

Alfred University Library/Sociology collaboration noted in NMC Horizon Report

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The recently published 2017 NMC Horizon Report Library Edition references an article co-authored by Alfred University Information Literacy Librarian Brian Sullivan and Alfred University Professor of Sociology Karen Porter that appeared in the January 2016 issue of College and Research Libraries News.

The NMC Horizon Report is based on more than 15 years of research and publications and is one of the longest-running explorations of emerging technology trends and uptake in the world. Its reference to the Sullivan/Porter article notes efforts at Alfred University to develop successful collaborations between university faculty and librarians.

The Sullivan/Porter article, “From One-Shot Sessions to Embedded Librarian,” describes the growth of a faculty/librarian collaboration that began in 2008 with a first-year class of Alfred University sociology students. “Over the next six years, we shaped, customized, tweaked, and adjusted our approach until we arrived at a fully embedded librarian model,” Porter and Sullivan write.

They add: “The idea to strive for is a situation in which librarians and teaching faculty are complete equals working together on the content and coverage of the information literacy components of the course.”

The NMC Horizon Report cited Alfred University as an example of one educational institution’s effort “to advance the embedding of digital literacy across university curricula” an issue of growing significance with the rise of digital “fake news.”

“The NMC Horizon Report “is very influential in library circles,” noted Alfred University Dean of Libraries Steve Crandall, “so we’re extremely proud of this recognition.”

The NMC report can be viewed at: <http://cdn.nmc.org/media/2017-nmc-horizon-report-library-EN.pdf>, and the reference to Alfred University appears on page 26.

Porter and Sullivan’s article can be read at: <http://crln.acrl.org/content/77/1/34.full.pdf+html>