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Feature Story

Where is the Life We Have Lost in Studying?...Or Fun with Data and Statistics.

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T.S. Eliot famously wrote, “Where is the wisdom we have lost in knowledge? Where is the knowledge we have lost in information?” When I was in graduate school studying Library and Information Science, we added our own stanza: where is the information we have lost in data?

Do your graduate studies and research impel you to find, use, analyze and interpret data? If so, the UAlbany Libraries can help! The Libraries have eight specialized databases that provide a variety and wealth of in-depth statistics informing all disciplines -- Business, Humanities, Social Sciences, Arts and Sciences.

One way to find these tools is to begin at the Library’s webpage and click on the Databases tab. From there, select the Other Formats tab. There you will see a link for Data and Statistics. (See screenshot.)

Following is a sample of a few of the databases:

- **Statista**: statistics on more than 80,000 topics from over 18,000 sources.

- **Data Planet**: a multidisciplinary data repository covering business, economics, finance, social sciences, demographics, public health, and more. Contains many tools for exporting, comparing, analyzing and visualizing the datasets.

- **PolicyMap**: data include demographics, home sale statistics, health data, mortgage trends, school performance scores and labor data such as unemployment, crime statistics.

- **International Historical Statistics**: statistical data from around the world, covering a wide range of socio-economic topics. The collection includes data on the Americas and Europe, but also hard to find data on Africa, Asia, and Oceania.

...and others! Click on the Data and Statistics link and see for yourself.
Advice Column:
Mistakes Made in Graduate School

- Socialize Only with Your Clique
  - Spending time with a narrow group of peers limits your opportunities, hinders the size and variety of your professional network, and separates you from the university as a whole
  - Introducing yourself to new students and attending a variety of events can enhance your graduate experience, augment your social network, and allow you to integrate into a new culture
- Expect Friends & Family to Understand
  - Most people outside of your academia circle will struggle to relate to your graduate school experiences
  - Time management in particular is difficult for others to understand. It may appear that you have a flexible and “open” schedule, but that’s not often the case. You’ll have to maintain self-discipline and tell friends and family that you’re “on the clock”

This content is from 57 Ways to Screw Up in Grad School by: Kevin D. Haggerty & Aaron Doyle

FYI:
iLearn Workshops

- Let’s Make a News Show (Friday, April 6th @ 5pm & Friday, April 20th @ 5pm)
- Filmmakers Drop-In Forum (Thursday, April 12th @ 6pm)
- Editing with Final Cut Pro (Monday, April 16th @ 11am)
- Editing with Adobe Premier Pro CC (Tuesday, April 17th @ 3pm)
- The workshop schedule and registration are posted here: http://library.albany.edu/ilearn

Announcements & Campus Events

- Remember: if you want to receive ListServ updates be sure to email gsa@albany.edu
- Assembly meetings are held on the 1st Friday of every month
- Print/Copy quote reset dates for the month of April: 2nd, 16th, & 30th (350 prints/copies every reset)
- Brown Bag Speaking Series, Tuesday, April 10th 12pm-1:30pm (ED 335) Speaker is Dr. Kimberly Colvin

Campus Events

- Out of the Darkness: Suicide Prevention Walk – April 7th, 2018 from 12pm-3pm. Link to UAlbany’s Walk page: https://afsp.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donordrive.event&eventID=5090
- Fellowship Opportunity at New York State Senate: The NYS Senate 2018-2019 Graduate/Post-Graduate/Mid-Career Fellowships application deadline is Friday, April 27, 2018

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