

# Open Access to Scholarly Research at the University of Pittsburgh

## Report of the Open Access Task Force

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## Open Access is...

- A family of copyright licensing policies under which authors and copyright owners make their works publicly available
- A movement in higher education to increase access to scholarly research and communication, not limiting it solely to subscribers or purchasers of works
- A response to the current crisis in scholarly communication



# OA Overview

- Open Access literature is digital, online, free of charge, and free of most copyright and licensing restrictions
- All major OA initiatives for scientific and scholarly literature insist on the importance of peer review
- Works are still covered by copyright law, but Open Access terms apply to allow sharing and reuse



# OA is compatible with . . .

- Copyright
- Peer review
- Revenue (even profit)
- Print
- Preservation
- Prestige
- Quality
- Career advancement
- Indexing
- And other features and supportive services associated with conventional scholarly literature



# Defining OA

Bethesda Statement on Open Access Publishing  
and Berlin Declaration on Open Access to  
Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities

- For a work to be OA, the copyright holder must consent to let users
  - Copy, use, distribute, transmit, and display the work publicly
  - Make and distribute derivative works, in any digital medium for any responsible purpose, subject to proper attribution of authorship



# Defining OA

## Budapest Open Access Initiative

- . . . Without financial, legal, or technical barriers other than those inseparable from gaining access to the internet itself
- The only constraint on reproduction and distribution, and the only role for copyright in this domain, should be to give authors
  - Control over the integrity of their work
  - The right to be properly acknowledged and cited



## Other related terms

- **Open Source**—applies to computer software
- **Open Content**—applies to non-scholarly content
- **Open Data**—a movement to support sharing of research data (see [data.gov](http://data.gov))
- **Free Access**—no charge to access, but all rights may be reserved



