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A Tool for Determining Author Rights

SHERPA/RoMEO:

A faculty member recently asked if she could post a number of her articles on the academic networking sites Academia.edu and ResearchGate. The answer was a definitive “maybe.” If your articles are under an open license agreement such as Creative Commons, you are free to reuse, reproduce, or post your articles anywhere. However, if you have signed a copyright transfer agreement with a journal (a common practice), then usually you no longer have rights to post the final published version.

The faculty member was referred to SHERPA/RoMEO, a tool developed by the University of Nottingham, England. Currently, there are over 18,000 journals listed from 1,071 publishers in 60 nations. The site prominently features basic information such as locations, hours, and the “Ask Us” services. The new site is a response to user feedback about the former Libraries’ website and is based on user testing and focus groups with members of the UCF community.

Please note that if you have links to the old site in syllabi and/or Webcourses, these links likely will need to be revised.

Library staff have been making significant improvements to the Libraries’ website. The aim of the year-long redesign effort was to make the site less text heavy and to consolidate and reorganize content from various existing pages for simplified browsing. The site prominently features consolidated and reorganized content from various existing pages for simplified browsing.

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The institutional repository allows submissions by all faculty, staff, students, and affiliates of UCF wishing to share their work with a worldwide audience. Examples of content that can be hosted in STARS include:

- Working papers, conference papers, technical reports, and datasets;
- Faculty-student collaborative projects;
- Journals published by the UCF community;
- Published articles, books, and book chapters when copyright and/or license allow;
- Organizational annual reports, newsletters, and founding documents;
- Image collections or audiovisual materials, either primary or supplementary;
- Conferences and symposia; and
- Projects that include digitized content and/or links to online content.

Member librarians have specific guidelines for submissions but basic guidelines and principles govern all work submitted to the repository.

For additional information, comments, questions, or suggestions, contact the STARS coordinator at STARS@ucf.edu.

NEW DATABASE ADDS TO PRIMARY SOURCE COLLECTIONS

A successful Technology Fee proposal written by the Department of History has enabled the UCF Libraries to purchase a new primary source database, Indigenous Peoples: North America.

This database contains an extensive grouping of archival materials related to Indians of North America dating from the sixteenth century well into the twentieth century. The collection includes manuscript collections, rare books, newspapers, periodicals, census records, legal documents, maps, drawings and sketches, oral histories, and photos. It also features video content from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Materials have been sourced from both American and Canadian institutions, such as the National Archives, the Library of Congress, Princeton University, and the Association of American Indian Archives (AAIA).

Topics of interest include the Iroquois Confederation, Canadian Catholic Indian missions, Indian removal, Indian Wars and the frontier army, the Dawes Severalty Act of 1887, Indian languages and linguistics, Indian delegations, and Indian-Federal relations.

The database can be found listed alphabetically on the Libraries’ database page: <http://guides.ucf.edu/databases>.