**Community Promotion & Engagement**

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**Women’s Health Brief**

- Women’s Health Resources for Women’s Health Research
  - Seven monthly briefs produced. Production is continuing because of success
  - Widely distributed and well received.
  - Distributed via Email, Twitter, Libguide, and print.
  - 1-page, quick, easy read format proved most desired and successful.
  - All are featured and remain available on the Libguide: http://libraryguides.umassmed.edu/Womens_Health_Research

**Communication to the Media & Public**

- "Say What? Effective Communication to the Media and Beyond" with Karen Weintraub as speaker
  - Skill development program about how to talk with the media; researchers effectively promoting themselves and their work
  - All are featured and remain available on the Libguide: http://libraryguides.umassmed.edu/Womens_Health_Research

- Leadership & Mentoring
  - Promotion and education about Altmetrics to combat traditional biases and barriers in academic medicine
  - Working on Systematic Review looking at leadership and mentorship programs for women in academic medicine
  - Consultation on University wide mentorship program