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## GETTING IT ON (LINE)

*Subject Access to Journals owned by  
the Pace University Library*

*Christina Conte,  
Reference Librarian, Westchester*

The journals of Pace University can now be accessed by subject. Simply add the word "periodicals" to a subject search in the online catalog. Another feature currently available is searching for journals that are located only on the campus of your choice. For example, if you are interested in all nursing periodicals available only in the Mortola Library, do the following steps:

Go to the Library home page at <http://library.pace.edu>

- Click on the Library catalogs button.
- Click *Search the catalog on the Web*.
- Click *Subject*.
- Type "nursing periodicals" in the box. Then click *Search*.
- Choose *nursing periodicals* from the list of choices.
- At the top of the screen click *Limit this search*.
- To the right of Where Item is Located choose *Mortola Periodicals* from the pull-down menu.
- Click *Limit/sort items retrieved using above data*.

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## Pace University and Distributive Learning

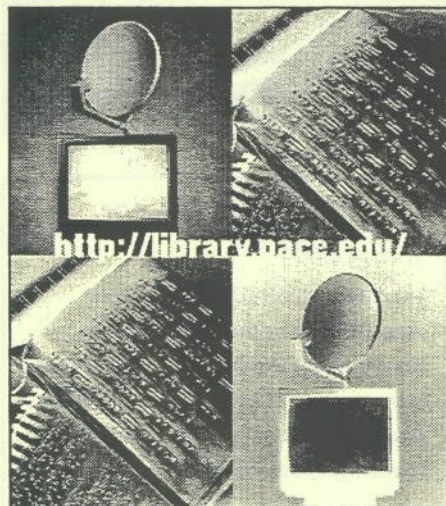
*Medaline Philbert, Assistant University Librarian for Distributive Learning*

Distributive learning, or distance learning, has taken academe by storm. One definition of distance learning is asynchronous learning where students achieve their education off-campus at their own pace. Pace University is no exception. The University has been involved with distance education since 1998, and the Library began supporting distributive learning in early 1999. As a commitment to distributive learning, Medaline Philbert has been appointed as the Assistant University Librarian for Distributive Learning. Medaline is responsible for the planning, coordination, development, and implementation of library services and resources that will meet the research needs of the distance learning community. In addition, she will partner with various units of the University to identify appropriate learning methods and delivery tools that will effectively serve the diverse distance learning population.

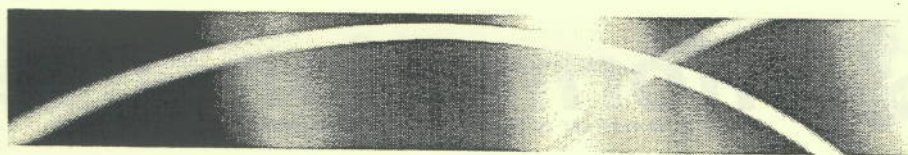
In service to the distance learning community, the Pace University Library has worked fervently in making the delivery of service and access to resources possible. The Library has created a Distance Education Services page with services for both students and faculty in distance education. The page is accessible from the library's home page, [library.pace.edu](http://library.pace.edu). The library has made it possible for the distance education community to seek reference assistance by providing an online reference form and a toll-free telephone number. The online reference service is available to the Pace on-campus community as well.

The Assistant University Librarian for Distributive Learning will assist in the establishment of policies and practices to ensure that users with disabilities have equal access to information as well. Hence, the work of the librarian is beyond the walls of Pace University. The librarian will attend events that focus on and discuss services for persons who are visually impaired, and will consult organizations that serve the needs of the blind. The Associated Blind (TAB) Organization has agreed to give a presentation to the Pace community

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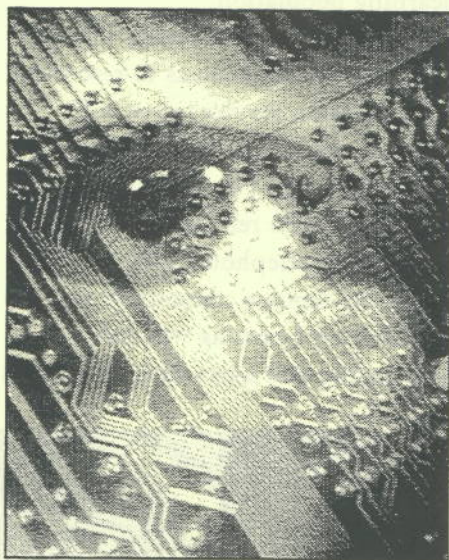






