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Georgia Health Sciences Library Association session

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Session narrative:

Bepress, founded by faculty at Cal Berkeley, has strived to provide relevant, impactful publishing and institutional engagement services, adhering to a philosophy of “doing well, by doing good”. We believe, and it seems that our community of more than 500 institutional adopters agree, that libraries can, and increasingly should play a leadership role when it comes to collecting, organizing, and presenting the diverse and rich output of their institutional communities.

Showcasing the content and people of your organization leads to many previously unforeseen benefits, based on newfound global visibility of authors and their works, and by proxy, the departments and institution as a whole. Your institutional stakeholders care about these themes.

I was very pleasantly surprised to find the following quote at the Northeast Georgia Health System website, from Carol Burrell, President and CEO, as part of the dedication of the Fraser Resource Center:

“Mahatma Gandhi once said, ‘love requires that true education should be easily accessible to all and should be of use to every villager in his daily life,’” (http://www.nghs.com/new-scholarship-donation-announced-as-community-resource-center-is-dedicated-at-northeast-georgia-m)

Ms. Burrell probably didn’t mean it this way, but the sentiment of that quote is very much aligned with open access to content and scholarship.

Happily, Digital Commons services align with a variety of institutional initiatives, and library leadership is crucial to “doing well, by doing good”.

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