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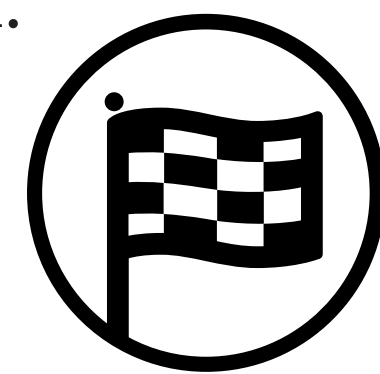
Timeline of Events

- ArchivesSpace
- Reed Williams Project
- Both Projects

December 2017
Library joins ArchivesSpace.

July 31, 2018

- The faculty member informs the Library that the School received the award.
- Wants to move forward with the institutional bibliography in memorium of Dr. Williams, hopefully in conjunction with a memorial service.



September 19, 2018

Reed Williams Project Team receives demo of Archives Space and decides it will be the best home for the final bibliography collection.



November 29, 2018

Associate Dean of Medical Education sets date of memorial service for Reed Williams to January 18th, 2019.

January 18, 2019

The Founding Figures Collection and ArchivesSpace are unveiled at Dr. Williams's memorial.



September 14, 2018

Education Policy committee green-lights installation of ArchivesSpace.

Late September - October 2018

Back & forth with IT about their concerns regarding ArchivesSpace's maintenance and server space requirements.



October 30, 2018

IT installs back-end of ArchivesSpace.

October 16, 2017

Library requests that the Education Policy Committee grant permission for server space and installation of ArchivesSpace.



June 20, 2018

Death of Dr. Reed Williams, a founding faculty member and emeritus professor in the Department of Medical Education.

January 2018

A faculty member contacts the Library for help with a lit review of SIUSOM research in medical education. Mentions he would like to see the school create an institutional bibliography.



Summer/Fall 2017

Library identifies ArchivesSpace as the best online platform for our archive collections.

August 23 - October 2018

Librarians compile bibliographies for each of the four figures.

October - November 2018

- Gather physical copies of all items in bibliographies.
- Purchase/ILL items not in Library collections.
- Digitize items we have rights to provide online for free.

November - December 2018

- Catalogue "Reed Williams Project" in ArchivesSpace.
- Upload items that SIU holds copyright to.
- Link to media/articles available for free online.

January 2019

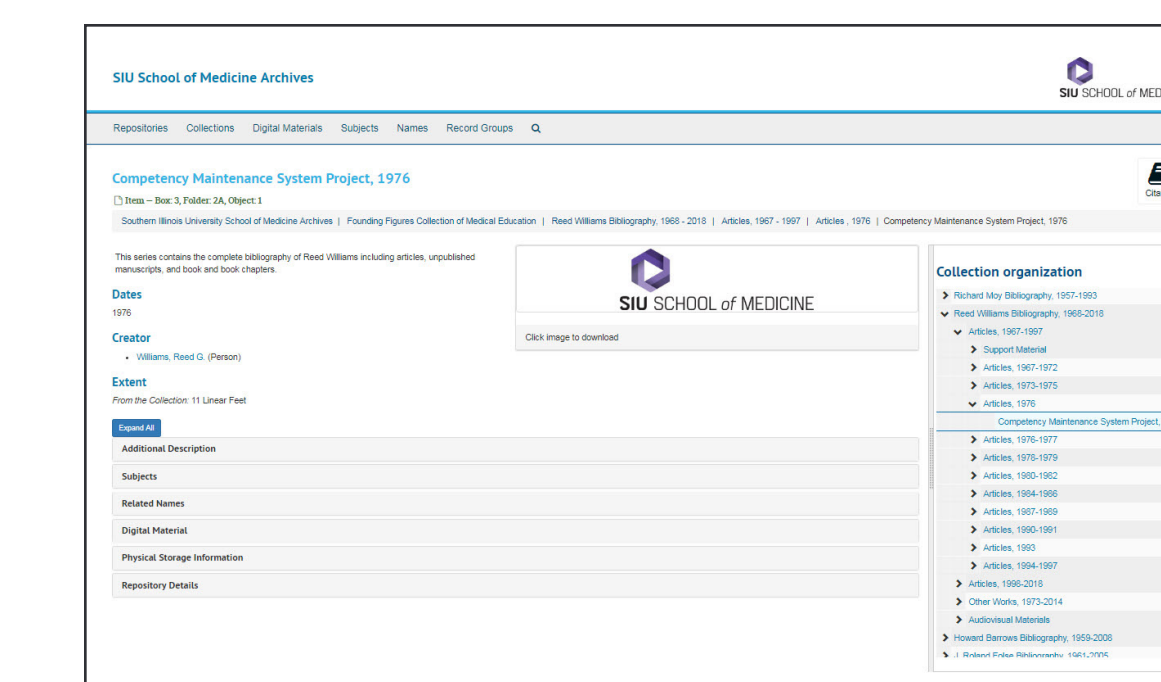
The Library is unexpectedly assigned several tasks for the memorial, including compiling bibliographies for each figure.

