Welcome to the Summer Issue!

Walden University provides a diverse community of career professionals with the opportunity to transform themselves as scholar-practitioners so that they can effect positive social change.

At Walden, we see this mission statement every day at the entrance to our Minneapolis office. We know our Walden students, staff, and faculty believe in this mission; none of us would be here if we didn’t. Walden is full of students following their passions, pursuing a degree that will enable them to effect change in their corners of the world.

At the Center for Student Success, we have services and courses that can help your students complete their degrees and bring that change to the world. Maybe you have students who could use some work on their writing, or who’ve been struggling with APA. They might need some ideas to help them get a field placement or search the library databases effectively. Invite them to take a course, visit our websites, watch or attend a webinar over lunch (or late at night), or call the library. We’re here for you and your students and for the world you want to change.

Susanna L. Davidsen
Executive Director
Center for Student Success
Staff Spotlight: Mackenzie Salisbury, Library

Please describe your primary role at Walden.

I hold the position of digital repository librarian, which means I work with ScholarWorks, Walden’s online institutional repository. What is an institutional repository, one might ask? Good question! Institutional repositories are digital collections of the work created within a university or research institution by its community members. Ours now includes dissertations, theses, and Walden’s journals, but it will also include other works as time goes on. I am also building educational and instructional materials about the role of institutional repositories, publishing, and how to effectively use ScholarWorks.

How do you support students at Walden?

I support students at Walden in a variety of ways. First, I offer assistance and am creating educational materials on what a digital repository is and how to use Walden University’s specific repository. Additionally, by helping to build ScholarWorks, I help to showcase the diverse and important research that is being done by Walden University, which can assist students in their scholarship.

What is your favorite part about your job?

As a librarian, I believe that access to information is one of the most powerful tools we have today. Contributing to this process of empowering people through access to information is what I value most about my job.

What do you do when you’re not working?

When I’m not working for Walden as a part-time staff member, I am also a full-time librarian at the Georgia O’Keeffe Museum. Outside of librarianship, I love exploring the outdoors, eating exotic food, and spending time with my partner and our dog, Pepper.

If you could offer one helpful tip to faculty, what would it be?

So often students don’t know what librarians can do for them. I encourage all Walden faculty members to explore the Digital Repository at scholarworks.waldenu.edu. As a fairly new resource that is constantly growing, the repository will be useful to faculty members both in and outside of the classroom.
New Career Services Center Website

In early June, we were pleased to launch our new Career Services Center website. Our new site offers improved design and easier navigation. We invite our faculty to check out these new and updated features:

- **Top 10 Resources** – Links to tools that will help students maximize the Career Services Center to reach their career goals
- **Resources by College** – A robust collection of program-specific resources that can assist students with professional development, job opportunities, and networking
- **Career Spotlights** – True stories of how Walden University students have applied career management and job search strategies to advance in their careers
- **Quick Start Videos** – Videos that provide on-demand information and instruction to help students get up and running quickly with their job searches

Many thanks to Dina Bergren, our associate director, and Angie Lira, senior career advisor, for their hard work in launching our new site. Please click on the blue “Feedback” button on our new site to share your comments and suggestions.

**Telling Your Career Story | July 23 from 6 – 7 p.m. Eastern time**

Recently at the Atlanta residency, we met a PhD in Public Health student who just landed a dream job: a fellowship at the Centers for Disease Control. How did she do it? She impressed her interviewers with her knowledge of public health and her passion for research into HIV/AIDS, a very serious public health problem in her native Jamaica.

How do our students tell their career stories? Do they share engaging stories of their careers? Their career stories might feature their degree programs, their knowledge and passion for their career field, and their future goals. Students may register today for this webinar to gain tips to strengthen their career stories and engage colleagues, networking contacts, and potential employers in new ways.

**Academic Skills Center**

**Welcome, Sulina Mackey**

Sulina Mackey recently joined the Academic Skills Center as a graduate assistant focused on instructional design. Sulina brings with her years of experience in MS Office training and program development from the K-12 sector. She earned her bachelor’s degree in business administration from the University of South Florida, and she is currently a student in the master’s program in instructional design and technology here at Walden. Welcome Sulina!

**Save the Date!**

The Academic Skills Center will be hosting a Statistics Skills Support Conference on October 7th. This virtual event will be a culmination of presentations, guest speakers, and roundtable discussions, focused on topics related to statistics. Presentations will be targeted toward beginner through more advanced students. Look for more details later this summer!
Writing Center

New Manager of Writing Instructional Services

We are happy to have Brittany Kallman Arneson as the new manager of the Writing Center’s instructor team. This team provides our popular paper review service, as well as course visits, webinars, and other writing instruction. Brittany has been a member of this team for 3 years, and she has been coordinating the Writing Center’s work at residencies for nearly 2 years. She holds a bachelor’s in English from Luther College and a master’s in English from the University of St. Thomas. Her focus, passion, and strong communication skills will serve her well in this multifaceted role. Congratulations, Brittany!

