

Are We Serving Our Faculty? Comparing STRS Faculty Citations and Library Holdings, 2002-2012: an update

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While many recent studies have compared faculty citations with library holdings, *no recent study exists* (1970!) which analyzes Religious Studies and Theology collections exclusively in this context.

What are faculty citing in their monographs? Did the library own the cited items? What citation patterns emerge from the data?

The results of this follow up study will have implications and will provide insight for examining our policies regarding storage/weeding decisions, altering our approval plans for collections, shared consortial collection development, and interlibrary loan.

Religion Research poses Unique Challenges

- Large chronological range of citations in all fields of religion: (ancient, medieval, modern)
- Many languages, ancient and modern
- Multiple editions of works from ancient manuscript to modern critical editions and translations
- The edition can be as important as the text
- Scholars do the majority of their publishing in articles
- Monographs are heavily skewed toward Biblical Studies
- Commentary genre makes up a large chunk of published monographs in religion. These tend to have very extensive bibliographies, and the text itself usually includes a mix of translation and secondary research

Methodology

- 38 monographs: Biblical Studies New Testament (17), Church History (8), Theology & Liturgy (8), Religious Studies (4), and Biblical Studies Old Testament (1)
- 21 authors (single authors with one exception)
- The citations in the bibliography of each monograph was entered into an Excel spreadsheet
- Each citation was checked against library holdings manually

Data & Results

Most Cited Journals

Title	Articles	Citations	Article Citations (%)
New Testament Studies	172	192	8.29%
Journal of Biblical Literature	89	102	4.40%
Catholic Biblical Quarterly	89	97	4.19%
Journal for the Study of the New Testament	74	83	3.58%
Novum Testamentum	71	80	3.45%
Biblica	59	72	3.11%
Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft und die Kunde der älteren Kirche	53	59	2.55%
Journal of Theological Studies	45	46	1.99%
Theological Studies	34	35	1.51%
Revue D 'Histoire Ecclesiastique	24	27	1.17%

Though articles from more than 500 different journals were cited, these 10 journals account for a staggering 34.24% of all article citations.

Most Cited Authors

Authors	Works Cited	Citations
Francis J. Moloney [†]	35	49
John Paul Heil [*]	21	46
Raymond F. Collins [†]	26	31
Joseph A. Fitzmyer [†]	21	30
Stanley E. Porter	21	30
Raymond E. Brown [†]	18	28
Peter Phan [†]	25	26
James D.G. Dunn	16	25
Frank J. Matera [†]	13	24
Jacques M. Gres-Gayer [†]	16	21
Ben Witherington III	14	20
Jan Lambrecht	19	20
Luke Timothy Johnson	15	19
Paul Ricoeur	14	19

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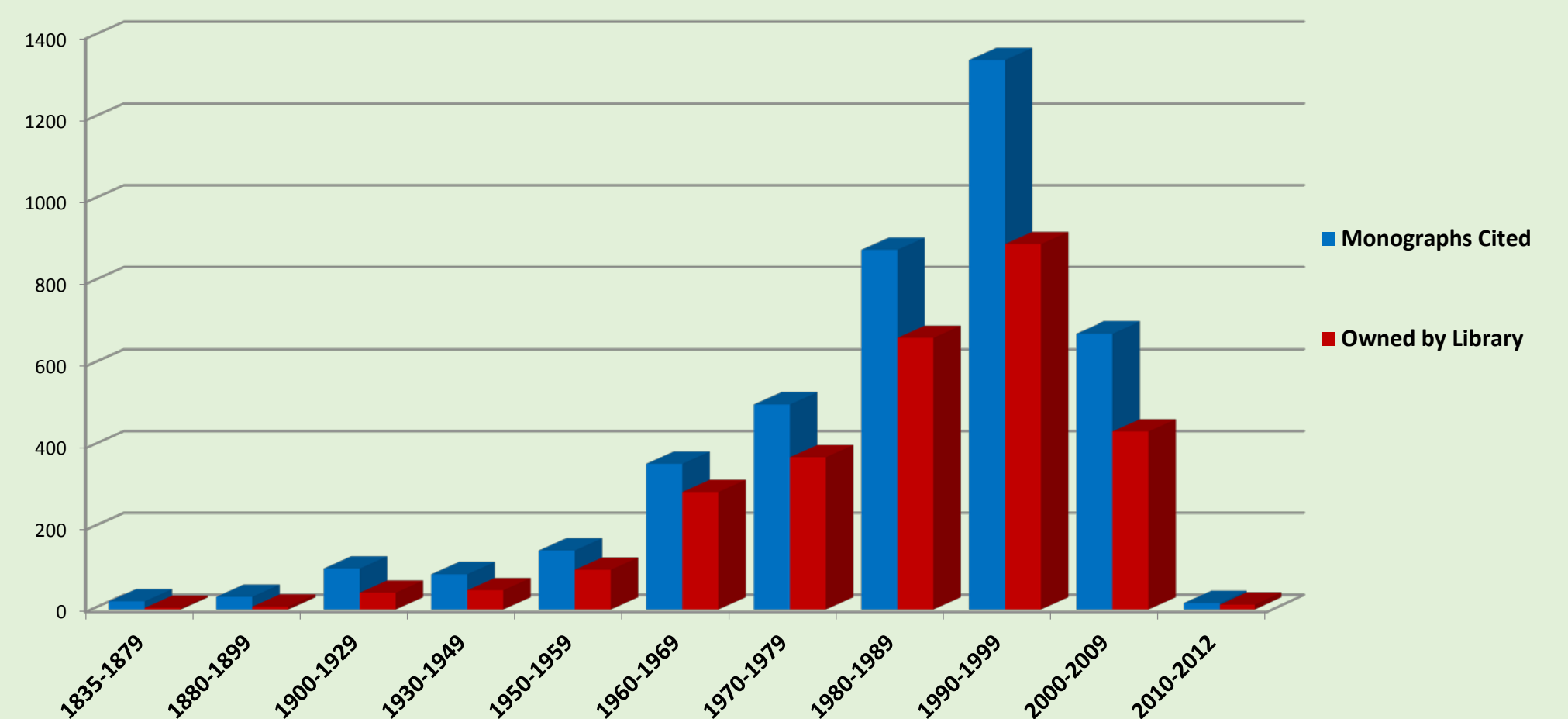
Monographs

