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Open Access Week: OA Workshops and Webinars, October 21-27

October 8, 2013

“Open Access” refers to the free, immediate, online access to the results of scholarly research, and the right to use and re-use those results as you need. Open Access Week is an international event that brings attention to the potential benefits of Open Access and helps inspire wider participation in helping to make Open Access a new norm in scholarship and research. For more information on Open Access Week, please visit: <http://www.openaccessweek.org/>

In celebration of Open Access Week, the Henderson library is offering webinars discussing open access and workshops on Digital Commons and Affordable Learning Georgia.

Workshops:

Digital Commons and SelectedWorks

Room 1300, Henderson Library

Monday, October 21 from 9-10 a.m.

Wednesday, October 23 from 1-2 p.m.

Thursday, October 24 from 3-4 p.m.

Friday, October 25 from 9-10 a.m.

Zach S. Henderson library is offering two new services: Digital Commons and SelectedWorks. Digital Commons@Georgia Southern is an open access repository that contains research, scholarship, and creative works of our faculty, staff and students. SelectedWorks consists of individual sites for faculty and staff that highlight their research and publications. In this workshop, you will learn about the benefits of these services and how to use them as well as the basics of open access and copyright.

Presenters: Ashley D. Lowery, Digital Collections Specialist at GSU; Debra Skinner, Coordinator of Cataloging and Metadata at GSU

Affordable Learning Georgia

Library Conference Room

Wednesday, October 23 from 9-10 a.m.

Thursday, October 24 from 9-10 a.m.

In this workshop, you will learn about Affordable Learning Georgia (ALF). Affordable Learning Georgia is:

- A [University System of Georgia](#) (USG) initiative to promote student success by providing affordable textbook alternatives
- A one-stop service to help USG faculty and staff identify lower-cost, electronic, free, and Open Educational Resources, building on the cost-effective subscription resources provided by GALILEO and the USG libraries
- A California State University-MERLOT partner benefit service

Presenter: Bede Mitchell, Dean of the Library at GSU

Webinars:

Scholarly Open Access Publishing and the Peril of Predatory Publishers

Room 1300, Henderson Library

Tuesday, October 22 from 12-1:30 p.m.

Emerging scholarly publishing models are changing the culture of scholarly communication. One of these new models, gold open access, provides free, universal access to scholarly literature. However, this model, financed by article processing charges paid for by authors or their funders, has led to the publication of questionable research. Numerous unscrupulous or “predatory” publishers using the gold open-access model have appeared, accepting papers just to earn the author fees. Greater scrutiny is required by all involved in scholarly communication from authors, to reviewers, editors, and even tenure and promotion committees. This talk will tell the story of the emergence of questionable publishers and explain how scholars and academic librarians can identify them. A particular journal’s inclusion in a library database doesn’t always mean it is legitimate. This webinar will provide an overview of the issues related to scholarly open-access publishing of importance to academic librarians, focusing on the unintended consequences such as predatory publishers and their abuse of the gold open-access model.

Presenter: Jeffrey Beall from the University of Colorado Denver

Developing and Implementing Open Access Policies

Room 1300, Henderson Library

Tuesday, October 22 from 2-3:30 p.m.

Gather a group on your campus and participate together as two experienced practitioners describe the elements of an effective OA policy, explain why each is important and detail the process for moving a policy forward on your campus. After a basic overview, join in a highly interactive opportunity to pose your questions to the speakers about the development and implementation of open access policies. We welcome participation from those who are both new to the process and issues as well as those already deeply in the policy development or implementation stages.

Learning Outcomes:

- Learn how to evaluate elements of policy;
- Learn how to engage and assess stakeholders;
- Be able to identify the critical pieces for the implementation phase.

Presenters: Ada Emmett, Scholarly Communications Librarian, University of Kansas; Suzanne Kriegsman, Program Manager, Office for Scholarly Communication, Harvard University

Supporting and Showcasing Undergraduate Research through the Institutional Repository

Room 1300, Henderson Library

Thursday, October 24 from 2-3 p.m.

A growing number of liberal arts college libraries are using their own institutional repositories to capture student works and foster student research. This webinar addresses the topics of:

- Collecting and managing student works: undergraduate major papers, capstone and research projects
- Campus based publishing: creating and publishing peer-reviewed student-run scholarly journals
- Capturing and showcasing student events, student research conferences and workshops

Presenter: Tim Tamminga, Berkeley Electronic Press

For more information about this series, please contact Ashley D. Lowery (alowery@georgiasouthern.edu).

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