January 16, 2019

After some debate, the collection is officially named the "Founding Figures Collection of Medical Education."

November 30, 2018

- 10:45 AM - Library director contacts IT concerning the date of the memorial and that we will need the public interface of ArchivesSpace before then.
- 11:00 AM - Receive reply that it is live: <https://libarchive.siumed.edu/public>

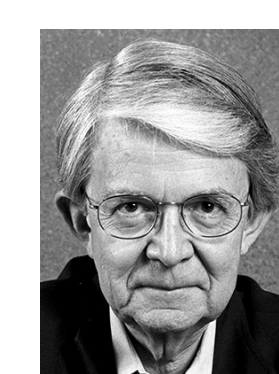


August 22, 2018

- First meeting of what will later be dubbed the "Reed Williams Project."
- Decide to start by focusing on four major players from the school's founding.



Founding Dean Richard Moy



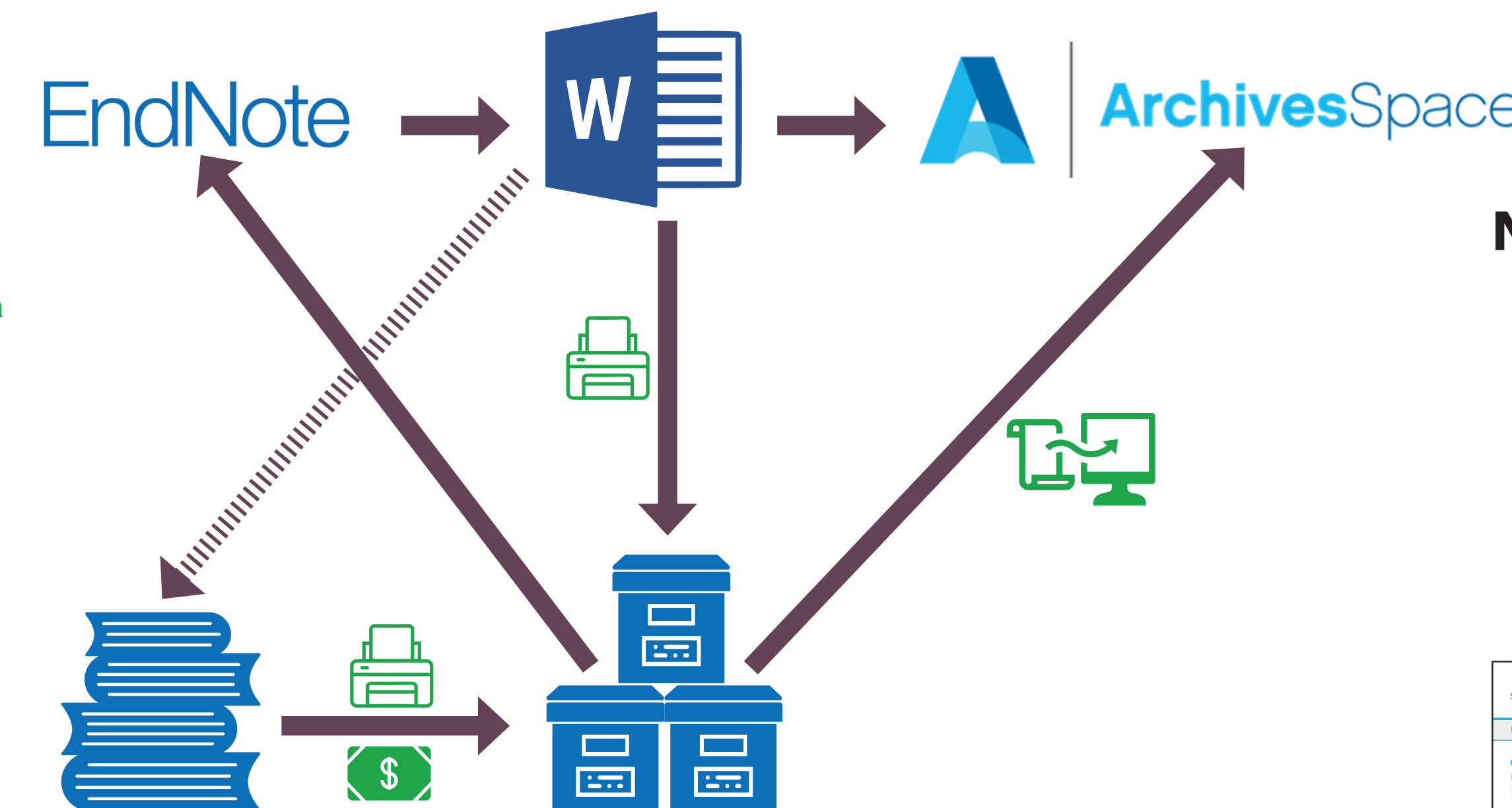
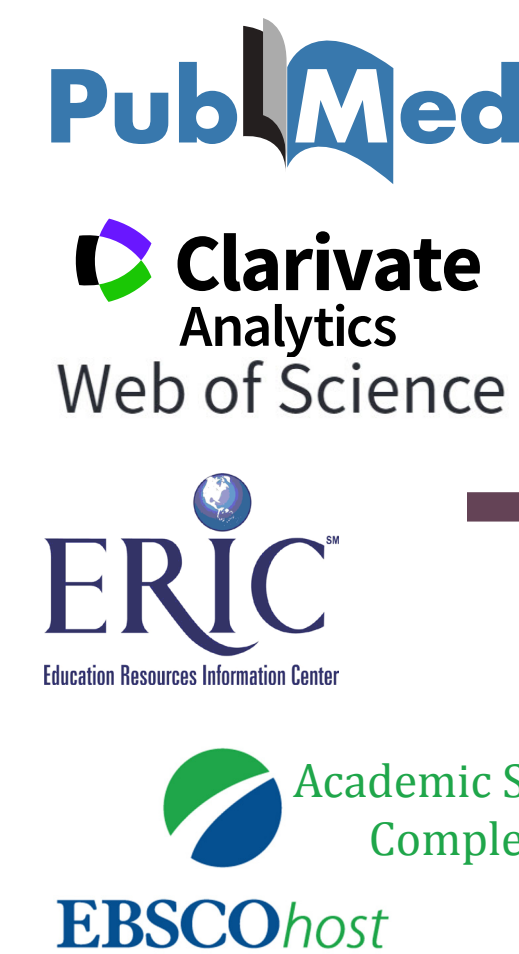
Dr. Howard Barrows



