

cIRcle, UBC's Research Repository

IMPACT AND ACTIVITY REPORT | 2019-2020

NEW cIRcle PARTNERS

In 2019-2020, cIRcle developed new partnerships with several UBC affiliated conferences to provide long-term open access to conference materials. New partners include:

West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics : [WCCFL](#) is an annual conference on all aspects of theoretical linguistics. WCCFL38 was held at the University of British Columbia, March 2020. This [collection](#) contains handouts, slides and posters made available by the authors as a companion to the complete proceedings to be published by Cascadilla Press.

World Sanskrit Conference : [WSC](#) is the premier international forum for professional researchers and educators of the Sanskrit language and its literatures, and of the history, religion, and cultures of premodern South Asia. Held for the first time in Canada, the 17th WSC took place in Vancouver July 9-13, 2018. This [online collection](#) constitutes the Proceedings of the 17th WSC and contains selected full-length papers from the 500 presentations included in the conference program.

Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference : Featuring the work of almost 100 primarily honours and directed studies students, [PURC](#) highlights some of the most cutting-edge work in psychology. When the physical conference was cancelled in April 2020 due to COVID-19, cIRcle provided DOIs (Digital Object Identifiers) for [conference materials](#) to ensure students could share their work widely such as on a CV for adjudicators to access and evaluate.

cIRcle aims to showcase and preserve UBC's unique intellectual output by making published and unpublished research material openly available to anyone anywhere via the web.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



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Early this Spring, cIRcle celebrated passing the 70,000 open access item mark.

Our collections include more than 48,000 theses and dissertations dating back to 1919.

INCREASE IN FACULTY CONTENT

Faculty content saw the greatest increase in cIRcle deposits this year. Faculty, Researcher and Postdoctoral materials accounted for 2,364 deposits in 2019-2020, an 8% increase from the previous year.

Over the past five years, Faculty content has accounted for nearly 50% of all annual deposits to cIRcle, compared to less than 10% in previous years. This positive trend is partly credited to content recruitment campaigns, partnering with grant funded research projects, and a focus on automated deposit workflows with [BioMed Central](#) and [Multidisciplinary Digital Publishing Institute \(MDPI\)](#). This steady annual increase in faculty deposits reflects a growing open access culture at UBC.

DISCOVERY : ENHANCEMENT TO OPEN COLLECTIONS

cIRcle contributed to development and testing of enhancements to the search and indexing capabilities of the Library's [Open Collections](#). The platform now offers improved interactions in the search, browse, facet, and sort experience, enhancing the discovery of digital objects.

DIGITAL PRESERVATION : ARCHIVEMATICA

cIRcle collaborated with [Artefactual](#) to complete upgrades to [Archivematica](#) 1.9.2 and Storage Service 0.14.1 (our open source digital preservation system). This provides bug fixes, expanded processing configurations, updated integrated tools and resources, and improved indexing and security, amongst other enhancements. Over 53,000 Archival Information Packages are stored thus far (with thousands more in queue), ensuring long-term accessibility and usability of cIRcle content for future generations.



PURC, Department of Psychology <https://bit.ly/2DsapCx>



SPOTLIGHT : PROJECTS AND COLLECTIONS

ASSESSMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT OF THE cIRcle WEBSITE :

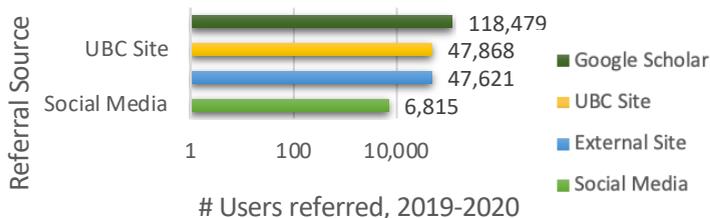
In 2019-2020 cIRcle assessed and redeveloped the [cIRcle website](#) to promote UBC's research repository services. Highlights include a menu of cIRcle [service offerings](#) and the enhancement of the [Content Proposal Form](#) to assist project leaders and conference organizers in preparing a request for a tailored consultation. This work supports the efforts of the [Open UBC](#) website aimed at connecting the UBC community to Open Scholarship services on campus.

PUNJABI ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

The [Punjabi Oral History Project](#) was founded to address the need for support for Punjabi language in British Columbia, and to further develop the growing program in Punjabi Studies at UBC. The [materials](#) in cIRcle feature oral histories within the Punjabi and Punjabi Canadian community of greater Vancouver, filmed by UBC undergraduate students in UBC Asian Studies.

OPEN COLLECTIONS : USER BEHAVIOUR

80% of all Open Collections users visited cIRcle content last year, marking the first year with over one million visits via Open Collections. 20% of these visitors were sent from other websites, with more than half coming from Google Scholar.



Users accessed cIRcle content from a range of countries. The top ten countries were:

1. Canada
2. United States
3. China
4. Japan
5. United Kingdom
6. India
7. South Korea
8. Germany
9. Australia
10. Brazil

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

ONGOING PARTNERSHIPS

[BC Mine Reclamation Symposium](#) : Features more than 800 open access digital conference papers spanning four decades aimed at fostering government-industry communications in the area of environmental protection and reclamation associated with mining.

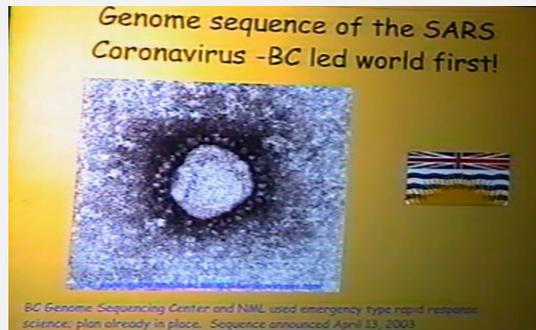
[From the Ground Up : Buddhism & East Asian Religions](#) : Includes more than 850 textual, photographic, audiovisual, and other materials related to key sites of religious practice and knowledge in East Asia. Visit the new [FROGBEAR database](#) to see these cIRcle records accessed and displayed on the project's website via the [Open Collections API](#).

SHARING AND ENGAGEMENT : SOCIAL MEDIA

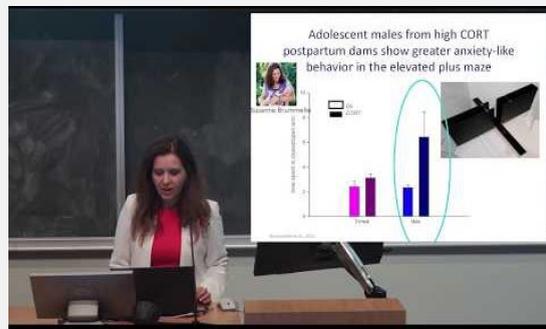
cIRcle actively promotes UBC research and support services via our blog, Twitter account, and other UBC Library communication outlets. [@cIRcle_UBC](#) gains on average 5% new Twitter followers per year with more than 2,000 followers to date.

HIGHLIGHTED ITEMS SHARED ON SOCIAL MEDIA

In cIRcle : "Dealing with SARS" presented by Brett Finlay [@FinlayLab](#) and [@DavidPatrickMD](#) at the [Vancouver Institute Lecture series](#) in 2004. <http://bit.ly/3asgES6> #pandemic #SARS #history



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