

# Increasing Student Engagement in Archives & Special Collections

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and managed some way or other to pass the rest of the letter to Maz. Today I heard of the death of Bulwer Lytton. Poor fellow! When I see dying then more than ever I ask myself but a short sojourn of sorrow. Wonder if the friends of those who have read and admired excellent works will think how good a snatch away by death. As I write I see the beautiful novel "The Last days of Pompeii" before me and as I read the book I give the bravery of the Greek and the Romans my heart sinks as I ask the question "What mind from whom be dead?"

Tuesday 21st

Eating. Drinking. Sleeping. This is the way in which I have passed the weary and tedious day. But as the poet has said that "where ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise" I lament at the poor appearance this day

Wednesday 22nd

from today and I will be shaking that painter can put on canvas the feeling of those legs the shaking of the frame the feeling within. But as I am a part from "Provatore." We both are working grand. I suppose that I will be as full Wednesday comes as the young man after the marriage ceremony slipped a coin into the parson's hand instead of a coin which he had ready in another pocket. We quite a while yet to think of my work I drop the subject for the present. Do not think that probably I might go to New York with this pleasing hope before me. I am satisfied with my work and the future

# 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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