## New Databases added to Pace University's Collection: January 2001

Every other month the library's Electronic Resources Task Force meets to review the usage statistics of our databases. These statistics are used to re-evaluate the needs of our students. This task force also discusses new databases and different interfaces for our existing databases. Trial subscriptions to proposed databases are suggested and made available to staff, faculty, and students for review at [www.pace.edu/library/intra/trial/trial.html](http://www.pace.edu/library/intra/trial/trial.html). This past semester four new databases were added to the library's collection:



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### ACS-Journals

The Library now subscribes to the following American Chemical Society journals, available electronically from the E-Journals page in our list of Databases at <http://dbserv.pace.edu/cfdocs/library/databases.cfm>

Accounts of Chemical Research  
Analytical Chemistry  
Biochemistry  
Bioconjugate Chemistry  
Biotechnology Progress  
Chemical Innovation  
Chemical Research in Toxicology  
Chemical Reviews  
Chemistry of Materials  
Energy & Fuels  
Environmental Science  
and Technology  
Industrial & Engineering  
Chemistry Research  
Inorganic Chemistry  
Journal of Agricultural and  
Food Chemistry  
Journal of Chemical &  
Engineering Data  
Journal of Chemical and  
Information Sciences  
Journal of Medicinal Chemistry  
Journal of Organic Chemistry  
Journal Of Physical Chemistry A  
Journal Of Physical Chemistry B  
Journal of the American  
Chemical Society  
Langmuir  
Macromolecules  
Organic Letters  
Organometallics

## CIRCULATING LAPTOPS

(WITH ETHERNET OR  
WIRELESS CONNECTIONS)

The Birnbaum and Mortola Libraries are now offering a limited number of circulating laptops with Microsoft Word, Access, Excel and Powerpoint as well as Internet capability. These laptops are for use within the libraries only.

To connect to the Internet while using one of the laptops, users will have to borrow, in addition to the laptops, either an Ethernet card or a wireless, RAYLINK card. Ethernet cards can be used with the live Internet jacks that are available in the libraries. Ethernet card users can ask at the reference desk for the location of live Internet ports.

The RAYLINK wireless cards can be used with the laptops up to a distance of 1,000 feet from the transceiver that broadcasts and receives the signals. Laptops using the wireless cards will receive the signal on both the first and second floors of the libraries. RAYLINK cards can also be borrowed for use with individually owned and compatible laptops. Installation of a driver will be necessary.

The laptops, Ethernet cards and/or RAYLINK cards can be checked out from the circulation desks of the libraries and can be borrowed for 3 hours with one consecutive renewal. For any questions, please call the circulation desks at:

Birnbaum Library -  
New York - 212-346-1332

Mortola Library -  
Pleasantville - 914-773-3380

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# Special Library Collections: RENE JULES DUBOS (1901-1982)

David Leighton, Associate University Librarian, Westchester

Rene Jules Dubos was a French-born American microbiologist, experimental pathologist, environmentalist, humanist and Pulitzer Prize-winning author who exemplified the modern Renaissance person. He devoted most of his professional life to the empirical study of microbial diseases and to the analysis of the environmental and social factors that affect human welfare. His pioneering research in isolating antibacterial substances from certain soil microorganisms led to the discovery of major antibiotics. He performed groundbreaking research and wrote extensively on a number of subjects, including: tuberculosis, pneumonia, and the mechanisms of acquired immunity, natural susceptibility and resistance to infection.

In later years, Dubos explored the interplay of environmental forces and the physical, mental and spiritual development of mankind. The main tenets of his humanistic philosophy were: global problems are conditioned by local circumstances and choices, social evolution enables us to rethink human actions and change direction to promote an ecologically balanced environment, the future is optimistic since human life and nature are resilient and we have become increasingly aware of the dangers inherent in natural forces and human activities, and man can benefit from successes and apply the lessons learned to solving other con-

temporary ecological problems.

