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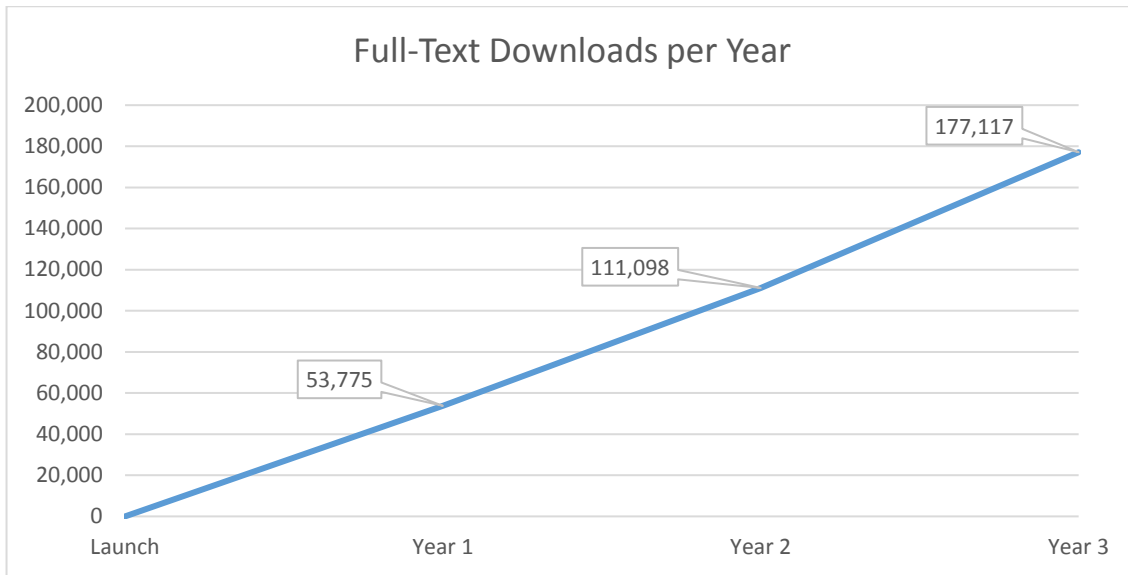
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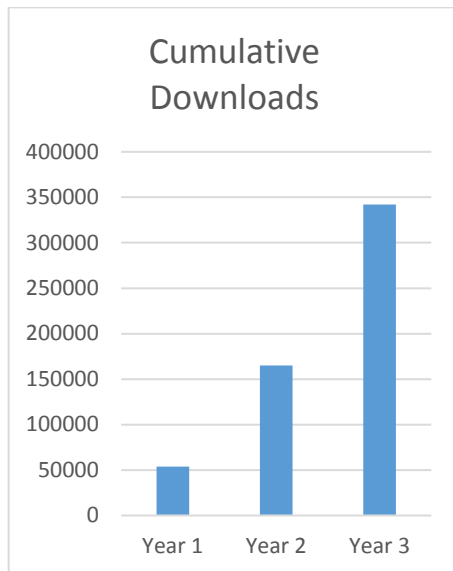
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Digital Commons @ George Fox University completed its third year April 30th, 2017, and continues to show robust growth. The number of downloads per year has been rising steadily, roughly doubling each year. The rate of increase has slowed only a little, even though far fewer items were added last year.

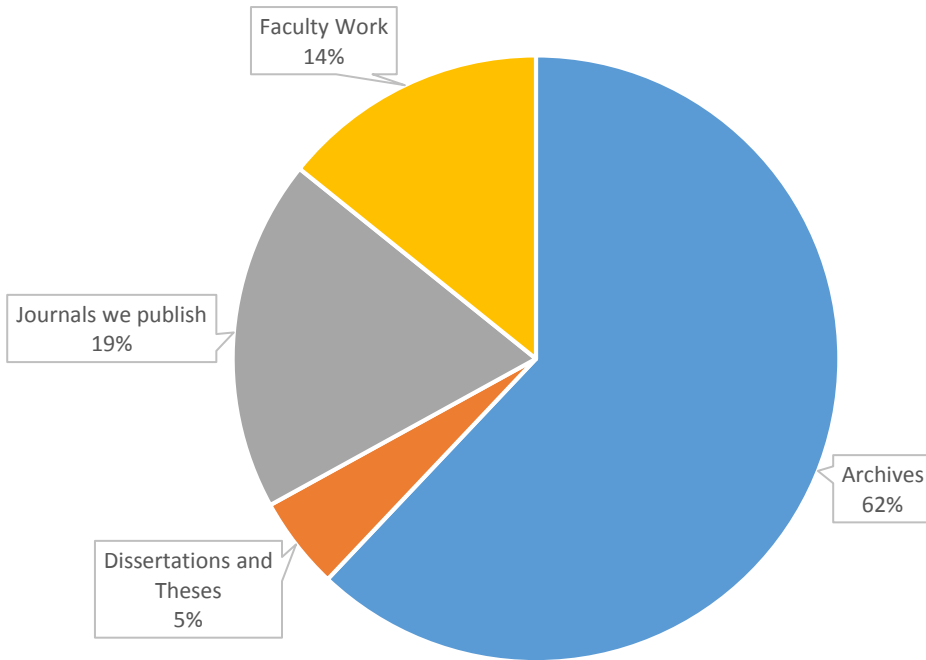


In its first three years, the Commons has had **341,990** downloads. Digital Commons holds **10,664** items.

