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http://www.blogherald.com/2015/05/27/how-to-protect-your-brand-on-social-media/
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Is this YOUR approach to social media?

it’s not all evil. really.
Let's Start with “What”

- What
- Why
- How
Smart phones

How many of these apps do you have on your phone?

- Twitter
- Facebook
- Linkedin
- Mendeley
- Snapchat
- Instagram
- Skype
- Messenger
- WhatsApp
- Refme / EndNote
- QR Readers
- Blogs
- Slideshare
- Google+
- RSS Feeds
- YouTube

Ones we haven’t mentioned?
Smart phone apps – in categories

Communication

Connection

Tools

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How about “Why”

- What
- Why
  - Communication
  - Connection
  - Tools
- How
Usage Stats As Of 2014:

- **Twitter**: 284 million monthly active users, 500 million Tweets are sent per day.
- **Facebook**: 1.32 billion users.
- **LinkedIn**: 332 million registered users.
- **Pinterest**: 70 million users, of which 40 million are active users.
- **Instagram**: 200 million active users, 60 million photos posted per day, 1.6 billion daily likes.
- **Tumblr**: Hosts over 209.3 million blogs and more than 94.9 billion posts in total.
- **YouTube**: Over 1 billion users, 6 billion hours of video watched per month, 100 hours of video uploaded per minute.
- **Google+**: Over 1 billion enabled accounts and > 359 million monthly active users.
EVOLUTION OF SOCIAL
2004 - 2014

2014
- Facebook turns 10
- Ellen DeGeneres' Oscar selfie becomes most retweeted tweet of all time
- Instagram introduced sponsored post advertising targeting UK consumers - September

2013
- Vine and Instagram Video launched
- YouTube launches paid channels
- Instagram introduced sponsored post advertising targeting US users in November 2013
- Twitter had 500 million registered users, with more than 200 million active Yahoo acquires Tumblr

2004
- Flickr launched
- Facebook founded

2005
- YouTube launched
- Bebo launched
- Social Commerce introduced by Yahoo!

2006
- Twitter launched
- Facebook opened to general public
- YouTube acquired by Google
- YouTube ads launched on site

2008
- Facebook surpasses MySpace in number of users

2009
- Facebook creates the 'like' button
- 'Unfriend' was the New Oxford American Dictionary word of the year
- YouTube reaches 1 billion views per day

2010
- Twitter sponsored tweets launched

2011
- Pinterest, Google Plus and Snapchat launched

2012
- FB reaches 1 billion users, acquires Instagram, launches paid promoted posts
- Pinterest becomes fastest site in history to break through the 10 million unique visitor mark
- Google Plus launches communities & events features

Why social media in SoTL?

- For communication
- Collaboration/networking
- Efficiency/productivity tools

Using it personally

To make yourself known as an academic

Your students are using
Probably using some in your teaching
Publish or Perish??

Discoverability = Increased Citations

• Core Metrics
  • No of publications, citations etc on published papers, h-index (individual)
  • Impact factor (journals)

• Social media may raise awareness of your work

• Alternative metrics help measure BEFORE the citation counts (and may even increase citation counts)

http://valueaddedmeasureit.blogspot.hk/2015/01/on-grading-huge-stack-of-papers.html
“There is mounting evidence to suggest that an active online presence may directly impact a researcher’s credentials as measured through traditional metrics.”

“... volume of Twitter mention is statistically correlated with that of both downloads and ‘early’ citations, i.e., citations in the scholarly record occurring less than 7 months after the publication of a preprint.”

“Highly tweeted articles were 11 times more likely to be highly cited than less-tweeted articles...

Social media activity either increases citations or reflects the underlying qualities of the article that also predict citations, but the true use of these metrics is to measure the distinct concept of social impact.”

About Communication

• How do you communicate?
  →, ←, broadcast

• What do you want to communicate?
  Slides? Articles? Ideas?

• Who do you want to communicate with?
  Students? Researchers?

• What formats are you comfortable with?
  Text, images, video, audio

Becoming all encompassing
So You Want To Communicate Science Online

Who do you want to talk to?

- Colleagues
  - You know your colleagues don't read blogs. Isn't there a listserv somewhere?
- The general public! I'm ready to communicate SCIENCE!
  - My tech-savvy colleagues who have their own blogs & 8,000 Twitter followers!

Why do you want to talk to them?

- Nobody's talking about what I care about! I want to create new content!
- I'm lonely. I want to find people that care as much about my area as I do.
- So much cool stuff but it's scattered all over the internet!