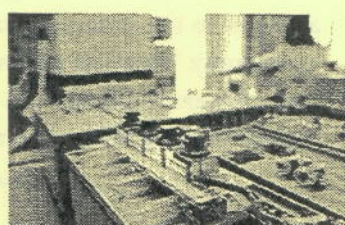
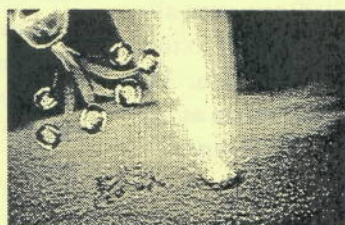
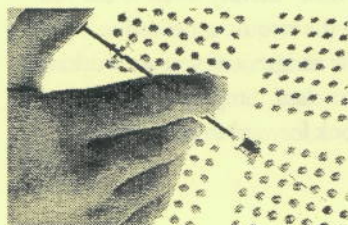
Rene Jules Dubos was born on Feb. 20, 1901, in the French city of Saint-Brice-Sous-Forêt in the farming country of the Ile de France, north of Paris. After graduating from the Institut National Agronomique in Paris, he emigrated to the United States and earned his doctoral degree at Rutgers University in 1927. His dissertation focused on the manner in which different soil organisms living in different environments decompose cellulose. His observations regarding the biological activity of similar microbes living in different environments would later be extended to the debate on global ecological issues. Dubos joined the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research where he spent his entire scientific career with the exception of a two-year period (1942-44) when he was professor of tropical medicine at Harvard University Medical School.

Dubos' writings demonstrate how his interest in the environment evolved from a bacterial context to a humanistic and social perspective. His scientific contributions and environmental philosophy are embodied in such works as Bacterial and Mycotic Infections in Man (1948), Biochemical Determinants of Microbial Diseases (1954), Mirage of Health: Utopias, Progress, and Biological Change (1959), Pasteur and Modern Medicine (1960), Man, Medicine, Environment (1968),

So Human an Animal (1968; Pulitzer Prize, 1969), and Only One Earth (1972), Wooing of Earth (1980), and Celebrations of Life (1982).

He served as chairman of the trustees of the Rene Dubos Center for Human Environment, a nonprofit education and research organization, which was dedicated in his honor in 1980. The mission of the center which was co-founded by William and Ruth Eblen is to "assist the general public and decision-makers in formulating policies for the resolution of environmental problems and the creation of environmental values." Dubos remained actively involved in the center's programs and activities until his death in 1982.

In 1998, the Rene Dubos Center for Human Environment generously donated a large portion of its environmental library and archives to Pace University. The collection consists of works by Dubos as well as those of other leading environmental scholars, some of which have been annotated by Dubos himself. According to Robert Chapman, Professor of Philosophy and Coordinator of Pace's Environmental Studies Program, "Pace now has many of Dubos' own research books from the Rockefeller University and this means that we can not only look at his writing, but we can also do an analysis of where his ideas come from and what influenced him."





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tailored to Pace's area of interest. The Associated Blind is a nonprofit organization located on 110 William Street, 9th Floor, New York. This presentation will be held in mid-February. Please contact Medaline at [mphilbert@pace.edu](mailto:mphilbert@pace.edu) for further information.

In its efforts to minimize delivery time of requested documents, the library has added two tools, SUMO Uncover and digital senders. SUMO Uncover is an unmediated document delivery service, subsidized by the library, available to distance learners, faculty, graduate students and staff. Documents not available in the library's electronic databases can be requested through SUMO Uncover. SUMO Uncover is accessible through the Database link on the library's home page. To use the service, send an e-mail request to Rey Racelis, [rracelis@pace.edu](mailto:rracelis@pace.edu), or Christina Conte, [cconte@pace.edu](mailto:cconte@pace.edu), requesting a user profile. It takes approximately 48 hours for an account to be created. Other members of the Pace community who wish to use the service can do so using a credit card. Digital sending machines at each library allow the delivery of documents through e-mail or fax. The document will be sent to an e-mail account as a binary attachment.

Interlibrary Loan service is also available to the distance education community. Materials not owned by Pace University Library can be requested using online Interlibrary

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## Instructional Services Update

The members of the Instructional Services (IS) Team from the New York and Westchester campuses try to get together at least once each semester. Early last fall, several of the instructional services librarians met to draft an Instructional Services mission statement, which has since been reviewed by all team members and approved.