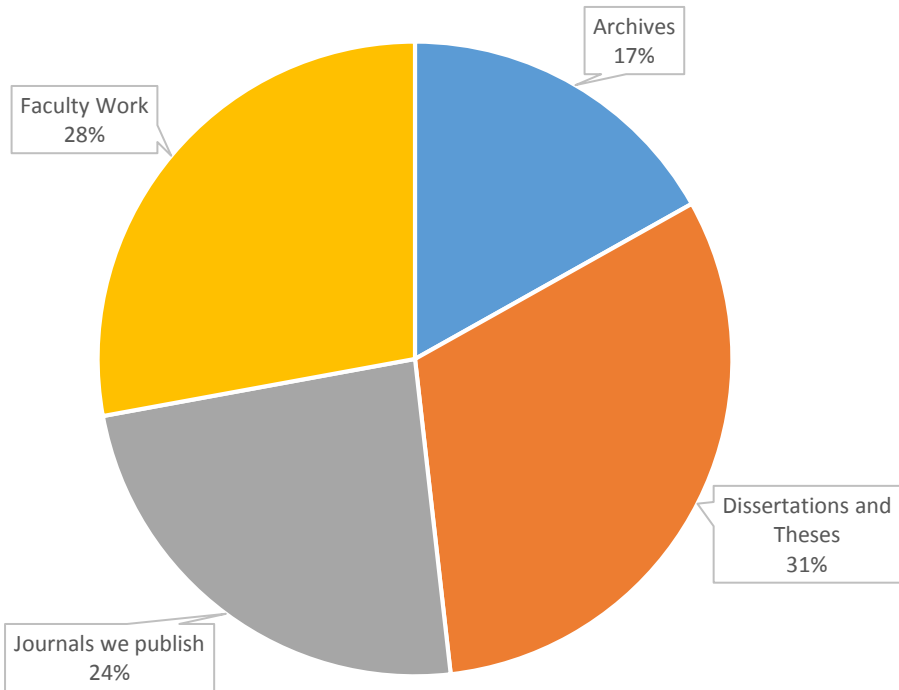


We have 128 different collections, which can be grouped into four main areas: faculty work (as well as some exceptional student work), journals, dissertations/theses, and archives.

Content in the Digital Commons



Downloads by Type of Content



These are the collections with the most use (top 25):

Collection Title	Downloads
Doctor of Ministry	45195
Occasional Papers on Religion in Eastern Europe	44226
Doctor of Psychology (PsyD)	24609
"The Crescent" Student Newspaper	23975
Quaker Studies	21608
Doctor of Education (EdD)	18392
Quaker Religious Thought	15958
Faculty Publications - Grad School of Clinical Psychology	15310
Faculty Publications - College of Christian Studies	13967
Faculty Publications - School of Education	13675
Seminary Masters Theses	9328
Faculty Publications - School of Business	8768
Faculty Publications - Portland Seminary	8449
Doctor of Business Administration (DBA)	7696
L'Ami Yearbooks	5649
George Fox College Life	5383
Counseling and the Demonic (a republished book)	5033
Northwest Yearly Meeting Photos	3965
Faculty Publications - Department of Mechanical and Civil Engineering	3895
Faculty Publications - Psychology Department	3887
Faculty Publications - School of Physical Therapy	3878
Faculty Publications - Department of Biology and Chemistry	2950
Faculty Publications - Department of History, Politics, and International Studies	2482
Evangelical Friend	2458
Faculty Publications - School of Social Work	2341

Over 4,600 items have been downloaded 10 or more times each. These are our top 20:

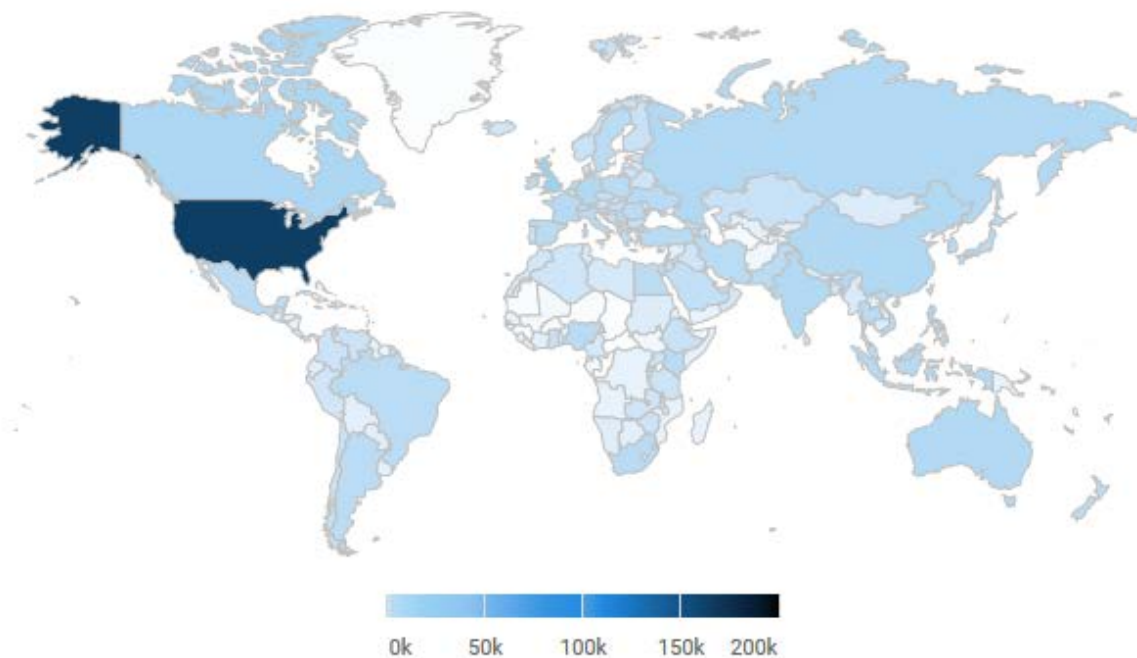
Metaphors for Teaching and Learning	4724
The Thirty Years' War: Examining the Origins and Effects of Corpus Christianum's Defining Conflict	2535
Noticing the Duck: The Art of Asking Spiritual Questions	2450
Reclaiming The Kingdom of God Metaphor for the Twenty-First-Century Church	2347
Demonic Influence and Mental Disorders - Chapter 8 of "Counseling and the Demonic"	1862
The Rise and Fall of Carly Fiorina: An Ethical Case Study	1860
The Last of the Rephaim: Conquest and Cataclysm in the Heroic Ages of Ancient Israel	1796
Notes - from "Counseling and the Demonic"	1498
Professional Learning Communities and Teacher Self-Efficacy	1484
The Human Reflex: Behavioral Psychology in Biblical Perspective	1472
In his Disciple Making Ministry, How Did Jesus Christ Determine What to Say and/or Do?	1472

Irenaeus Of Lyons: A Defense of Recapitulation	1462
Relations Between Personality and Coping: A Meta-Analysis	1450
Exploring the relationship of ethical leadership with job satisfaction, organizational commitment, and organizational citizenship behavior	1441
Martin Luther's Concept of Biblical Interpretation in Historical Perspective	1403
Using Critical Race Theory to Analyze How Disney Constructs Diversity: A Construct for the Baccalaureate Human Behavior in the Social Environment Curriculum	1391
The Great Co-Mission: A Postmodern Missiology	1290
"Some Worthless and Reckless Fellows": Landlessness and Parasocial Leadership in Judges	1210
Moral and Spiritual Changes in the Last Years of the Soviet Union - Part One	1158
Together, full of wisdom and the Holy Spirit: a paradigm for congregational discernment and decision making	1120

Of the 17 Orbis-Cascade Alliance schools using bepress for their repository, we rank 4th in downloads.

Geographical Distribution

Our use is less centered on the Northwest than it used to be. In the first year, 43% of sessions were from Oregon, Washington, and California, and 73% from the United States. After three years of use, 16% of downloads occurred in those three states, and 48% from the United States. We have had downloads from every country in the world, including North Korea.



This increased dispersion may be bad in the sense that faraway readers are not likely to become our students. But it's good in the sense of making an impact globally; it's gratifying, for example, to see that China is downloading our content on Christianity more than our content from business or education.

Changes in the Past Year

In an effort to maintain revenue from subscriptions, Quaker Studies stopped publishing with us and asked that their recent content be removed from Digital Commons. Their current content is now in the hands of Liverpool University Press, behind a paywall; their backfile up through 2010 remains with us.

At the end of the year, we were poised to unveil a new journal on our site: The Christian Librarian. It will be current and open access in our Digital Commons, with at least the recent backfile to be uploaded over the course of the next year.

This past year we launched Pennington ePress; this coming year will see its first new publications, which will include open-access textbooks. The press also contains a separate stream of publications, Historical Quaker Books, digitized from items in our Quaker Collection that are not otherwise available online. The 58 posted so far have had 436 downloads. The biggest achievement so far is the logo:



Bepress's addition of author dashboards has given authors and administrators much more visibility into usage. I have shared these with departments and even publicized some on our journal home pages.

We continue to solicit additional content and new collections for the Digital Commons. New features currently being considered include ORCID IDs, DOIs, and Plum Analytics or an equivalent product.