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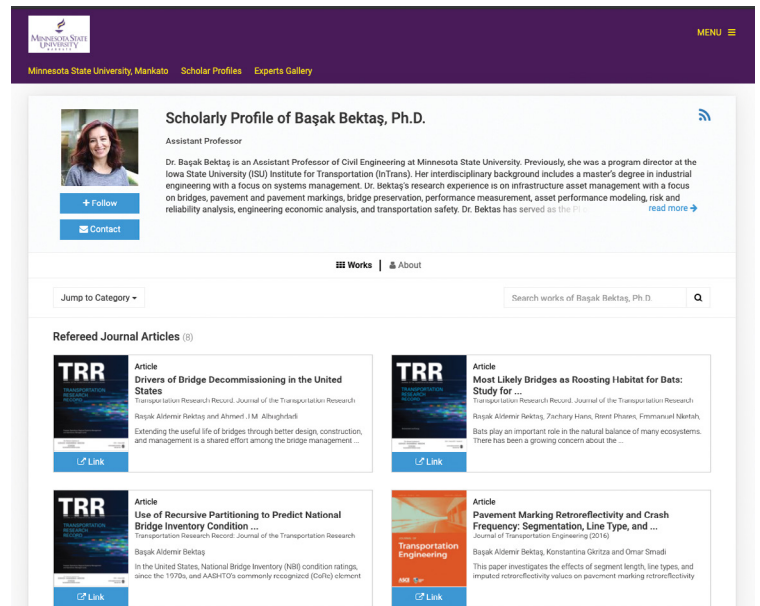
Scholar Profiles Increases Faculty Scholarship Stature

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Scholar Profiles (previously known as SelectedWorks) is a web-based academic service available to faculty and staff at Minnesota State University, Mankato. *Scholar Profiles* allows for the creation of individual profile pages that can be used to highlight publications, creative works, and performances.

Scholarship hosted on a faculty's profile page becomes more accessible to users because it ranks high in search engine results. Along with promoting faculty's intellectual output the service can be used to track and capture usage numbers, reporting on the impact of these works with automatically generated readership reports. Readership and usage metrics can be shared with tenure review and promotion committees to demonstrate scholarship impact. *Scholar Profiles* can also be used to promote faculty and their expertise to media outlets through the **Expert Gallery**.

It is simple and easy to get started on a scholar profile page. Library Services is available to help you build your online presence! For more information or to get started with using *Scholar Profiles*, contact Heidi Southworth, Digital Initiatives Librarian, by emailing heidi.southworth@mnsu.edu or by phone 507-389-5066



Library Expands SAD Light Accessibility

Winter days in Minnesota can be short and dark, but Library Services is here to help brighten your day. The Educational Resource Center located on the lower level of Memorial Library now offers light therapy devices for checkout! These portable lamps mimic outdoor natural light, and according to the Mayo Clinic, can be used to ease symptoms of depression, seasonal affective disorder (SAD) and or other conditions. Minnesota State University, Mankato students, faculty, and staff may reserve a lamp at <https://mnsu.libwizard.com/f/equipmentrequest>. The lamps are the size of an iPad, and the loan period is for seven (7) days. In addition to these lights, the library continues to provide permanent full spectrum light fixtures on the second floor of Memorial Library.

Dissertation and Theses Resource Access Has Changed

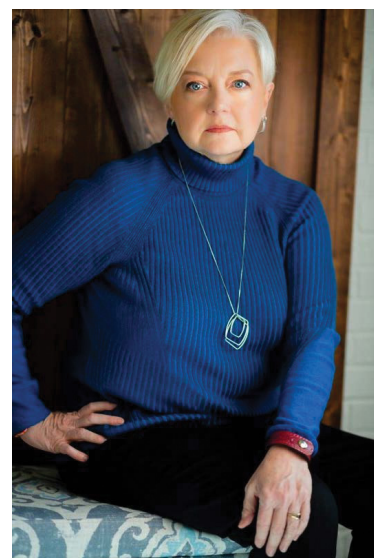
As of January 2021, ProQuest Dissertations and Theses is no longer available from Library Services. A **library guide** was created to provide access to dissertation and theses repositories from multiple universities as well as to those dissertations and theses available through other library subscription databases. Many of these theses and dissertations are available freely online, while others can be requested via interlibrary loan. Please note that when requesting a dissertation or thesis via interlibrary loan, some titles may take longer to arrive than a typical request and others may not be available at all.

Dissertations and theses submitted by Minnesota State University Mankato students are available digitally via **Cornerstone: A Collection of Scholarly and Creative Works** or in print in the library. For more information, contact your **Subject Librarian**.

Distinguished Historian to Speak on Confederate Monument Challenges

When it comes to Confederate monuments, there is no common ground. Polarizing debates over their meaning have intensified into legislative maneuvering to preserve the statues, legal battles to remove them, and rowdy crowds taking matters into their own hands. These conflicts have raged for well over a century, but they have never been as intense as they are today.

On Thursday, February 25 at 4:00 p.m. author and historian Karen L. Cox will give a 90-minute webinar at Minnesota State University, Mankato. The program, *Confederate Monument Challenges and Community Response*, will focus on what these statues meant to those who erected them and how a movement arose to force a reckoning. The free event is sponsored by Library Services, Department of History, Diversity and Inclusion, the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, and the College of Arts and Humanities. Access to the event is open to the public and limited to 500 attendees. There is no need to preregister.



(Photo credit: Cass Bradley)

Dr. Cox is a renowned historian and scholar from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. She has written op-eds for the New York Times, the Washington Post, CNN, TIME, and has a soon to be released book on the subject, *No Common Ground: Confederate Monuments and the Ongoing Fight for Racial Justice*. Dr. Cox is also the author of three other books including, *Dreaming of Dixie: How the South Was Created in American Popular Culture*, and *Goat Castle: A True Story of Murder, Race, and the Gothic South*.

To attend the online webinar, go to <https://minnstate.zoom.us/j/96115914669>.

For more information about this event contact Monika Antonelli, Outreach Librarian at monika.antonelli@mnsu.edu.

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