It is our mission to work with Pace Community members to:

1. Become critical thinkers and competent users of information resources so that they are able to identify, retrieve, and evaluate information for use in curricular pursuit as well as lifelong learning.
2. Acquire information literacy skills and adapt intellectually and technologically to an increasingly dynamic environment.
3. Support the library's mission to "foster intellectual growth" and promote "critical thinking" through continuing assessment, with attention to learning styles, technological skill levels and the increasingly diverse student population.

Our goals of instruction can be found on the library web pages at [www.pace.edu/library/instruction/mission.html](http://www.pace.edu/library/instruction/mission.html)

During the Fall 2000 semester, all UNV 101 classes were brought to the library for an instruction session. The UNV 101 library session serves as the foundation to an evolving library

instruction and information literacy program. The session incorporates active learning techniques to introduce students to the types of resources available from the library home page. We have made a concerted effort to provide library sessions for all ENG 101 and ENG 102 sessions as well. The ENG 101 and ENG 102 sessions build on what the students learn in the UNV 101 session, giving them more in-depth instruction on how to perform effective and efficient research. Our goal in all our sessions is not only

to get students through a particular class or assignment, but also to help them develop information retrieval and research skills that can be applied in many situations.

If you are interested in scheduling a session for your class, please contact Sarah Burns

([sburns@pace.edu](mailto:sburns@pace.edu)) or Karen DeSantis ([kdesantis@pace.edu](mailto:kdesantis@pace.edu)) at the Mortola Library (914) 773-3381, Susan Glickman ([sglickman@pace.edu](mailto:sglickman@pace.edu)) at the Birnbaum Library (212) 346-1051, or Michelle Lang ([mlang@pace.edu](mailto:mlang@pace.edu)) at the Graduate Center Library (914) 422-4384. We can tailor the session to focus on resources for a particular assignment or a specific subject area as well as introduce students to the many aspects of the research process. We can also review what the Pace University Library owns to tell you if we have the resources needed to complete a new assignment you are working on for your class. Stop by or give us a call. We look forward to hearing from you.





## New Databases added to Pace University's Collection: January 2001

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### Books 24x7

This is a collection of E-books focusing on information technology. This collection can be used to answer specific questions to time-sensitive problems and issues, to brush up on a topic, learn more about a new technology, and to view the entire contents of a printed book prior to purchase. Instant access is provided to the full text (including computer code, examples and graphics) from the comprehensive library of over 680 technology reference books and journals.

### MagillOnLiterature (Masterplots)

MagillOnLiterature is the definitive online source for editorially reviewed critical analyses and brief plot summaries of the most studied works in the history of literature. The library previously subscribed to a CD-ROM version of this database. The online version allows off-campus access for the first time.

### Sports Business Research Network

This database provides access to marketing and industry data in the sports field. SBRnet contains over 2,500 statistical tables from NSGA and over 20,000 magazine and newsletter articles from publications. International reports and sporting goods import and export data are provided by the U.S. Department of Commerce. Additional information about sporting goods agents is also included.

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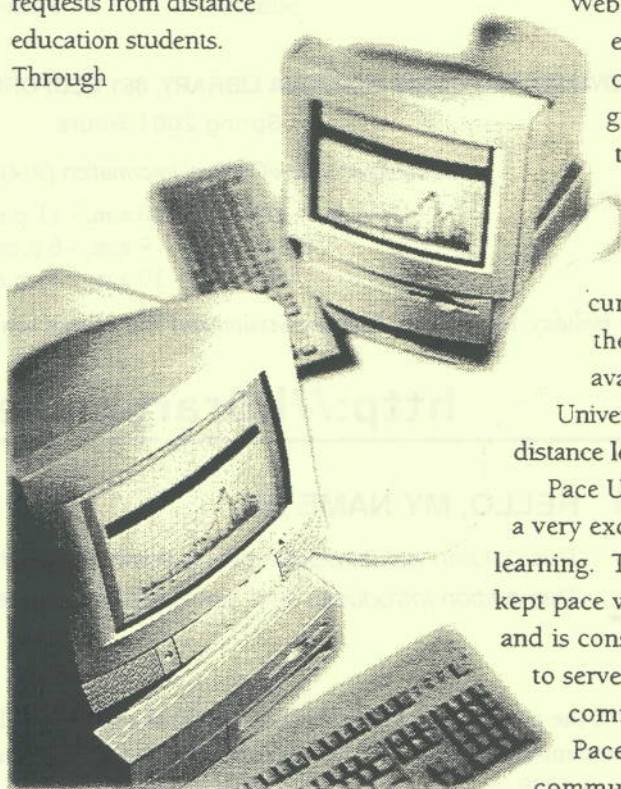
Loan forms. Delivery time can take up to 10 business days, so the library encourages students to access public libraries or academic libraries (if given permission) in their neighborhoods. Materials can travel from all over the world. In Fall 2000, the library realized that due to a system error, the library was not receiving InterLibrary Loan requests from distance education students. Through

