

# Research Day Seminar University of Pretoria

Faculty of Humanities

16 August 2007



**Robert Moropa**

**Director: Library Services**



UNIVERSITEIT VAN PRETORIA  
UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA  
YUNIBESITHI YA PRETORIA

# INTRODUCTION

**Topic: Books matter!**

**But does UP care?**



## Perception?

- **Journal article publishing is more important than Book publishing**
- **More recognition is accorded to authors of journal articles than to those of Books**
- **Rewards attracted by Journal articles are more than those of attracted by Books**



# Who is to blame?

Is it -

A.  UNIVERSITEIT VAN PRETORIA  
UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA  
YUNIBESITHI YA PRETORIA

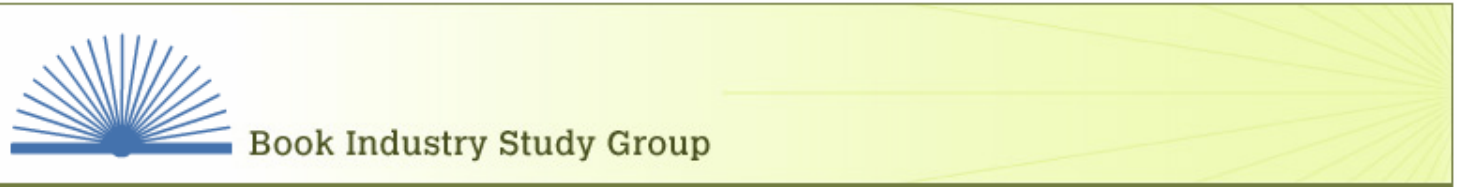
B.  NRF

C.  DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

D.  RESEARCHERS

 UNIVERSITEIT VAN PRETORIA  
UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA  
YUNIBESITHI YA PRETORIA





- HOME

---

- ABOUT US

---

- NEWS
  - ↳ EVENTS & MEETINGS
  - ↳ BISG BULLETINS
  - ↳ PRESS RELEASES

---

- MEMBERSHIP

---

- BISG COMMITTEES

---

- BISAC COMMITTEES

---

- STANDARDS

---

- POLICIES

---

- PUBLICATIONS

---

- ISBN-13

---

- INDUSTRY RESOURCES

## BISG Press Releases

April 6, 2005

### New Study Reveals Billions More in Book Sales

contact:  
Jeff Abraham

Under the Radar: A Breakthrough, In-Depth Study of the Book Industry's Underreported Segments and Channels shows that -- contrary to conventional wisdom -- small and midsize publishers generate enough business in the aggregate to challenge assessments of concentration.

"Since so many smaller publishers operate under the radar of traditional tracking mechanisms, it's been tempting in the past to think of them as 'regional' or 'niche,' and to assume that they're responsible for a small fraction of book sales in the industry," said Jeff Abraham, Executive Director of the Book Industry Study Group. "This study shows that this kind of thinking won't fly in the future."

The Radar reports that approximately 63,000 publishers with annual revenues of less than \$50 million generate aggregate sales of \$14.2 billion, and that a subset

**( Book Industry Study Group  
2003 - \$36.5 Billion &  
2004 - \$38.4 Billion )**

# US University Presses Book Production - 2005



## Humanities & Soc Sc

|              |          |              |
|--------------|----------|--------------|
| History      | =        | 1 599        |
| Phil & Psyc  | =        | 862          |
| Soc & Eco    | =        | 3 065        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>=</b> | <b>5 526</b> |

## Natural sciences

|              |          |              |
|--------------|----------|--------------|
| Agriculture  | =        | 97           |
| Medicine     | =        | 619          |
| Science      | =        | 1 487        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>=</b> | <b>2 724</b> |