Who
- Colleagues
- General public

Why
- Curation
- Community
- Creation

Time
- Minimal
- Moderate
- Life-sucking yet strangely satisfying
Some common terminologies:

- Likes + reactions
- Following
- Followers
- Tagging
- Tag and search using hashtags #
Twitter

Receiving information
• Follow @pfeltenNC
• Search for #SOTLcommons

Disseminating information
• #SOTLCommons
SoTL Commons
@sotlcommons

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Savannah, GA
academics.georgiasouthern.edu/ce/conferences...

Tweets
Following
Followers
Likes
267
119
144
186

Tweets
Tweets & replies
Photos & videos

SoTL Commons @sotlcommons · 12h
Who will join us next week? Let's start the conversation now: What are you most excited about? #SpeakSoTL #SoTLCommons16

SoTL Commons @sotlcommons · Mar 18
Look at this resource! #WeSpeakSoTL
#SoTL

cruthford @cruthford
SCHOLARSHIP OF TEACHING AND LEARNING ANNOTATED LITERATURE DATABASE researchsotl.wordpress.com #BrockSoTL #SoTL

SoTL Commons @sotlcommons · Mar 14
Meet our keynote speakers:
Dr. Sarah Leupen @UMBaltimore presents on evidence for metacognitive teaching practice. goo.gl/ShTDz8

Promoted Tweet

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The key to success is truth. Read more from the newest LinkedIn Influencer, @gwenstefani: bit.ly/1pyuBpH
Who or what might you want to follow?
Already following?

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🔗 academics.georgiasouthern.edu/ce...

123 FOLLOWING 153 FOLLOWERS

SoTL Commons @sotlcommons... 7h
#SoTLCommons16 keynote:
Which do you currently use?
Any we haven’t mentioned?
Why do you use them?
Connection Considerations

- Personal versus Professional use
- Why not 2 accounts?
- Social Media Policy for organizations
- Modes of connection come and go – volatile, temporal and transitional
- Depends on your preferences & the community you wish to connect with
The Hype Cycle

Social Media Trolls

• Connecting may not be communicating.

• Receiving information does not mean you must broadcast.

• You can connect without communicating.

For example, you are friends with your students, but you are not communicating/updating status on your FB profile.
Increasing your productivity as a researcher and author,

- receiving information
- sharing information
- storing
- evaluating
- ...

It really depends on what you want to use to become more efficient.
Productivity Tools

- How has EndNote become a social media tool?
  Because it now allows sharing of EndNote Libraries containing references.

What other tools do you currently use?
Marketing Tools

• It is all about “selling”!
• Social media primary instigator is marketing.
• Increasing visibility and “mind share”
• Education & educators are traditionally not good at marketing themselves

Other popular entertainment moments on Twitter include Bruno Mars’ Super Bowl halftime show with the Red Hot Chili Peppers, which had 230,000 tweets per minute, and Imagine Dragons with Kendrick Lamar at the Grammys, which had 172,000 tweets per minute. Rounding out the top five was DeGeneres’ pizza delivery during the Oscars and Lorde’s Grammy win for best pop solo performance.

Following the Oscar selfie, the most retweeted tweets all came from pop heartthrobs. No. 2 was Justin Bieber’s inspirational quote from January, in which he told his fans that they are “all worthy no matter what anyone says.”

Marketing Tools

• It is all about “selling”!
Back to Social Media & SoTL

- Social media
- Increased Visibility
- Alternative Metrics
- Increased Citations
Alternative metrics
# Social Media Metrics

The following table lists the sources that PlumX tracks for Social Media.

**Metrics as of September 23, 2015**

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<td>Figshare, SourceForge</td>
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<td>Tweets</td>
<td>Twitter via Gnip</td>
<td>The number of tweets and retweets that mention the artifact</td>
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# Mention Metrics

Below is a listing of the sources of mentions that PlumX monitors.

**Metrics as of August 2, 2015**

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<td>Vimeo</td>
<td>The number of topics in a forum discussing the artifact</td>
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<td>StackExchange, Wikipedia</td>
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<td>The number of blog posts written about the artifact</td>
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The Donut and the Score

DOI is important for Altmetric!
Peer Instruction: Ten years of experience and results
Overview of attention for article published in American Journal of Physics, September 2001

Summary
Title: Peer Instruction: Ten years of experience and results
Published in: American Journal of Physics, September 2001
DOI: 10.1119/1.1374249
Authors: Catherine H. Crouch, Catherine H. Crouch, Eric Mazur

Mendeley Readers
The data shown below were compiled from readership statistics for 496 Mendeley readers of this research output. Click here to see the associated Mendeley record.

