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AMAZING THINGS ARE HAPPENING HERE!

CONGRATS TO THE GRADS!

The Health Sciences Library is pleased to congratulate graduates from the various CUMC programs! We know you've studied for many hours and worked very hard to get through your program. Good luck in your future endeavors!

Don't forget that alumni are entitled to lifetime access to the Columbia University Libraries (the physical, bricks-and-mortar libraries, that is). Walk-in to the library any time to make use of the in-depth print and electronic collections you have enjoyed as a CU student. Unfortunately, online access to the full range of electronic resources is lost a few months after graduation. How-

ever, graduates do retain access to a limited e-collection developed specifically for alumni available at: <http://www.alumni.libraries.columbia.edu/eresources.html> .

The premium e-resources in this collection offer access to thousands of newspapers, magazines, and academic journals. Columbia libraries have been working to improve our offerings to alumni, and this page clarifies what is available to them: <http://www.alumni.libraries.columbia.edu/>

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have questions. Send us an e-mail: hs-library@columbia.edu



HAMMER EXHIBIT SHOWCASES CUMC ARTISTS

The artistic musings of dozens adorned the walls and spaces of the Hammer Health Sciences Center in the last weeks of May and beginning of June. Organized by Nicholas Colacchio (P&S, 2011), the exhibit featured the work of students, faculty and staff of Columbia University Medical Center and its graduate schools in health sciences.

The works on display—encompassing a range of styles from abstract to figurative in a variety of media, from drawing, painting, and photography to ceramic and sculpture—were a reminder that art and science are closely intertwined and scientists are frequently also gifted artists. The newly renovated Hammer Health Sciences Center offers great exhibit spaces and we look forward to the next showing.

“OLD-TIMERS” RECOGNIZED FOR MANY YEARS OF SERVICE

A century of library service was recently commemorated in a reception in the Low Library Rotunda. On Thursday, May 27, 2010, several of the library's "old timers" were honored for their many years of service which together amount to over 100 years.

We would like to add our congratulations to Lily Hernandez (30 years,) a cheerful presence at the Circulation Desk always ready to lend a hand; Susan Klimley and Debbie Serrano (25+ years,) who have so expertly managed our electronic resources; Ramon Acosta (20 years,) who has diligently helped to maintain our book collections; Marina Chilov (10 years,) who has combined her reference skills with her knowledge of medical publishing to shape our book collections, and, last but not least, Jose (Henry) Blanco (10 years,) whose work has contributed to Special Collections for many years. We are grateful to our colleagues for their dedicated service to the university and medical center communities. Their presence has brought continuity and a sense of history to a place that has been in perpetual renewal.



From top:
Ramon Acosta
Lily Hernandez,
& Marina Chilov



SOCIAL NETWORK SITES & PRIVACY

Mega-popular social networking site Facebook has recently been under fire for privacy issues, to the point where almost two thirds of its users are considering deactivating or deleting their accounts.¹ With over 50 settings and 170 privacy options² – most of which default to little or no protection – the site that many have come to rely on as the place to represent themselves to friends and acquaintances online isn't making it easy for people to protect their personal information.

Facebook and other sites with user profiles, including MySpace and Twitter, are having to answer to lax privacy standards. The most recent concerns involve data that is sent to advertisers when someone clicks on an ad that appears on their profile page. The typical assumption is that advertisers get completely anonymous information about the user. But it turns out that most sites have been sending the profile name as part of the data. Depending on the person's profile settings, advertisers could use the profile name to easily find out someone's name, location, occupation and more. While both Facebook and MySpace promised to hide this information from advertisers in response to the public outcry over this issue, the initial lack of concern over user privacy is an attitude that many don't like.

Social networking websites offer a lot of great free services and have made it much easier to connect with others, but it's important to keep in mind that many of these online businesses see user data as a source of potential profit and a resource for sales and marketing. While it's possible to make this information anonymous, keep in mind that you are trusting an entity that may not see that as a priority. Sites such as Facebook store a lot of personal information and should be used with a high level of caution and consideration, even if everybody else is doing it.

¹ <http://www.sophos.com/blogs/gc/g/2010/05/19/60-facebook-users-quitting-privacy/>

² <http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2010/05/12/business/facebook-privacy.html>



SAVING MONEY AND ... HEADACHES

Were you tempted to run out and buy an iPad? We were too – and we're busy testing it with CUMC programs and services, which typically need some time to catch up to the latest gadgets and technologies. If you're an early adopter, please remember that it can take some time to support new devices and software versions. It generally takes time for device makers and application programmers to fix bugs.

Don't forget to check out our computer purchasing web page for information on discounts and deals on systems, printers, smart phones and other hardware, as well as compatibility information: http://www.cumc.columbia.edu/it/getting_started/comppurch.html

We also keep a consolidated list of free and discounted software for students, faculty and staff on our software downloads page: http://www.cumc.columbia.edu/it/getting_help/software.html

A little research can go a long way for both your wallet and your peace of mind.

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SUMMER HOURS

Mon. - Thurs. - 8:00 am – 8:00 pm, Fri. - 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Sat. - 10:00 am – 6:00 pm, Sun. - 12:00 Noon – 8:00 pm

Walk-in Research Help: Mon. - Fri., 12:00 Noon – 4:00 pm

24 Hour Computer Room - 24 hours/7 days

After Hours Study Room - 24 hours/7 days