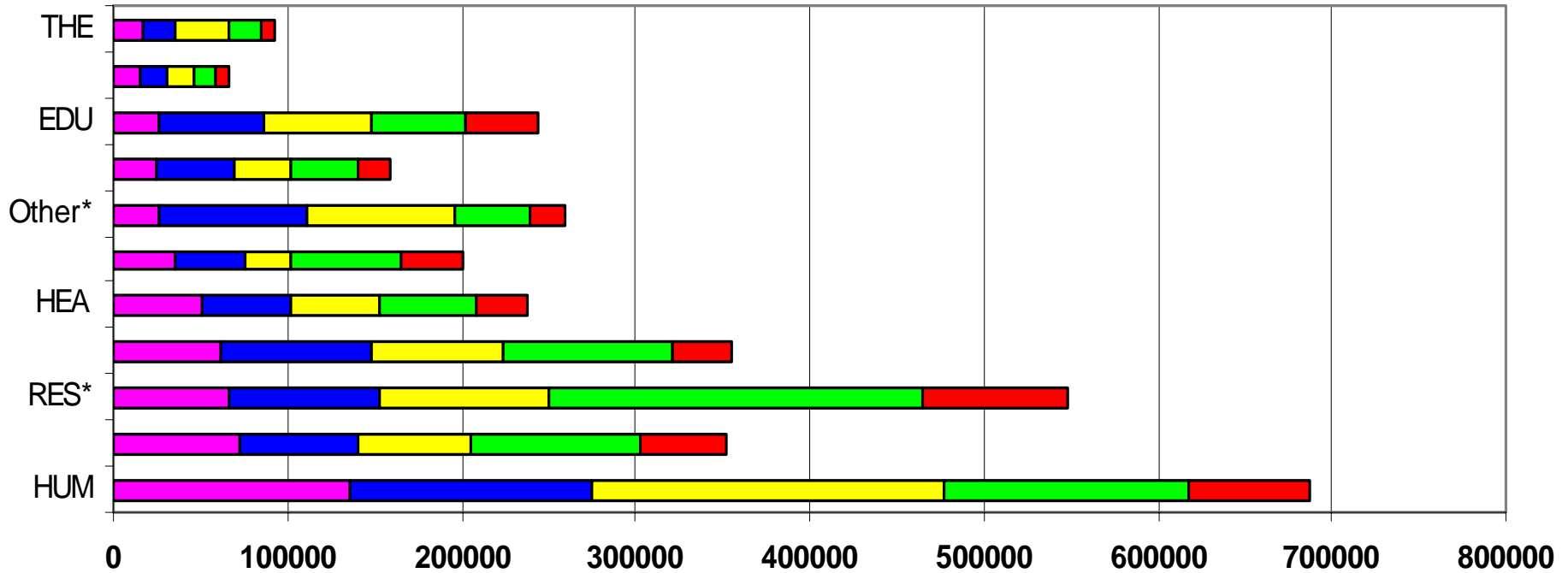
# Acquisition by UP Library Services



|   | <b>Books (Titles)</b> | <b>Journal Titles (Printed)</b> |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Humanities &amp; Social Sciences</b> | <b>2354</b>           | <b>930</b>                      |
| <b>Natural Sciences</b>                 | <b>1880</b>           | <b>1260</b>                     |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>4234</b>           | <b>2190</b>                     |



# 2003-2007 Faculties Circulation



|        | HUM    | NAS   | RES*   | ECO   | HEA   | EBIT  | Other* | LAW   | EDU   | VET   | THE   |
|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| ■ 2007 | 69846  | 49601 | 83126  | 34555 | 30520 | 34555 | 19376  | 17853 | 42302 | 7800  | 8408  |
| ■ 2006 | 140500 | 97929 | 215540 | 96557 | 54463 | 63657 | 43016  | 38850 | 53779 | 12922 | 18319 |
| ■ 2005 | 202115 | 65147 | 96645  | 75967 | 51546 | 26609 | 85614  | 33037 | 61375 | 15538 | 30202 |
| ■ 2004 | 139029 | 67941 | 86650  | 86812 | 50493 | 39656 | 84008  | 44112 | 61031 | 15531 | 18363 |
| ■ 2003 | 135400 | 71853 | 66582  | 61916 | 51413 | 36005 | 26725  | 24818 | 25581 | 15106 | 17401 |

# UP's submission to DoE on Research Output for 2006



## Journal Articles

| Type:    | Total UP Persons | Humanities & Social Sciences | NatSci & Med   |
|----------|------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| Articles | 1345             | 383 UP Persons               | 962 UP Persons |

## Books


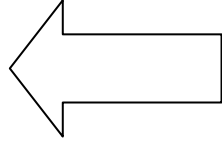

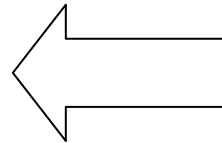

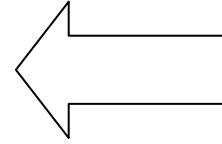

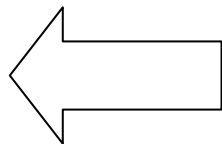
| Type:            | Number of Books | Humanities & Social Sciences | NatSci & Med |
|------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Books + Chapters | 72 items        | 52 items                     | 20 items     |





# Who is to blame?

## What is their role creating an equitable system?

|           |  |  |   |  |
|-----------|--|--|---|--|
| <b>A.</b> |    | UNIVERSITEIT VAN PRETORIA<br>UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA<br>YUNIBESITHI YA PRETORIA |    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Creative recognition &amp; reward system?</li><li>➤ Create more space for researchers?</li></ul>                       |
| <b>B.</b> |    |  |    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Standardize the evaluation &amp; assessment of research in the country</li></ul>                                       |
| <b>C.</b> |   | DOE  |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Be more transparent &amp;</li><li>➤ Involve researchers more in assessments</li></ul>                                  |
| <b>D.</b> |  | <b>RESEACHERS</b>  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Focus on increasing outputs of books?</li><li>➤ Vigorously work at getting the award system of DoE reviewed?</li></ul> |



**Thank you**



UNIVERSITEIT VAN PRETORIA  
UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA  
YUNIBESITHI YA PRETORIA