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American Public University System Becomes One of the First For-Profit Online Universities to Join JSTOR

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University System Gains Access to a Trusted Archive of Scholarly Research Now Available to Students and Faculty

CHARLES TOWN, W.Va., Dec 15, 2009 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- American Public University System (APUS) now has access to the complete backfiles of 278 leading scholarly journals in the arts, humanities, and general sciences by becoming a member of JSTOR. JSTOR was founded in 1995 to build trusted digital archives for scholarship. APUS, an online university system that educates more than 50,000 adult learners worldwide, now participates in Arts & Sciences II and Arts & Sciences III collections. Combined, the collections provide access to more than 7 million digitized journal pages.

"The library at APUS has been eagerly waiting to enter the JSTOR domain," said Fred Stielow, APUS's Dean of Libraries & Educational Materials. "JSTOR is known for helping to preserve scholarly materials and provides a key component to sustainable access for our institution."

JSTOR currently contains over 1,000 leading academic journals across the humanities, social sciences, and sciences, as well as select monographs and other materials valuable for academic work. The entire corpus, more than 35 million pages, is full-text searchable, with search term highlighting, high-quality color and grayscale images, and links between millions of citations and references.

The APUS Online Library already contains millions of pages of books and scholarly articles licensed from the Deep Web along with trusted selections from the free, or Open Web. The Library also has assembled a growing collection of nearly 80,000 primarily electronic books as well as departmental study portals, interlibrary loan, textbook/bookstore resources and a tutorial center.

"We are delighted to welcome American Public University System as a JSTOR participant," said Bruce Heterick, JSTOR's Vice President for Outreach & Participation Services. "We expect that JSTOR will quickly become an invaluable resource to the students and faculty at APUS, just as it has for nearly every four-year higher education institution in the United States, and in more than 6,000 institutions worldwide."

More than 6,000 non-profit educational and research institutions in 155 countries participate in JSTOR today, including nearly every 4-year higher education institution in the United States. JSTOR is one of the most widely recognized and heavily used online resources among faculty and students globally. It is valued for its reliability, ease of use, breadth of content, disciplinary coverage, and commitment to long-term preservation.

American Public University System

American Public University System (APUS) includes American Public University and American Military University and educates more than 50,000 adult learners worldwide. APUS's relevant curriculum, affordability and flexibility helps working adults pursue degrees in subjects ranging from homeland security to management and liberal arts. For more information, visit www.apus.edu.

JSTOR

JSTOR (www.jstor.org) is a preservation archive and research platform for the academic community. Through JSTOR, faculty, researchers, and students are able to discover, use, and build upon a wide range of content in a trusted digital archive of over 1,000 academic journals, as well as conference proceedings, monographs, and other scholarly content. Nearly 6,000 libraries and cultural heritage institutions and hundreds of the world's leading publishers of scholarly literature participate in and support JSTOR. JSTOR is part of ITHAKA (www.ithaka.org), a not-for-profit organization helping the academic community use digital technologies to advance scholarship and teaching in sustainable ways. ITHAKA also includes two additional services - Ithaka S+R and Portico.

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