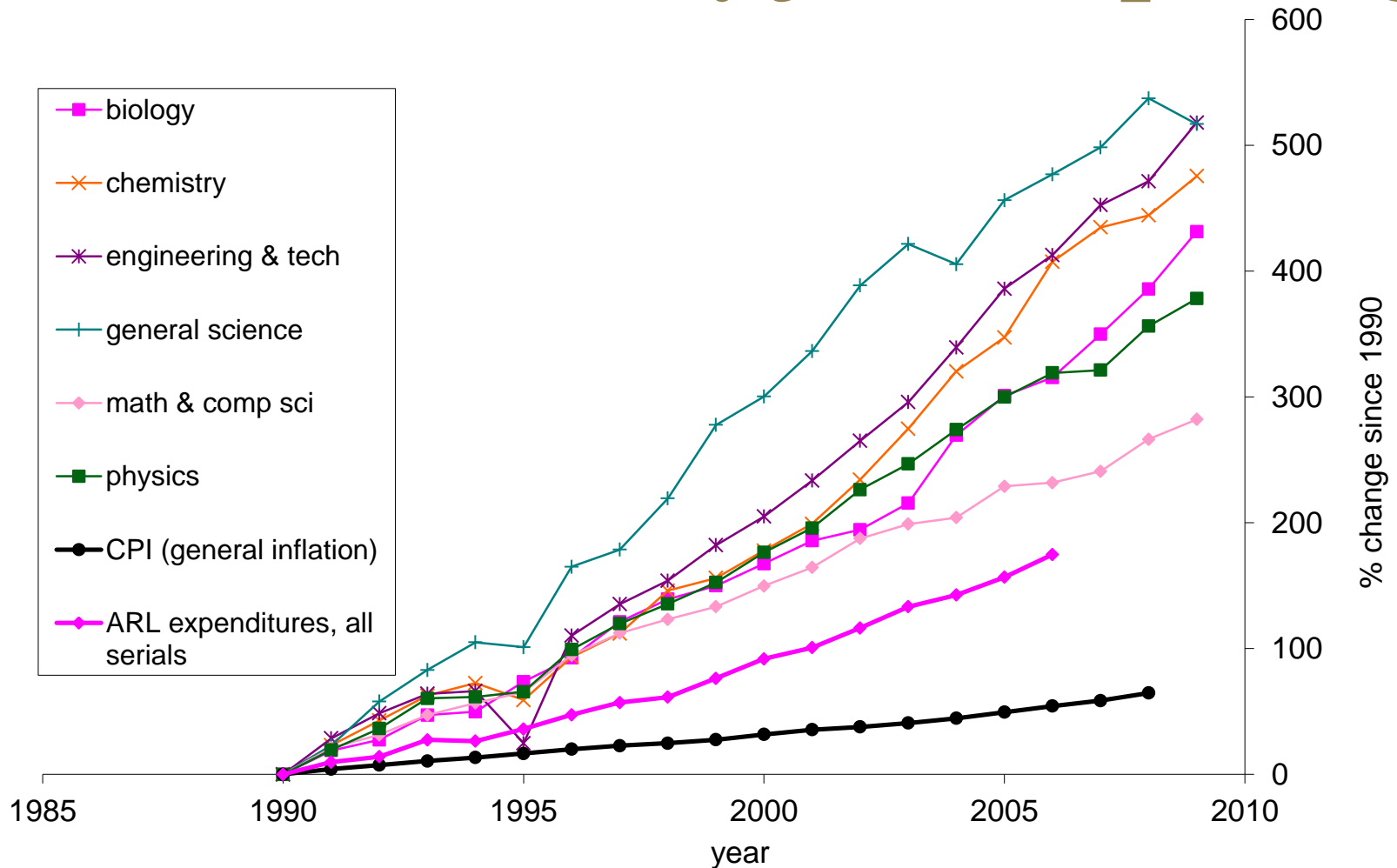
# Open Access—Origins

- **Rise of Internet and Worldwide Web**
  - Rapid dissemination of new research
  - Better connectivity between scholars
- **Crisis in scholarly communication/publishing**
  - Flat to declining collections budgets
  - More demand for newer, expensive resources
  - Greatly increased pricing for serials, electronic resources



