IPSWICH, Mass. — March 27, 2012 — Seton Hall University in New Jersey has started to implement EBSCO Publishing’s EBSCO Discovery Service™ (EDS) to provide its users with better, faster and more convenient access to their library resources. Seton Hall evaluated other discovery services but the selection committee unanimously chose EDS as its discovery service due to EDS’s superior index, facet features and ability to seamlessly integrate the catalog.

EDS was able to deliver everything on Seton Hall’s wish list including a single search, a way to promote the library to students as well as other departments and provide more access to the library collection in a convenient way.

The library was particularly impressed with EDS’s facet feature which helps users refine their search. Facets (also known as clusters) appear in the left column of the EDS result list and can be used to limit the results that appear. Seton Hall’s Systems Librarian, Xue-Ming Bao says “We were very pleased with the facet features offered in EDS, especially the subject facet drill down. This will allow our users to narrow their search and easily find exactly what they are looking for. The facet features and customization capability of EDS sets it apart from other services.”

The library is in the process of integrating the institutional repository into EDS. The repository can then be fully searched alongside all other EDS resources/content.

*EBSCO Discovery Service* creates a unified, customized index of an institution’s information resources, and an easy, yet powerful means of accessing all of that content from a single search box—searching made even more powerful because of the quality of metadata and depth and breadth of coverage.
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