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ODU Digital Commons: The Institutional Repository for Old Dominion University

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Plan

I. What is an institutional repository?

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I. What is an institutional repository?

"...a set of services that a university offers to members of its community for the management and dissemination of digital materials created by the institution and its community members."

Clifford Lynch, Executive Director of CNI
(Coalition of Networked Information)

Contributes to the new model of scholarly publishing and open access in higher education:

Research is meant to be discovered!
Why do we have one?

University strategic plan, Goal 1:

Enhance the university’s academic and research excellence: building a national and international reputation in areas of academic and research strength.

1. By establishing a repository of research activity and scholarship
2. By adapting electronic submission of theses and dissertations and adding them to the scholarly repository (ETDs)

Institutional Repositories are rapidly becoming an integral feature of academic and other institutions: ~2,000 institutions host repositories worldwide.

Source: Ranking Web of World Repositories
http://repositories.webometrics.info/en/world
Benefits to the University

1. Increases the global visibility of ODU scholarly and creative output
   - Institutional repositories bring more attention to a university by making its research and scholarly activity more visible (open access) worldwide.

2. Supports student success - 2nd strategic goal
   - Graduate students: electronic theses and dissertations; master’s level papers and projects; peer-reviewed journals
   - Undergraduate: undergraduate research symposium papers and presentations; peer-reviewed journals

3. Can be used in recruitment of new faculty and students
   - Structure is in academic communities
   - Can include newsletters, annual reports, strategic plans

4. Provides long-term preservation of ODU research and other works.
   - Ensures that intellectual works remain permanently accessible
Benefits to Faculty

1. Provides online open access to published and unpublished works 24/7, in all formats, from a centralized system

2. Showcases and promotes faculty scholarly works and research

3. Provides online access to “grey” information resources

4. Satisfies funder’s mandate for faculty to provide open access archiving for sponsored research
5. Can be used for promotion and tenure
6. Provides online infrastructure for faculty to self-deposit works
7. Provides the infrastructure to publish peer-reviewed journals and e-textbooks
8. Provides the infrastructure to host conferences and symposia
Materials can include (but are not limited to):

- Published articles, books, chapters, conference papers
- Working papers and reports
- Theses/dissertations
- Datasets
- Multimedia
- Images and creative works
- Primary research materials
- Open educational resources
- University publications

Libraries are well-equipped for this!
II. TOUR [sample material types]

ODU Digital Commons access from Featured Resource on library home page, or from Information for Faculty and Graduate Students under HELP - see also “Institutional Repository” guide

- Articles
- ETDs - Student Works
- Books
  - Yearbooks
- Newsletters: FOL
- Presentations: State of the libraries [sample poster: JeffLib]
- Events/Conferences - Open Access Week
More samples (not in ODU Digital Commons)

Journals: Himalaya - QualityAdv/NursingEd

Datasets: Sustainability Data - Art Faculty

Oral histories/Interviews: Chicago 1968 - Smoke Jumpers

Art: FCA Gallery - 3d Visualization

Maps: 3' Sea Level Rise Polyline

Podcasts: Human Research Protection Office Podcasts

Open Educational Resource: Cell and Molecular Biology

Collections: Landscape plants - Theatre posters

Archives/Primary Sources: Gothic Archive
Total Items by Type and Use: July - Nov. 12, 2015

- **Student work (ETD, Master's papers):** 1622 times downloaded
- **Articles:** 736 times downloaded
- **Other (books, reports, yearbooks, docs):** 127 times downloaded
III. How it works

Repository as a service of the ODU Libraries

- **Mediated deposit** - you provide your cv, and library will input materials for you
  - We provide metadata
  - We verify and request (if needed) journal permissions
    - We may request pre- or post-print as needed
  - We can advise on copyright and authors’ rights
  - We can work with you on data management

- System provides readership reports (used for tenure and promotion, grant applications and reporting), and we use Google Analytics

**Self-deposit** is an option!
Submit Your Research

Most research can be submitted electronically. Clients allow authors to submit directly. In these cases, you administrator for further instruction.

College of Arts and Letters

   English
     - English Faculty Books
     - English Faculty Publications
     - English Theses & Dissertations

   Graduate Program in International
       Graduate Program in International

   Philosophy & Religious Studies
       Philosophy Faculty Books
       Philosophy Faculty Publications

   Women's Studies
       Women's Studies Works In Progress

College of Business (Strome)

   Finance
     - Finance Theses & Dissertations

   Information Technology & Decision Sciences

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Monthly Email: “Your Readership Report”

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Here are a number of reasons to deposit work:

- I could be hit by a bus.
- The student maintaining my web page will graduate.
- If/When I leave [ODU] or retire, someone will take down my website.
- My computer is old/lost/stolen/being replaced.
- I have a chapter in a book that is prohibitively expensive. Very few people will be able to buy the book, so no one will read my chapter.
- My collaborators (and students) in other countries can’t read my articles or books because they (or their libraries) can’t afford to buy them.
- My article won’t be published for another year/6 months/1 week, but I want it to be read NOW.
- People keep asking for my papers, and it’s a pain to keep emailing them one at a time.
- Because I can.
IV. What’s next?

- More content in the IR
- Presentations & meetings about IR services and possibilities
- Individual meetings and training

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