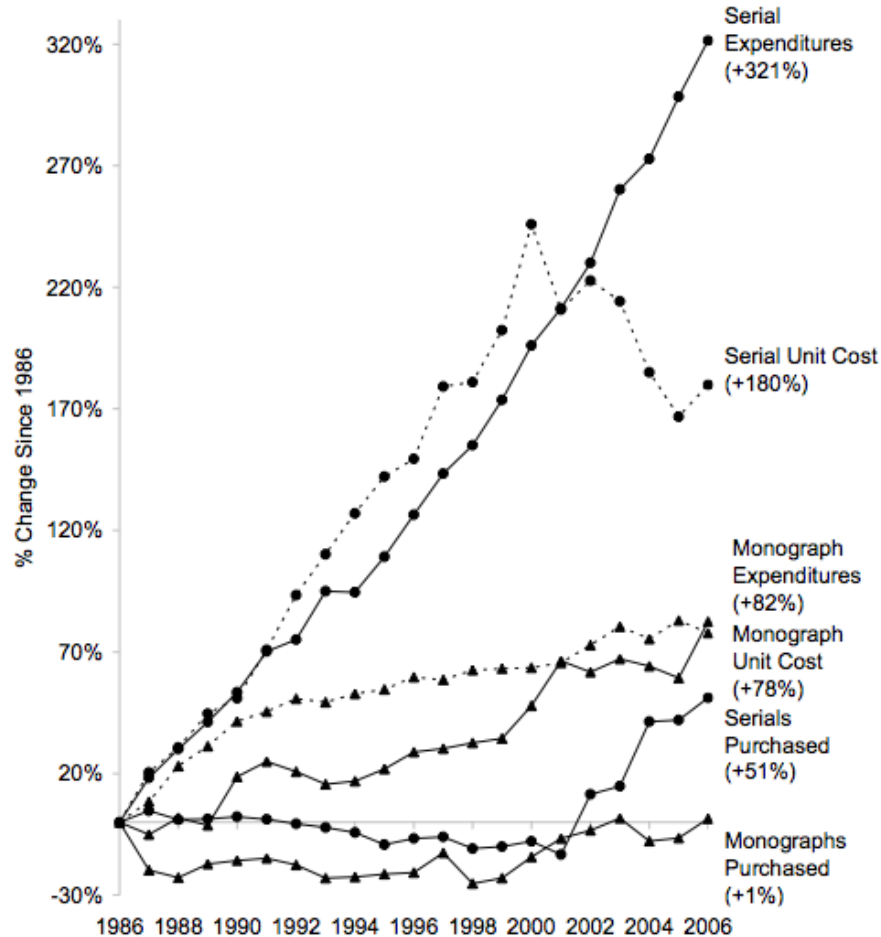


# Crisis in scholarly journal pricing





Graph 2  
Monograph and Serial Expenditures  
in ARL Libraries, 1986-2006\*



Source: ARL Statistics 2005-06, Association of Research Libraries, Washington, D.C.  
\*Includes electronic resources from 1999-2000 onward.



# OA History—Early Days

- **Late 1960s/early 1970s**
  - ERIC, Medline, and Agricola created; ARPANET launched
- **1971**
  - Project Gutenberg formed
- **1983**
  - ARPANET switches to TCP/IP protocol; modern internet begins
- **Late 1980s/early 1990s**
  - several free, online, peer-reviewed journals launched:
    - *Psychology*
    - *Electronic Journal of Communication*
    - *Postmodern Culture*
    - *Bryn Mawr Classical Review*



# OA History—1990s

- **1991-1994**
  - ArXiv, mp\_arc (Mathematical Physics Preprint Archive), Project Bartleby, Perseus Project, et al., launched
- **1993**
  - CERN places Worldwide Web software in public domain
- **1994**
  - Digital Libraries Initiative launched by National Science Foundation; Social Sciences Research Network (SSRN) launched
- **1996**
  - Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations, Internet Archive created



# OA History—Early 2000s

- **2000**
  - Tempe Principles for Emerging Scholarly Publishing
  - PubMed Central launched
  - UN Economic and Social Council calls for “universal access to knowledge and information”
- **2002**
  - Budapest Open Access Initiative
  - First Creative Commons licenses released
  - Directory of Open Access Journals launched; 32 journals in 7 countries listed
- **2003**
  - Bethesda Statement on Open Access Publishing
  - Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities



# OA History—Late 2000s

- **2005**

- NIH Public Access Policy goes into effect: Scientists receiving NIH grants are asked to deposit in PubMed Central *on a voluntary basis*
- Wellcome Trust implements Open Access mandate for Wellcome-funded research
- Columbia University, University of Kansas, and Case Western Reserve, adopt statements in support of OA

- **2008**

- Federal mandate takes effect requiring OA to NIH-funded research through deposit in PubMed Central
- Harvard mandates OA deposit of faculty scholarly works

- **2009**

- MIT mandates OA deposit of faculty scholarly works



# OA Today

- **Over 150 universities around the world mandate Open Access deposits of faculty works**
- **Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ)**
  - lists 6,998 OA journals in 112 countries
  - <http://www.doaj.org> (September 2011)
- **Directory of Open Access Repositories (OpenDOAR)**
  - lists over 2,000 open archives in 97 countries
  - <http://www.andoar.org> (September 2011)



# OA@Pitt—History

- **2000**
  - Pitt is signatory to Tempe Principles
- **2001**
  - Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETDs) begin
  - PhilSci-Archive launched for rapid OA dissemination of new research in philosophy of science; “The Pittsburgh Archive”)
- **2002**
  - Pitt is signatory to Budapest Open Access Initiative
  - School of Engineering requires deposit of ETDs in advance of University-wide mandate





# OA@Pitt—History

- **2003**
  - Archive of European Integration created
- **2004**
  - ETDs mandated for all programs with a thesis requirement
  - Minority Health Archive launched
- **2007**
  - University of Pittsburgh Press begins working with ULS to provide OA to 500 books on Press backlist
  - ULS journal publishing program begins, moving existing print journals to electronic



# OA@Pitt—History

- **2008**
  - ULS published its first e-only Open Access journal, *International Journal of Telerehabilitation*
- **2009**
  - *Senate Plenary Session on Open Access*
  - D-Scholarship institutional repository launched
  - Open Access Task Force formed
  - OA journal publishing increases to 8 titles

