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# Redesigning LibGuides: How to Improve Experience for Users and Staff

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**Objective:** To create a template for LSUHSC-NO’s LibGuides to give them a unified look and feel and make navigation of the LibGuides easier.

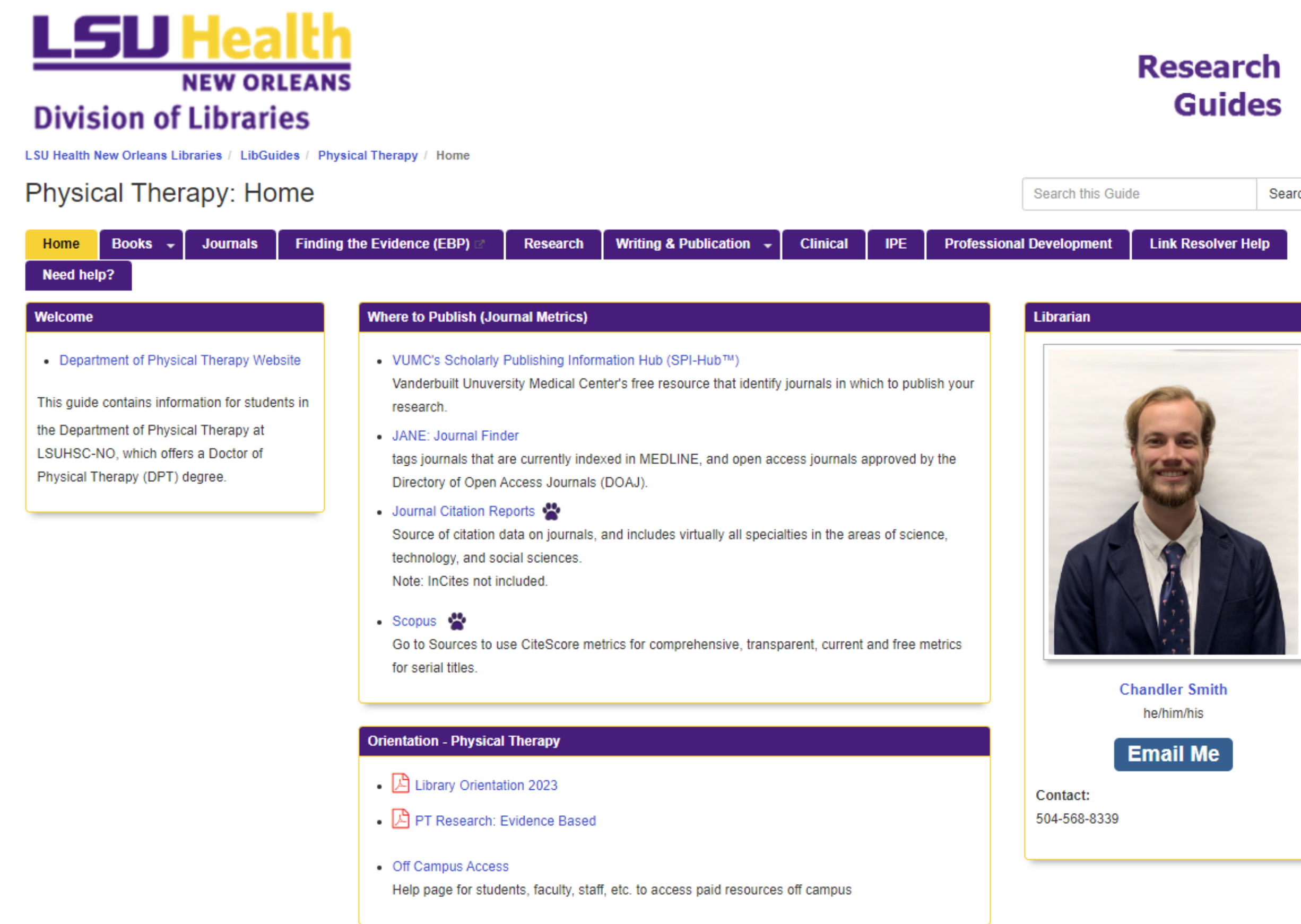
**Methods:** Using LibGuides template editor, changed the navigation from “tabbed” to “side nav” and created a style guide for other librarians to base their LibGuides on and have a centralized place to look for resources and other help on building a LibGuide.

Assessed relevance of individual guides, edited the tags list to get rid of unnecessary tags. Added Alt Text to images to increase accessibility of guides.

