May 20, 2011

Library Publishing Services at The University of Western Ontario: Policies and Processes

Adrian K. Ho, The University of Western Ontario

Available at: https://works.bepress.com/akho/14/
This presentation is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution 3.0 Unported License.

Relevant resources are listed at the end.
Library Publishing Services at The University of Western Ontario

• **Scholarship@Western** launched in Dec. 2008
Policies

- Scholarly Communication Working Group created in Nov. 2008 to formulate policies
- ETD policy created and managed by Graduate Studies
Online Journal Publishing Policy

- A general policy
- Scholarly journals created or edited by faculty members at Western
- No focus on particular subject areas
- Oral agreement between the library and the journal
Journal Policies

• A list of questions to help journal editors develop policies
• Discussion of editorial workflow and practices
• Suggestions for copyright policy
Editorial and Publishing Process

- Editors’ decisions, with input from the library
- Demo site for editors to become familiar with the publishing system (EdiKit) and to refine editorial practices
- Manual of the system viewed as the basic documentation
- No copyediting service from the library
Post-publishing Services

- ISSN and digital object identifiers
- Registration with [Directory of Open Access Journals](http://directory.openaccessjournal.org) and [Open J-Gate](http://openj-gate.net)
- Journal present on [WorldCat.org](http://worldcat.org)
- Assistance with marketing as appropriate
Indexing and Discoverability

• Editors to identify important indexes and databases in their disciplines
• Library to contact index and database vendors on behalf of the journal
• No licensing required for indexes (no full text involved)
• Licensing required for full-text databases
Archiving and Preservation

- Preference for archiving and preserving journals in Canada
- A member of OCUL (Ontario Council of University Libraries)
- OCUL’s Scholars Portal
Lessons Learned

• Memorandum of understanding over responsibilities and liabilities between the library and the journal
• Education about the scholarly communication landscape for journal editors
Challenges

- Staffing
- Digitization of back issues
- Financial sustainability
- Journal continuity
- Marketing and visibility
Opportunities

• Integration of the library into the dissemination of scholarly content (for academic and research units on campus)
• Support for learning and research by publishing student journals
• Collaboration with departmental presses on campus
Opportunities

- Positive response to open access publishing
- Positive response to retention of author rights
Mentioned Resources

Directory of Open Access Journals
http://www.doaj.org/

Open J-Gate
http://www.openj-gate.com/

Scholars Portal
http://www.scholarsportal.info/

Scholarship@Western
http://ir.lib.uwo.ca/

WorldCat.org
http://www.worldcat.org/
Selected Resources

Columbia University Libraries’ Sample Agreement for Publication and Sharing of Rights

Creative Commons Licenses
http://creativecommons.org/licenses/

Developing Open Access Journals: A Practical Guide
http://www.developing-oa-journals.org/
  Guide_to_developing_oa_journals.pdf
Selected Resources

Developing Open Access Journals: Resources
http://www.openaccesspublishing.org/materials.php

Income Models for Open Access
http://www.arl.org/sparc/publisher/incomemodels/imguide.shtml

OASPA (Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association)
Member Code of Conduct
http://oaspa.org/conduct.php

Online Guide to Open Access Journals Publishing
http://www.doaj.org/bpguide/
Selected Resources

Promoting Positive Change and a Continuing Role for Scholarly Societies

University of Michigan Libraries’ Model Journal Publishing Agreement
http://www.lib.umich.edu/spo/agreements/author-journal_article_license.pdf
Adrian K. Ho
Scholarly Communication Librarian
Western Libraries
The University of Western Ontario
adrian.ho@uwo.ca