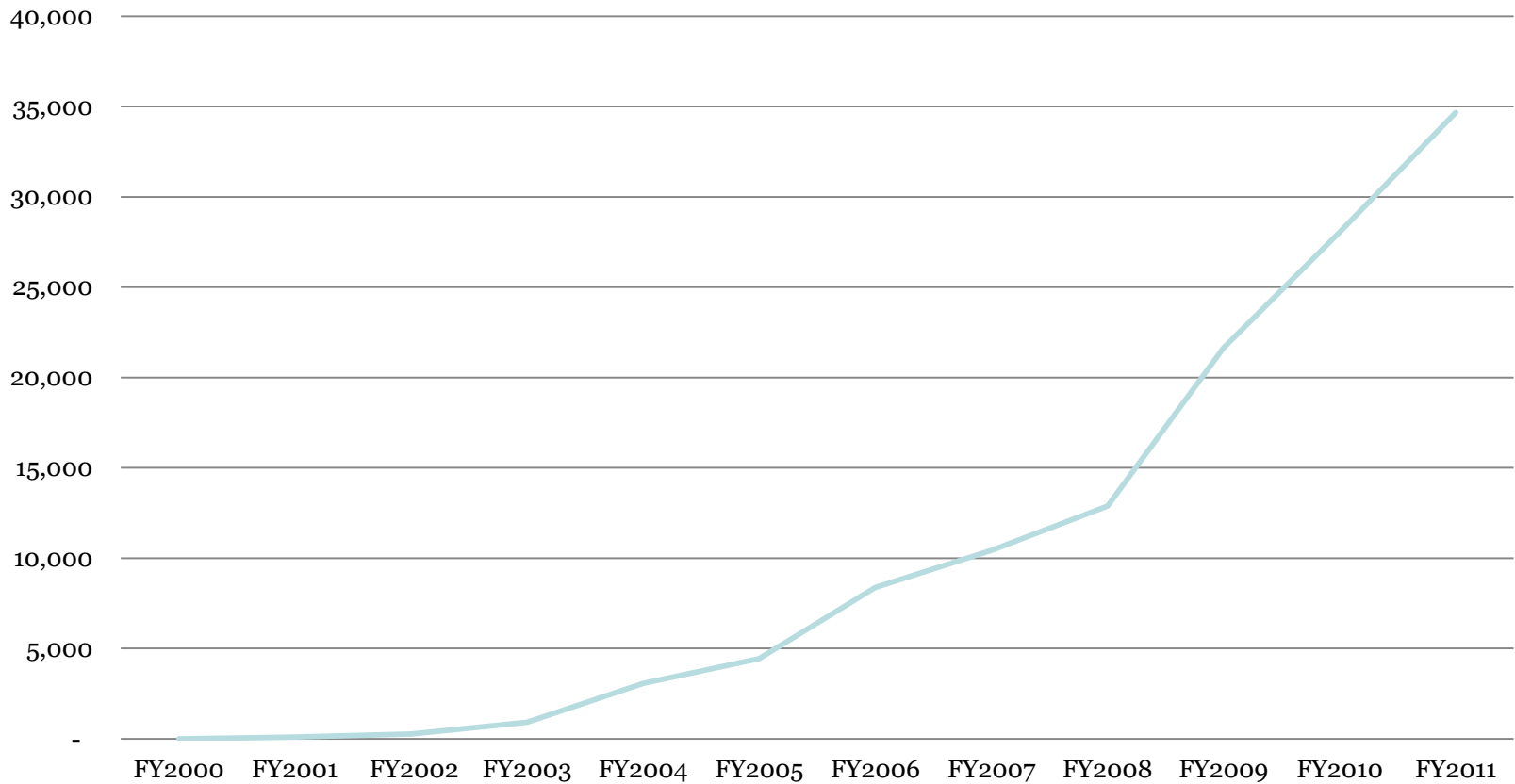


# OA@Pitt—Today

- 22 Open Access journals now published with 5 more pending; nearly all are peer-reviewed
- ULS Publications Advisory Board formed
- PhilSci-Archive contains more than 2,600 items
- Archive of European Integration contains 16,000 items
- 5 author self-archiving repositories with more planned
- D-Scholarship contains more than 5,700 items
- Over 4,200 ETDs; will be migrated to D-Scholarship by November 2011