**Results:** Other staff members seem happy with the changes, LibGuides now look more consistent across all subjects.

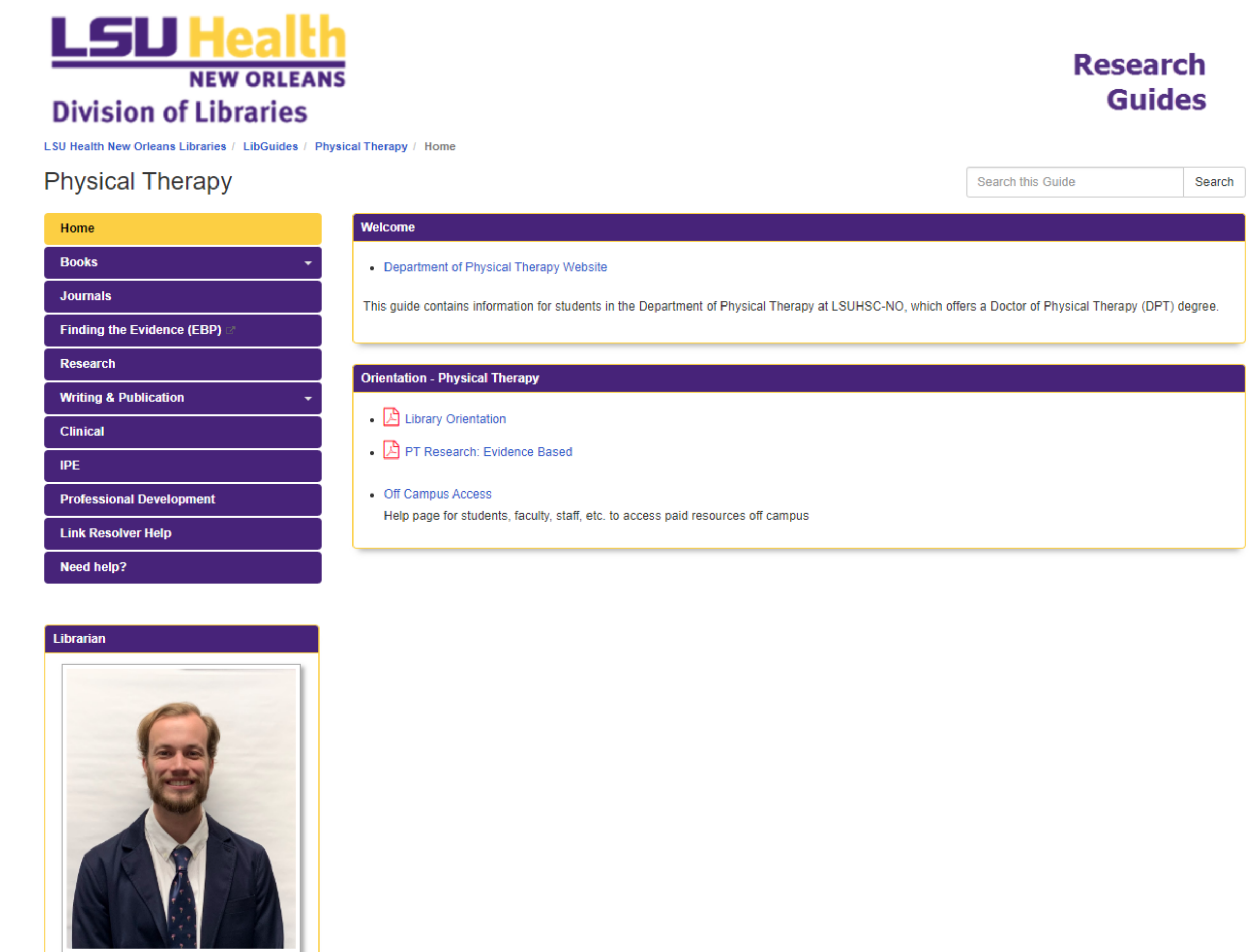
**Conclusions:** The redesign was necessary as the LibGuides had fallen out of “best practices” standards and an overwhelming amount of individual LibGuides had been created, left untouched and out of date. The process took quite a lot of time, had to assess all the individual LibGuides in the system and determine if they should be kept published or not. The redesign is an ongoing process, more changes will be made in future to best fit needs of users and staff.

