Increasing Student Engagement in Archives & Special Collections

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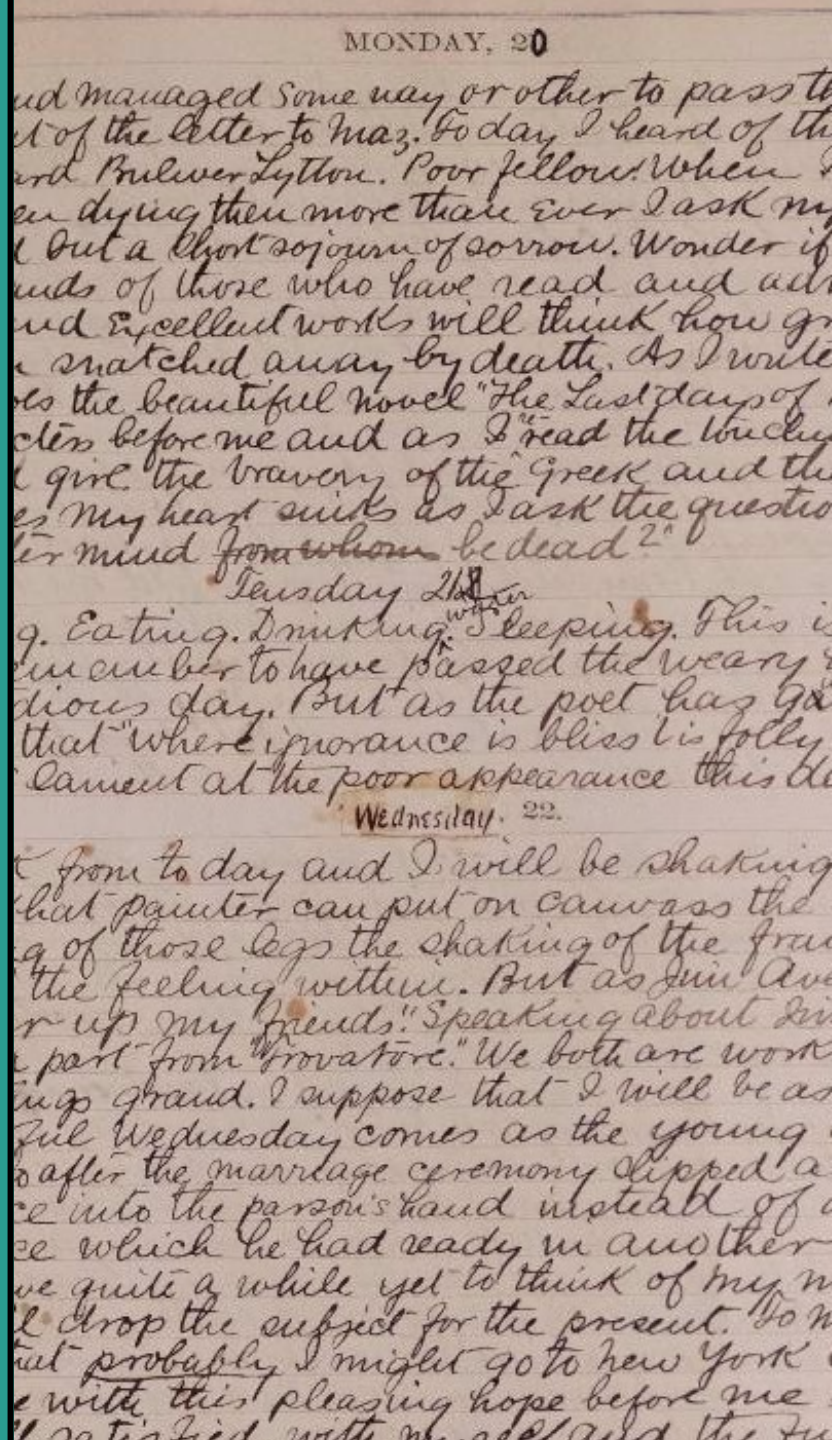
Background

Seton Hall University

- Private, R2 Catholic university
- 10,000 students

Archives & Special Collections

- Seton Hall University collections
- Archdiocese of Newark
- Manuscript collections



Goal

- Increase student engagement with Archives & Special Collections materials

Methods

- Networking
- Curriculum mapping

Networking

New Employee Orientation

Faculty Orientation

Student Events

Faculty Events

Library Instruction

Curriculum Mapping

History

Communication

Religious Studies

Education

English

Core Curriculum

Politics

Public Administration

Results: Fall 2023

- 248 students
- 15 classes
- 11 instructors
- 8 areas of study

Time Machines

Goal

- Support experiential learning
- Create parity with sciences
    - Humanities Lab

Methods

- Get administrators in archives

Outcomes

- 5 exciting new projects
- 4 engaged faculty members
- Administrative support
- Ongoing funding

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If you build it, they will come.

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