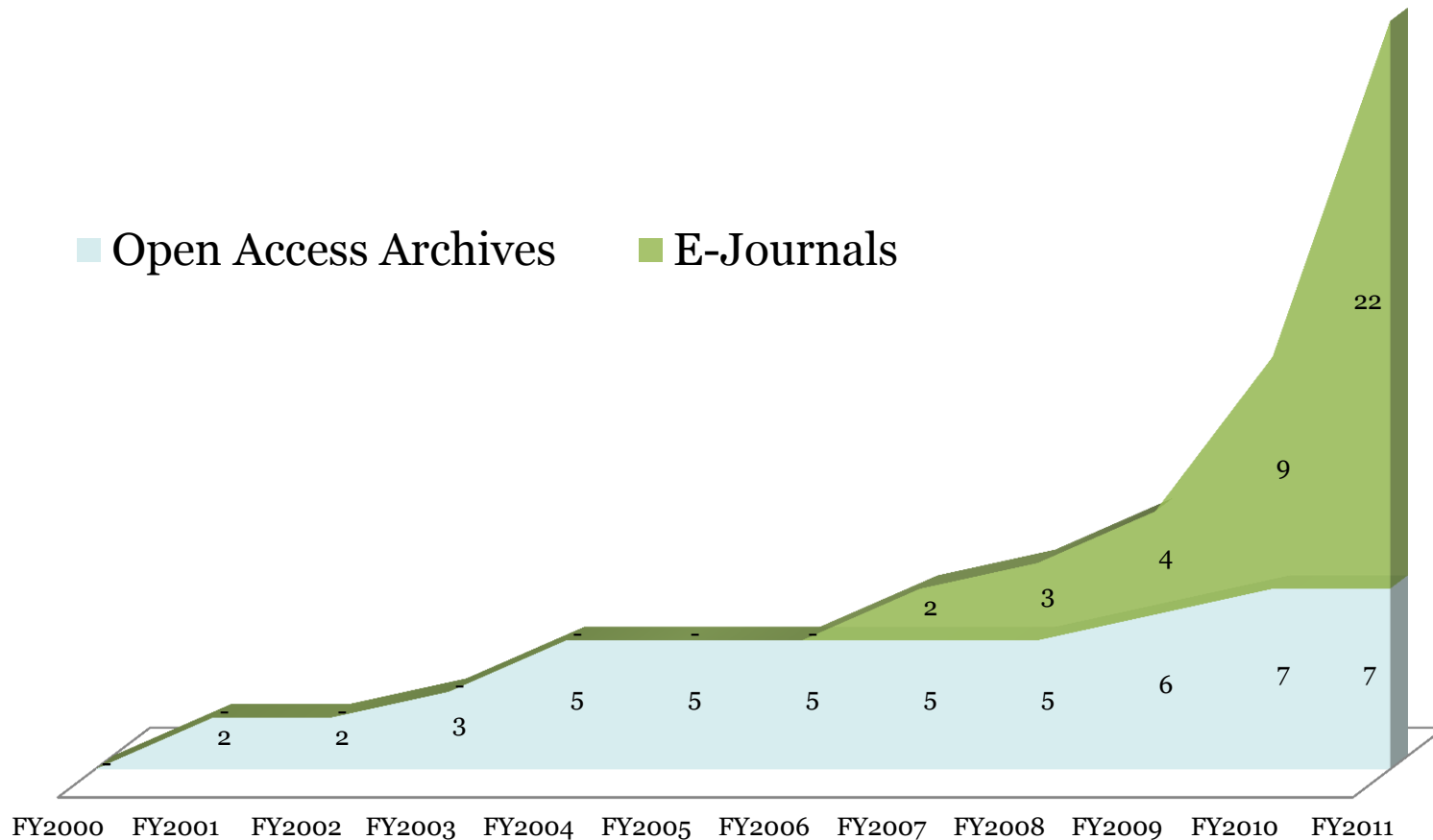
# Total number of documents in ULS e-publications FY2000-FY2011