the diligent efforts of the Interlibrary Loan staff, this problem has been rectified.

On the Remote Access page off of the library home page, the Pace University Library has included a link to remote access solutions. The Research Assistance page is accessible from the library's home page as well and contains services, information and

Web pages created for distance education programs and other Pace courses/programs. The library is also in the process of creating an interactive library research tutorial, Apollo. Apollo will replace the current ReVeal: Research in the Virtual Library and will be available for the entire Pace University community as well as distance learners.

Pace University has embarked on a very exciting area, distributive learning. The library certainly has kept pace with all the new technology and is constantly looking at new ways to serve our distance education community and the wider Pace University community.



## GETTING IT ON (LINE)

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A new feature of the library Web site at <http://dbserv.pace.edu/cfdocs/library/journals/journals.cfm> is currently in production. It will allow for a broader search of journals by subject, and the site will be more user friendly. There is also a bound printed list at the reference desk in each library that has a listing of all the journals carried by Pace arranged by subject, affectionately known as the "Monsterfile."

Please don't hesitate to ask a reference librarian for help!



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**HENRY BIRNBAUM LIBRARY, 1 PACE PLAZA, NEW YORK**

Spring 2001 Hours

*Circulation Desk/General Information (212) 346-1332*

Monday-Thursday	8 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Friday	8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sunday	1 - 9 p.m.

**GRADUATE CENTER LIBRARY, 1 MARTINE AVENUE, WHITE PLAINS**

Spring 2001 Hours

*Reference and Research Services (914) 422-4384*

Monday - Thursday	Noon - 10 p.m.
Friday	Noon - 5 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday	1 - 6 p.m.

**EDWARD AND DORIS MORTOLA LIBRARY, 861 BEDFORD ROAD, PLEASANTVILLE**

Spring 2001 Hours

*Circulation Desk/General Information (914) 773-3380*

Monday - Friday	8:30 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sunday	10 a.m. - 11 p.m.

*NOTE: Holiday, Intersession, Summer Session and Final Exam hours vary and are posted in advance.*

**<http://library.pace.edu>**

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**HELLO, MY NAME IS...**

*This column will introduce you to members of the library staff.*

*This edition introduces two new members of the Pace Library.*

**David Almodovar** is the new Desktop Systems specialist at the Birnbaum Library in New York City. Almodovar began his library career as a Pace student aid in 1992. He has worked outside the Pace community but returned to the Birnbaum Library Acquisitions Department in 1998, so that his wife could attend graduate school. David jumped at the opportunity to work with computers in this new position and is currently working on a Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer certificate. Personally, David is happily married to his high school sweetheart, and his hobbies include baseball and computer games. His initials are M.A.D. but you'll never guess his real first name!

**Susan Rubin** is the new Instructional Services Librarian at Mortola Library on the Pleasantville campus. Her responsibilities include instruction, reference desk coverage and collection development. She is a member of the Task Force on Serials and Electronic Access. She holds master's degrees from Queens College of the City of New York and Columbia University, and is currently Chair of the WALDO Information Services Committee. Susan is on the executive board of ACRL/NY, serving as Vice Chair of the Westchester/Lower Hudson Valley Section and legislative liaison to Washington D.C., for this section. She is also a member of the Middle States Learning Outcomes for the Millennium Planning Committee. Her previous job was at Manhattanville College where she was Assistant Coordinator of Reference and Instruction. Her interests are music, theater, tai chi, going to art museums, and traveling.

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