Total Number of citations to monographs: 4817
 Unique volumes cited: 4148
 Cited Monographs owned by CUA: 2858 (68.9%)
 Average date of cited monograph: 1983
 Median date: 1989
 Date Range: 1835-2012
 Languages: English-79.54%; German-9.43%; French-9.41%

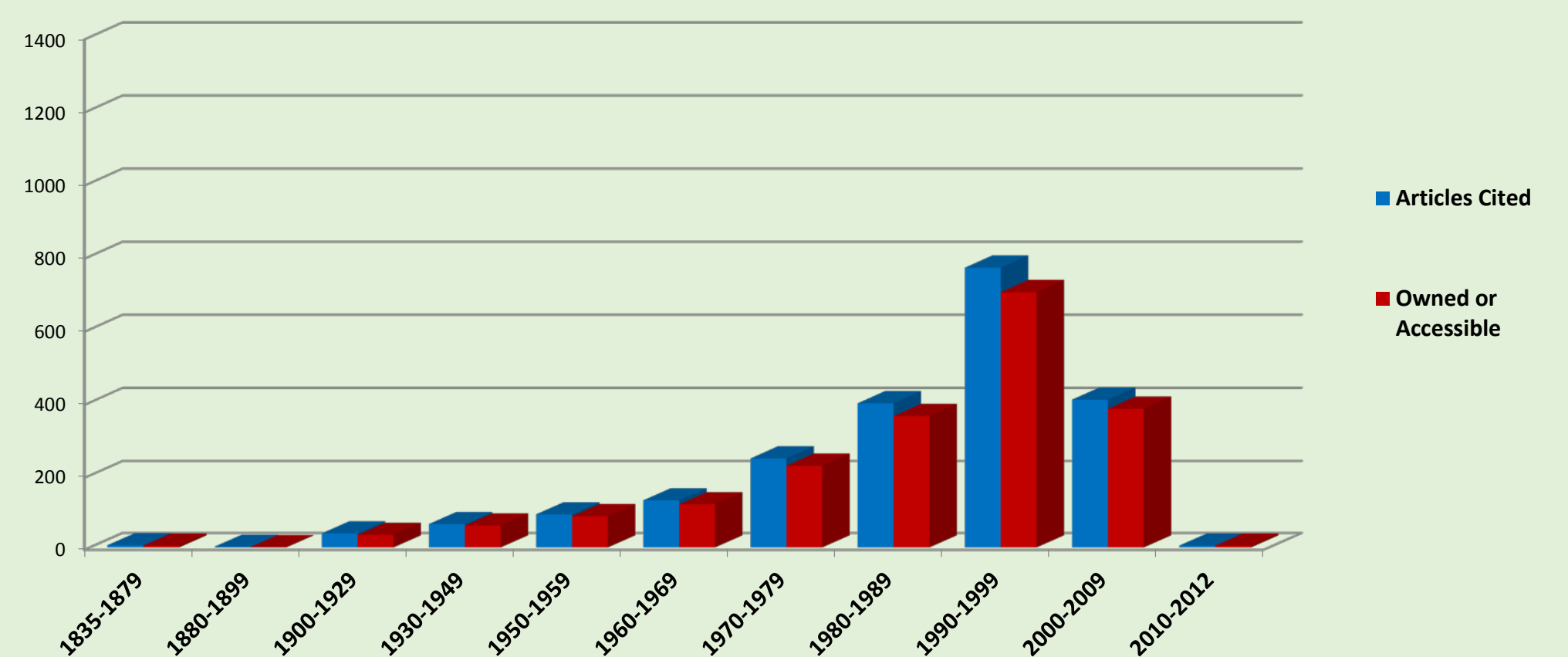
Journals

Total Number of citations to Journal Articles: 2316
 Unique Articles cited: 2162
 Unique Journals Cited: 502
 Cited articles accessible to CUA: 1989 (92%)
 Average date of cited article: 1985
 Median date: 1991
 Date Range: 1859-2011
 Languages: English-75.02%; German-8.97%; French-13.6%

Monographs Held by Library by Date



Articles Accessible by Date



Conclusions

- Faculty cited monographs 2 to 1 over journal articles—an anomaly?
- Evidence for the library's role in support of faculty research, especially journal article access.
- Deficiencies in our collections: monographs in other languages (especially German and French) were not in our collection; titles identified as core titles but were not in the collection
- In many cases, our library owned a different edition or translation of a title monograph (% of ownership will be higher)

Further Research

- Compare % of owned monographs with approval plan and firm order acquisition
- Analyzing the positive, neutral, and positive dispositions of citations
- Regression analysis applications on citations
- Compare CUA dissertations with this project to determine if needs of graduate students are met
- Use R (RStudio) to further text mine data