Scopus
Search Alerts Lists

Back to results | 1 of 1
PolyU eLinks | View at Publisher | Export | Download | Add to List | More

American Journal of Physics
Volume 69, Issue 9, September 2001, Pages 970-977

Peer Instruction: Ten years of experience and results (Article)
Crouch, C.H., Mazur, E.
Department of Physics, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA 02138, United States

Abstract
We report data from 10 years of teaching with Peer Instruction (PI) in the calculus- and algebra-based introductory physics courses for nonmajors; our results indicate increased student mastery of both conceptual reasoning and quantitative problem solving upon implementing PI. We also discuss ways we have improved our implementation of PI since introducing it in 1991. Most notably, we have replaced in-class reading quizzes with pre-class written responses to the reading. Introduced a research-based mechanics textbook for portions of the course, and incorporated cooperative learning into the discussion sections as well as the lectures. These improvements are intended to help students learn more from pre-class reading and to increase student engagement in the discussion sections, and are accompanied by further increases in student understanding. © 2001 American Association of Physics Teachers.
Students as co-creators of teaching approaches, course design, and curricula: implications for academic developers

Overview of attention for article published in International Journal for Academic Development, June 2011

SUMMARY

Title: Students as co-creators of teaching approaches, course design, and curricula: implications for academic developers

Published in: International Journal for Academic Development

DOI: 10.1080/13601442.2011.66800

Authors: Catherine Bovill, Alison Cook-Sather, Peter Felsen

TWITTER DEMOGRAPHICS

The data shown below were collected from readership statistics for 63 Mendeley readers of this research output. Click here to see the associated Mendeley record.

MENDELEY READERS

SCORE IN CONTEXT

Geographical breakdown

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Demographic breakdown

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The Ferric Reducing Ability of Plasma (FRAP) as a Measure of "Antioxidant Power": The FRAP Assay

Overview of attention for article published in Analytical Biochemistry, July 1996

Abstract
A simple, automated test measuring the ferric reducing ability of plasma (FRAP) as a measure of "antioxidant power" has been described. Ferric to ferrous iron is reduced by plasma obtained by comparing the absorbance change of ferrous thiocyanate standards. Absorbance changes are linear over a wide range of concentrations of ascorbic acid and uric acid are all 2.0, respectively, at 100-1000 μM. FRAP values are expressed in μM or mg/l and can be compared to the antioxidant contents of other biological fluids. The FRAP assay is inexpensive, requires only one type of reagent, and has been used to determine the extent of oxidative stress in various human and non-human animal tissues. The FRAP assay offers a sensitive index of oxidative stress and is widely used in research.

About this score
In the top 25% of all research outputs scored by Altmetric

Mentions
2 blogs
1 Wikipedia page

Readers on
1021 Mendeley
1 CiteULike

What is this page?

Altmetric has tracked 4,725,882 research outputs across all sources so far. Compared to these this one has done particularly well and is in the 93rd percentile: it's in the top 10% of all research outputs ever tracked by Altmetric.

This research output has an Altmetric score of 15. This is our high-level measure of the quality and quantity of online attention that it has received. This score was calculated when the research output was last mentioned on 23 July 2012.

In the top 25% of all research outputs scored by Altmetric

TOP CITED ARTICLE FROM PolyU

Analytical Biochemistry
Volume 239, Issue 1, 15 July 1996, Pages 76-78
Present and Future Arboviral Threats
Overview of attention for article published in Antiviral Research, February 2010

Title: Present and Future Arboviral Threats
Published in: Antiviral Research, February 2010
DOI: 10.1016/j.antiviral.2009.10.008
PubMed ID: 19857523
Authors: Weaver SC, Reisen WK, Scott C. Weaver, William K. Reisen

Abstract
Arthropod-borne viruses (arboviruses) are important causes of human disease and often lead to many cause disease after spill-over transmission to humans and agricultural activities. Viruses such as dengue (DENV) and chikungunya (CHIKV) that have hyper-endemic epidemics in tropical urban centers. Many arboviruses recently have increased in intensity of transmission. Beginning in 1999, West Nile virus (WNV) underwent an explosive spread of WNV in urban centers associated with avian virology coupled with adaptation for replication in and transmission by mosquitoes. Epidemics of arboviral encephalitis ever reported in the Americas. Japan.

About this score
In the top 5% of all research outputs scored by Altmetric

Mentioned by
7 news outlets
1 blog
1 policy source
3 tweeters

Readers on
381 Mendeley
1 CiteULike

What is this page?