## Old LibGuide Design



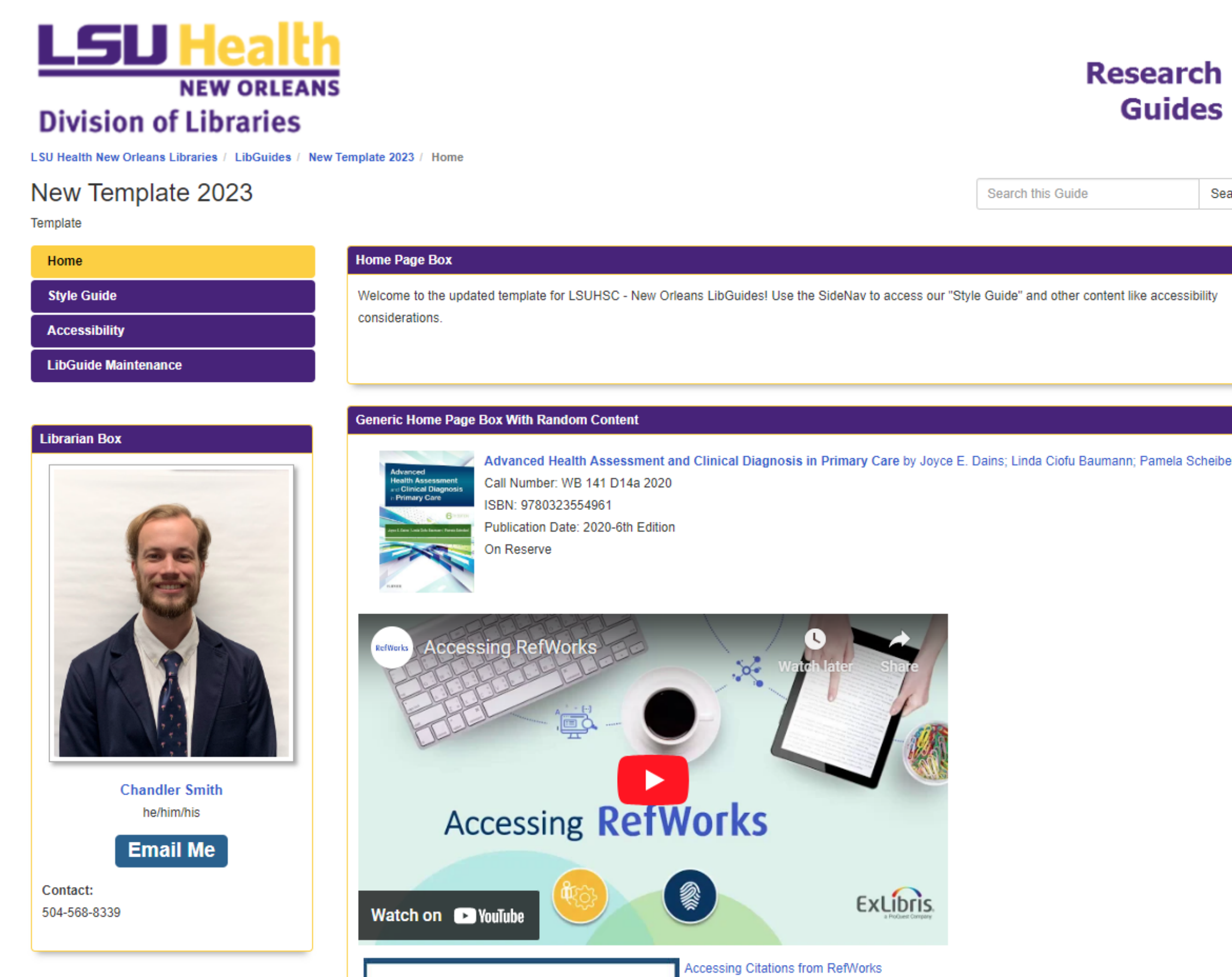
Page looks cluttered, hard to know where to start visually, 2nd row of “tabbed” navigation creates awkward extra space

## New LibGuide Design



Cleaner look and feel to guides, easier to focus on content and navigate the guide

## Created Template LibGuide



This was done to give a reference to staff members to help them in creation and redesign of LibGuides. Also contains links to more resources to better explain accessibility and design principles

In addition to the template guide, a style guide was added to the template guide. The style guide’s purpose being to be a “ruleset” of sorts to help keep guides looking consistent across the system

LSUHSC-NO LibGuides:

