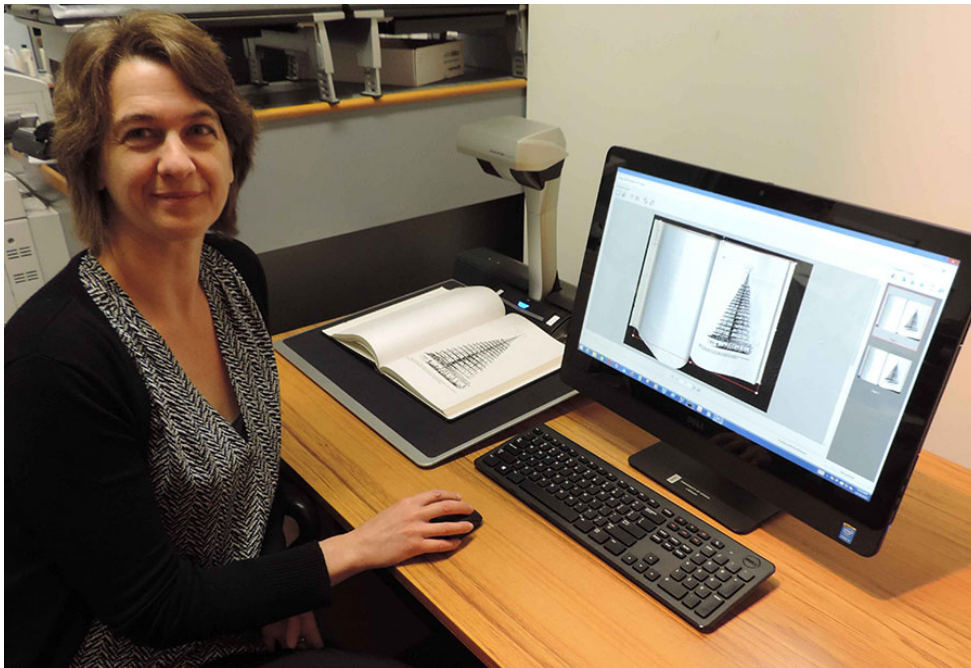


Otago theses online: 3,000 and counting



A bound thesis being digitised by librarian Jacinda Boivin

Alumni theses available online - The OUR Archive thesis project

PhDs and Masters theses authored by Otago alumni are now openly available online. In the past year, 3,000 theses have been digitised by the University of Otago Library. The Library began the OUR Archive thesis project last year, and aims to eventually digitise all Otago theses.

For several years, Otago theses have been available by interloan, which has meant scanning each thesis individually for borrowers. However, copyright law has meant that the scanned copy could not be kept – and so, the digital thesis project now makes these theses available on demand.

The focus is on pre-2012 theses, with PhDs taking priority. Jacinda Boivin, of the University of Otago Central Library, says that the project is about making this alumni research openly available. And if you are the author of a thesis that's included in the database, you can also view the statistics on who is accessing your work.

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