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What academic research caught the public imagination in 2015?
A new antibiotic kills pathogens without detectable resistance

Published in Nature – January 2015

Authors: Losee L. Ling, Tanja Schneider, Aaron J. Peoples, Amy L. Spoering, Ina Engels

Institutions: German Center for Infection Research, Northeastern University, NovoBiotic

Countries: Germany, United Kingdom, United States

Subject Area: Medical & Health Sciences

View article | Full Altmetric report
Alternative metrics

“Across all subjects, the two most important social media platforms contributing to the Altmetric Score are Twitter and Mendeley. For instance, the General & Internal Medicine articles have been tweeted 13,585 times and shared 5,225 times in Mendeley.”

“Why” – Share your insight

Communication

Connection

Tools
...and “How” ???

- What
- Why
- How
What’s good for you?

Conversation Prism: https://conversationprism.com/
In Closing...

About SoTL
Teaching can always become more effective and learning more significant and enduring.

The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) engages individuals in designing, conducting, and publishing research on teaching and learning. SoTL emphasizes that teaching is a serious intellectual activity that can be both deeply personal and highly collegial.

For instructors engaging in SoTL, the work of the classroom becomes a site for inquiry, asking and answering questions about students learning in ways that can improve one’s own classroom and also advance the larger profession of teaching” (Huber and Hutchings, 2005).

Download the 2016 Program at a Glance!
Your questions and comments?
Discussion during presentation:

2 important issues discussed

• Privacy
• Social Media Policies

After note: we have added some information and links which might be useful on Social Media Policies (which also include issues on privacy) in the following 3 slides.
Social Media Policy

“...addresses the major issues related to employee blogging but its principles can be applied to more recent forms of social networking as well. All such policies need careful tailoring, depending on what sector your company is in.”

From our research, six factors emerged as the highest priority in the successful development and implementation of a corporate blogging policy. These include:

**Culture:** Foster a corporate culture of openness. Listen to and respect the opinions of employees, customers and other constituencies.

**Trust:** Employees should be trusted to communicate and develop relationships with customers. Do not review blog posts prior to posting. Trust your employees to be good communicators and to use good judgment.

**Training:** Provide complete training about how to blog, and review legal issues with employees. Give employees the option of training rather than requiring them to participate.

**Transparency:** Disclose connections with customers in blog posts. Reveal any commercial or personal connections. Transparency and authenticity are key.

**Accuracy:** Check facts. Check with colleagues before publishing content that will affect them. If you write about private conversations, ask for permission before publishing.

**Comments:** Develop and clearly communicate your organization’s comment policy. Set expectations and clearly communicate what is and what is not allowed on the blog. Allow negative and positive comments, but restrict inappropriate comments. Write to the person who commented first.

Social Media Policy Database

• Collection of policies and guidelines for different kinds of organizations (including Academic institutions)
• Includes guides and templates
• Good reference point to familiarize yourself on the “to-dos” and “do-nots” if your organization does not have an existing social media policy/guideline

Social Media Handbook

- What is Social Media?
- How Vanderbilt is Using Social Media
- Important Policies
- Before You Do Anything: Do You Really Need a Social Media Account?
- Getting Started
- Tell Us About It!
- Best Practices for a Successful Social Media Presence
- Contacts and Resources
- Appendix A: Social Media Strategy Worksheet
- Appendix B: Setting up a Facebook page
- Appendix C: Setting up a Flickr Account
- Appendix D: Creating a Twitter Profile
- Appendix E: Wikipedia Best Practices
- Appendix F: YouTube
- Appendix G: Creating an Instagram account
- Social Media Icons

Social media has changed the way we communicate - both as an institution and as individuals. With tools such as YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, blogs and Flickr, anyone with an Internet connection now has the ability to create a dynamic Web presence, update it from wherever they are whenever they want, and share their content instantly with friends and followers around the world. Social media has given Vanderbilt the opportunity to engage in ongoing “conversations” with our students, faculty, staff, parents, alumni, colleagues, fans and friends about what is most important to them, extending the community found on the Vanderbilt campus to the world.

Vanderbilt University supports the use of social media by employees to connect with students, fellow faculty and staff, alumni, fans, colleagues and more. This handbook provides guidance on how to do so effectively, safely and within university guidelines.

Social media is constantly changing. As a result, this handbook will continue to evolve. If you have suggestions, please email University Web Communications at www@vanderbilt.edu.
Do not disclose student information. Abide by Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). This is especially important in dealing with students who post questions online about their educational circumstances (e.g. "Did my credits transfer?"). Ask the student for a private conversation. P

Privacy should also be extended to not tagging or identifying students without permission in photos posted to social media channels, unless it is a re-post of a University news story. University accounts are also encouraged to follow and engage with recognized school groups and organizations rather than individual students.
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