Good morning. I’ve been at the GSU Library for 12 years and I currently work in digital library services and archives. I’m happy to be here today and look forward to getting to know more of you today.

So now on with the show...

OPUS? What is OPUS? One definition for opus is any artistic work, especially one on a large scale. The word is also defined as an important piece of work by a writer or an artist. I like both of those definitions, because OPUS is a collection of the important work done at Governors State University, both academic and artistic.

Functionally, OPUS is a website. It has special software that allows me to organize and display materials in an attractive and appealing manner. My husband came up with another way to look at OPUS. He said OPUS is short for “open use”. That’s key because the point of OPUS is for this digital archives to be open and used by as many people as possible. We are proud of what you will find out about GSU in OPUS.

You may have noticed this map featured on the OPUS home page. That map shows where people are looking at materials in OPUS all around the world. It shows how many documents have been added to OPUS as well as the number of downloads.
If you click on the collections button, on the home page, you can see a list of the collections that have been added to OPUS within our first 2 years of having this software.

You may be interested to know that approximately 600 items have already been added to represent the Center for Performing Arts in OPUS.