

# cIRcle, UBC's Research Repository

## IMPACT AND ACTIVITY REPORT | 2017-2018

### NEW cIRcle PARTNERS

cIRcle developed new partnerships with several multi-year grant-funded research projects, ensuring their research output is available worldwide. New partners include:

**Asia Pacific Dispute Resolution (APDR)** : The APDR Working Papers Series in cIRcle concerns research, analysis and policy proposals on cross-cultural dispute resolution in the areas of trade and human rights. The APDR Project is based at the Peter A. Allard School of Law.

**International Institute for Critical Studies in Improvisation (IICSI)** : The first of many future IICSI recordings destined for cIRcle, the 2017 UBC IICSI Colloquium collection, "Lines of Flight: Improvisation, Hope and Refuge" addresses the question of what the improvising arts can contribute to hopeful forms of public mobilization. IICSI is supported by 58 scholars from 20 academic institutions and community-based organizations.

**From the Ground Up: Buddhism and East Asian Religions** : From the Ground Up aims to foster the next generation of scholars working on Buddhism and East Asian religions through innovative practices of research and training such as the creation of new digital materials made publicly accessible via cIRcle.



Image courtesy of Oliver Mann at frogbear.org

"Working with cIRcle allows us to create a stable, universally-accessible online collection of material related to East Asian Religions."

*-Bruce Rusk, Associate Professor,  
Department of Asian Studies and From the Ground Up  
Research Program Lead*

cIRcle aims to showcase and preserve UBC's unique intellectual output by making published and unpublished research material openly available to anyone anywhere via the web.

### REPOSITORY GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

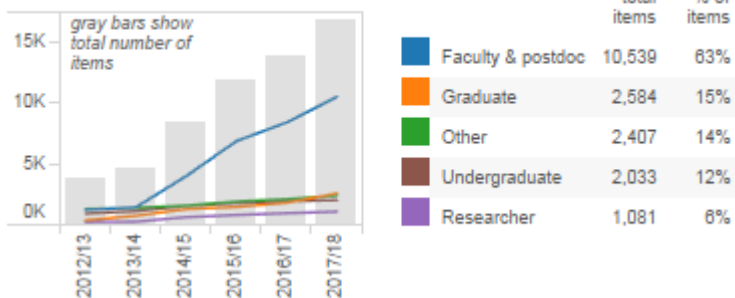
In 2017, cIRcle launched a two-year Content Recruitment Strategy that prioritized faculty content and the products of grant-funded research in support of UBC's strategic initiatives in Research Excellence. With this aim in mind, previous cIRcle partnerships were revitalized with streamlined workflows, and new partnerships for ongoing repository submissions were developed.

Last fall, cIRcle celebrated passing the **60,000** item mark and achieved an increase in annual growth rate from **8%** in previous years to **10%**.

### INCREASE IN FACULTY CONTENT

Faculty and postdoctoral content in cIRcle has risen by nearly **50%** over the past two years. In 2017/2018, this increase represented more than **2,000** items made open access.

#### Non-thesis cIRcle items by year and scholarly level



### METADATA : ENHANCED ACCESS AND DISCOVERY

cIRcle continues to update and enhance metadata to make it easier to search, browse, and discover items using the Library's Open Collections interface. Working under the guidance and direction of the cIRcle Office and Technical Services, UBC iSchool students are integral to carrying out these initiatives.

### DIGITAL PRESERVATION : ARCHIVEMATICA

cIRcle's collaboration with Artefactual—lead developers of Archivematica—is crucial to ensuring long-term accessibility and usability of UBC research for future generations. Since 2015, cIRcle has ingested more than 40,000 Archival Information Packages to Archivematica, an open source digital preservation system, with thousands more items queued for automated ingest.



## SPOTLIGHT : PROJECTS AND COLLECTIONS

### BIOMED CENTRAL/SPRINGEROPEN

Since 2015, articles by UBC researchers that appear in BioMed Central /SpringerOpen journals are automatically added to cIRcle. As of April 2018, over 1,500 peer-reviewed articles have been deposited. Of the approximate 3,900 faculty research articles in cIRcle, BMC/SpringerOpen content accounts for nearly 60% of these submissions, with majority representation from the Faculty of Medicine. An added advantage is that the content is automatically deposited to cIRcle with no intervention required from the author. BMC content also helps support the efforts of the Making Research Accessible initiative (MRAi).

### UBC PRESIDENT'S SPEECHES AND WRITINGS

cIRcle has provided access to and preservation of the speeches and selected writings of UBC Presidents since 2010. In 2017, President Ono's works began being deposited to the collection with recent notable additions including the "Opening of the IRSHDC and Statement of Apology" and the "Reconciliation Pole Installation Remarks". This collection is a valuable record of UBC's institutional memory and an example of the strong partnerships developed by cIRcle in its decade-long history.

## TOP CONTENT CONTRIBUTORS

As a result of cIRcle's technical and outreach initiatives in 2017/2018, the repository achieved significant growth not only in increased faculty representation, but also in the breadth of repository content with the Faculty of Arts emerging as a top contributor.

cIRcle items added in 2017/18	items added	total items	% growth (1yr)
Faculties with > 1000 items in cIRcle			
Arts	679	11,223	6.4%
Medicine	530	5,913	9.8%
Science	433	12,450	3.8%
Applied Science	410	10,288	4.2%
Education	145	5,274	2.8%
UBC Okanagan	134	1,238	12.1%
Forestry	58	2,001	3.0%
LFS	42	2,199	1.8%
Business	20	1,127	1.8%

cIRcle works with the UBC community and its partners to provide access to research materials for future generations.

## ONGOING PARTNERSHIPS

**Vancouver Institute Lectures** : Features more than 600 open access digital recordings of expert lectures spanning nearly four decades.

**Making Research Accessible initiative (MRAi)** : Includes more than 150 high-quality research materials relevant to Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.

**SEEDS Sustainability Program** : 1,000+ reports written by undergraduate and graduate students supporting UBC's efforts to advance sustainability and contribute to international commitments.

## SHARING AND ENGAGEMENT : SOCIAL MEDIA

cIRcle actively promotes UBC research and support services via our blog, Twitter account, and other UBC Library communication outlets. With more than 1,800 followers and growing, cIRcle helps connect UBC's research to the world.

## TOP ITEMS SHARED ON SOCIAL MEDIA

[In Search of Nursing's History \(2018 Nursing History Symposium\)](#)



Image: 1958 Nurses, National Archives

Phil Covex, Postal History Corner at [bit.ly/2LGd7av](http://bit.ly/2LGd7av)

["Spectacular Opera Across Borders" talk: Hong Kong Studies Initiatives \(HKS\) & Centre for Chinese Research \(CCR\)](#)



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