Dr. J. Roland Folse



Dr. Reed Williams



Background

Since its founding in 1970, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine (SIUSOM) has been an innovator in medical education. Founding Dean Richard Moy's vision for improving medical education attracted internationally renowned faculty such as Dr. Howard Barrows (one of the founding researchers in Problem Based Learning), Dr. J. Roland Folse (an innovator in surgical education), and Dr. Reed Williams (use of standardized patients in medical education).

In January 2018 Dr. Collin Hitt, a faculty member in the department of Medical Education, contacted the Library concerning an award application he was working on. He wondered whether SIUSOM had a bibliography of the School's research contributions, most particularly in SIUSOM's work with Problem Based Learning, Standardized Patients, and Simulation Technology, that he could refer to. We did not, but agreed it would be a useful and interesting resource that we would be interested in helping to compile. Around the same time, the Library was in the beginning planning stages of implementing an online catalog and finding aid for our archives using the open source platform ArchivesSpace. The death of Dr. Reed Williams, a distinguished SIUSOM researcher and emeritus professor, in June 2018 fast-tracked both these projects.

Reflections & Future Plans

- ArchivesSpace was important to the Library, but stalled until high-profile stakeholders understood its application and were willing to provide support for the project.
- In the days and months following the memorial we received many positive comments, requests for copies of materials contained therein, and even offers to donate materials related to the founding figures.
- We took on more work regarding the memorial than expected, but seeing ArchivesSpace implemented was well worth it!
- We are now cataloguing more archival collections in ArchivesSpace.
- We have identified several more SIU researchers whose work should be included in the Founding Figures Collection of Medical Education.

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