

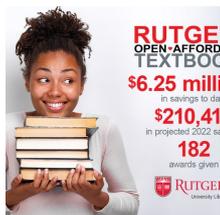
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Open and Affordable Textbooks (OAT) Program



As stated on the main Rutgers Libraries website, the OAT Program awards \$1,000 in research funds to Rutgers faculty who make their courses more affordable for their students by using low-cost materials, library content, or open educational resources (OER). In addition, \$3,500 in research funds will be awarded to Rutgers faculty who create and develop a completely new open textbook.

To date, the program has saved Rutgers students an estimated \$6.25 million. The goal is to support course material affordability at Rutgers, promote the use of open and affordable educational resources, and empower faculty to innovate their teaching through the use of open, free, or library-licensed materials and teaching aids.

For an overview of the program, details about the awards, information about open and affordable educational resources, previous awards, and FAQs—please visit: <https://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/teaching-support/open-and-affordable-textbooks-program>.

The OAT Program is open to full- and part-time faculty and curriculum developers. Applications will be accepted until April 12, 2023, for the OAT Program Awards, and May 17, 2023, for the OAT Authoring Awards.

Library Staff Changes



The Library has seen some staff changes over the past few months. As previously announced, Andrew Martin joined the library as a part-time library assistant in January. Andrew comes all the way from the University of Minnesota Libraries where he honed his expertise in processing copyright permission requests, assisting patrons at the Circulation Desk, working with faculty, and providing excellent customer service. Andrew is eager to engage with the SMLR community by providing a positive experience when visiting the Library. You can come say hi to Andrew during the day, Monday - Friday from 10am to 2pm.

Our part-time archivist position, unfortunately, is open again. Currently filling in for the evening hours is LSER Graduate Student, Antal DiFrancesco on Monday and Tuesday evenings; and new SC&I graduate student, Owen Socher, is filling in on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. A big shout out to Antal for endlessly responding to calls for evening coverage when the library was in a bind!

Andrew, Antal and Owen will begin assisting with preliminary processing of archive materials so that these invaluable resources can become more accessible to the SMLR community.

Faculty Research



Subnational Labor Market & Workplace Governance in the U.S.: A Dual Regime Approach

Todd E. Vachon (Rutgers), Chris Rhomberg (Fordham), Laura Buccì (St. Joseph's)

In this research we hypothesize that the U.S. has had not one unitary labor regime but two rival, sub-national regimes: (1) the New Deal regime and its legacy in the Northeast, Upper Midwest, and West Coast regions and (2) an “anti-New Deal” counter-regime based in the former Confederate South and extending into the Prairie and Mountain regions. States that form the “anti-New Deal” regime feature a distinctive and consistent mix of more restrictive labor laws, weaker welfare provision and stricter social control. This regime is also historically associated with anti-democratic politics, from its origins in the racial authoritarianism of segregationist Southern Democrats to the current one-party Republican dominance of “red state” governments. Our dual regimes hypothesis addresses debates in political science on the content of state policy differences and their association with democratic progress vs. backsliding. In sociology, we contribute to research on the relation of policies to economic and social inequality, including rights, standards and security for workers especially at the low-end labor market. In history, we help clarify the legacies of New Deal and anti-New Deal institutions in the 21st century. We utilize both qualitative historical data as well as develop a quantitative index of state-level policies to test our dual regimes hypothesis.

New Brunswick Libraries Workshops



Don't forget about all the great workshops provided by RUL! The majority are online and cover a wide range of topics, including:

- Introduction to ArcGIS Online Analysis Tool
- Coding and Queries in NVivo
- Introduction to Command Line and Scripting
- Machine Learning: Neural Networks
- Geospatial Data in the BTAA Geoportal
- Introduction to Sage Research Methods

For a complete list of all workshops visit: <https://libcal.rutgers.edu/calendar/nblworkshops>

SMLR LIBRARY SPRING BREAK HOURS!

Yes, we are open over Spring Break!
Monday - Friday: 8am to 4pm

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