Scholars Archive:
Showcase Your Research

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What is Open Access (OA)?

• Public Library of Science (PLoS) definition:
  - “….Unrestricted use and unrestricted reuse of content.”

https://www.plos.org/open-access/
What is an IR?

Institutional Repository (IR)
Platform to collect, store and share scholarly output

SPARC position paper, Raym Crow (2002), elaborates:

“Under the current system of scholarly communication, much of the intellectual output and value of an institution's intellectual property is diffused through thousands of scholarly journals. While faculty publication in these journals reflects positively on the host university, an institutional repository concentrates the intellectual product created by a university's researchers, making it easier to demonstrate its scientific, social and financial value.”

http://www.sparc.arl.org/resources/papers-guides/the-case-for-institutional-repositories
Snapshot: Scholars Archive Today

http://scholarsarchive.library.albany.edu/
What is in it for the Researcher?

• Preservation and Posterity

• Increase Visibility and Discoverability

• Expand Dissemination Opportunities
  • Benefits Community-Engagement research projects

• Demonstrate Impact
Why is OA Important?

THE IMPACT OF OPEN ACCESS

Advancing Knowledge
Open access for Readers
- Affecting Public Policy
- Advancing Innovation
- Improving Access to Education
- Linking Global Experts
- Connecting Cultures
- Building Local Community
- Informing Patients & Caregivers
- Updating Practitioners
- Informing Prospective Applicants

Reputation Building
Open access for Authors
- Amplifying Scholarship
- Forging Business & Government Partnerships
- Public Impact
- Developing Niche Field
- Preserving Scholarly Legacy
- Finding Collaborators
- Improving Quality and Scope
- Launching Academic Career
- Modeling Innovative Teaching

Demonstrating Achievements
Open access for Institutions
- Building Reputation
- Garnering Funding
- Professionalizing Students
- Developing Alumni Connections
- Generating Content for Public Relations
- Strengthening Recruiting
- Aiding Accreditation and Review
- Demonstrating Learning Outcomes
- Boosting Operational Efficiency

Want to Submit Your Scholarly Work to Scholars Archive?

It’s easy: here’s how:

• Update your CV
• Send an email to scholarsarchive@albany.edu giving us permission to post your work.
• Attach your CV
• We will seek copyright permission
Questions?

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Scholars Archive Snapshot: Geological Sciences ETDs

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The Back Story

- Professor Bill Kidd
- Effort to preserve the legacy of Geological Sciences
- Digitization of master’s theses and aspects of doctoral dissertations
- Assistance of Special Collections & Archives
• Theses and dissertations document student scholarship in Geological Sciences over several decades

• Not very accessible in existing location on a University web page
  ◦ Hard to discover
  ◦ Will this page be maintained over time?
• First ETDs ingested
  ◦ 112 in Spring 2016
• 725 downloads – healthy traffic
• ETDs are secure, managed by Library, easily accessible, more discoverable
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