Welcome, Michael and Julia

Michael Miller is the latest addition to our dissertation editing team. Michael holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees in English, and he has taught courses at the university level for several years, with curriculum focusing on researching in the digital age, forming scholarly arguments, and improving writing skills on technical and substantive levels. In his spare time, he enjoys reading and research, particularly in U.S. modernist fiction; cooking; playing the piano; traveling; and spending lots of time outdoors.

Julia Shiota joined our writing instructor team, coming to us with a master’s in English from the University of Chicago and a bachelor’s in English from St. Olaf College. She was born in Japan, and although she has spent a great deal of time in the United States, she remains closely tied to her heritage through her family, her love of Japanese literature, and her deep affection for Japanese food. When she isn’t working, you can probably find her working on some of her own writing, playing her viola, and unabashedly dressing up her beloved bichon-poo in seasonally appropriate outfits.

Library

You’ve heard about ScholarWorks, Walden’s open-access institutional repository, which debuted late in 2014. Providing access to scholarly and creative works from the global Walden learning community, ScholarWorks reinforces our status as a research institution and helps us live our longstanding mission of social change. The repository features:

- A growing collection of Walden dissertations and doctoral studies, Walden’s five research journals, and publications resulting from university events and award programs.

- Robust search options and the ability to identify top downloads, trending topics, and recent additions.

- A unique, stable URL for any material in ScholarWorks, which its authors can share with colleagues, colleges, publishers, or other professional organizations around the world.

- Reporting capabilities that allow contributors to see how often their work is being viewed and downloaded.

Every college has a section of the repository now, and we’ve begun creating pages for academic units such as Career Services. To learn more, visit scholarworks.waldenu.edu.
Webinars

For a current list of upcoming CSS webinars, see the CSS website's home page and the list below.

Center for Student Success

**Introduction to the Center for Student Success (CSS)**
September 22 from 7 - 8 p.m. Eastern time

**Academic Skills**

**Skill-Builder Session: Multivariate Methods**
July 16 from 8 - 9 p.m. Eastern time
July 18 from 10 - 11 a.m. Eastern time

**Skill-Builder Session: Power and Sample Size** (watch the ASC website for registration details)
September 17 from 7 - 8 p.m. Eastern time
September 19 from 10 - 11 a.m. Eastern time

**Career Services**

**Career Services Overview**
July 10 from 12 - 12:30 p.m. Eastern time

**LinkedIn Café: Launching with LinkedIn**
July 13 from 6 - 6:45 p.m. Eastern time

**Resume Café**
July 15 from 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. Eastern time

**Career Services Overview**
July 16 from 6 - 6:30 p.m. Eastern time

**Curriculum Vita (CV) Café**
July 17 from 12 - 12:45 p.m. Eastern time

**Telling Your Career Story**
July 23 from 6 - 7 p.m. Eastern time

**Writing Center**

**What About Me? Using Personal Experience in Academic Writing**
July 20 from 7 - 8 p.m. Eastern time

**Literature Review Panel and Annotated Bibliography Basics**
July 30 from 12 - 1 p.m. Eastern time

**Presenting Data and Describing Analysis**
August 6 from 7 - 8 p.m. Eastern time

**APA Formatting & Style: Beyond Citations**
August 11 from 5 - 6 p.m. Eastern time

**Mastering the Mechanics Part 3: Beyond Basics**
August 19 from 7 - 8 p.m. Eastern time

**Academic Writing for Military Students**
August 26 from 1 - 2 p.m. Eastern time

**What is Academic Writing?**
September 3 from 2 - 3 p.m. Eastern time

**Appropriate Use of First Person and Avoiding Bias**
September 16 from 5 - 6 p.m. Eastern time

**Introduce, Conclude, & Write the Abstract of Your Study**
September 30 from 12 - 1 p.m. Eastern time
CSS Highlights

Spotlight on Service

On July 16, Walden CSSers Martha King and Lisa Raymond, along with the entire Office of Military Services (Nicole Lovald, Ann Thao, Fatima Benkhadda, Jennifer Connolly, Jennifer Farinella, Sarah Erickson), joined other local companies and organizations as volunteers with Wounded Warrior Project to purchase and build IKEA furniture for 10 local service families needing assistance. This was by far the biggest event ever organized by Wounded Warrior Project and IKEA. Members of the Walden team joined forces with members of St. Paul 1st Service Platoon to purchase items on the wish list for one local service couple moving into their first home after the veteran was diagnosed with posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Teams then helped assembled the furniture for all the families. At the end of the day, the furniture was loaded into trucks and delivered to each service family recipient.

Ready, Set, Walk

Ten teams from Walden’s Minneapolis office have joined nearly 1,600 participants in this summer’s first Laureate Walking Works Company Challenge. Walkers are logging their steps for 7 weeks to track their activities, reach healthy goals, and engage in friendly competition. In June, these Minneapolis walkers logged 2,434.77 miles. Go, teams!

What are some ways you are engaging in service this summer? How do you like to stay active?

Share your volunteer projects and healthy activities with us on Twitter (@WUWritingCenter, @WaldenCareerCt, and @WaldenASC)!

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