# Growth in the number of ULS E-Publications

■ Open Access Archives    ■ E-Journals





# Collaboration with University of Pittsburgh Press

- 745+ University of Pittsburgh Press titles freely available through Press Digital Editions
- Co-sponsor for all peer-reviewed journals published by the ULS
- Director Cynthia Miller a member of ULS Publications Advisory Board



# Open Access Task Force

- **Rush Miller**, University Library System  
(Task Force Chair)
- **Michael Madison**, School of Law
- **Cynthia Miller**, University of Pittsburgh Press
- **Steven Reis**, Associate Vice Chancellor for Clinical Research, School of Medicine
- **Adam Shear**, Dept. of Religious Studies
- **Karen Shephard**, Barco Law Library



# OA Task Force Charge

- To review issues related to open access and to make recommendations to the University related to the adoption of an open access policy at Pitt.





# OA and “U”: Why Open Access?

- Increase the visibility and discovery of the research output of the University of Pittsburgh and its faculty
- Support the University’s mission of service by disseminating research results to the global academic community
- Readily demonstrate the high level of research conducted at the University to international ratings agencies and colleagues



# OA and \*You\*

- **Greater access to your research**
  - More scholars view and read your work
  - Extends the global reach of your research
  - Reduces or eliminates price/permission barriers inherent in subscription journals
- **More progress for your research**
  - Promotes speed, productivity, and knowledge translation
  - Allows authors to share research for the public good, not only with colleagues at the University of Pittsburgh but around the world
- **Greater impact for your research**
  - More scholars cite your work
  - Indexing in Google Scholar, OAIster, and Internet search engines for scholarly works
- **Long-term preservation in a trusted repository**



## Example—ETD

Abdullah, Fawaz Mohammad. “Lean Manufacturing Tools and Techniques in the Process Industry with a Focus on Steel.” Ph.D. diss., University of Pittsburgh, 2003.

- Deposited in ETD-DB 13 May 2003
- Views 28 May 2003-31 July 2011—101,606



## Example—New Research

Abbott, Russ. “The Reductionist Blind Spot.”  
*Complexity* 14 (2009): 10-22.

- Pre-print deposited in PhilSci-Archive 31 March 2009.
- Views of pre-print as of 31 July 2011: 19,413
- Origin of top downloads: US, UK, Germany, France, Philippines



## Example—Faculty research

Cox, Richard J. “Digital Curation and the Citizen Archivist.” Published in *Digital Curation: Practice, Promises & Prospects: Proceedings of DigCCurr 2009*, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, April 1-3, 2009.

- Pre-print deposited 27 May 2009
- Views as of 31 July 2011: 1,105



# The state of scholarly publishing

- Est. 50 million scholarly research articles published 1665-2009
- @1.4 million per year (2006 est.)
- Average number of science articles per journal increased by >47% from 1990 to 2009  
(*Times Higher Education*, 8 July 2010)
- Number of scientific articles indexed by ISI was 590,841 in 1990 and 1,015,637 in 2009 – a rise of 72% 1990-2009



# The state of scholarly publishing

- **Nearly 50% of the content of the merged ISI Indexes consists of titles from 5 major publishers—**
  - Elsevier
  - Wiley
  - Springer
  - Taylor & Francis
  - Sage
- **In 2002,**
  - Top 3 publishers of scientific journals (Elsevier, Springer-Kluwer, and Wiley-Blackwell) accounted for approximately 42% of all articles published
  - There were over 2,000 publishers of academic journals, no other publisher accounted for more than 3% share of the journal market



# Publishers' response to OA

- **2004**
  - Elsevier announces new policy permitting authors to post final editions of their full-text Elsevier articles to their personal websites or institutional repositories
  - Sage Publications adopts policy to allow authors to deposit their post-prints in OA repositories without case-by-case permission
- **2005**
  - Blackwell launches hybrid OA journal
  - Springer creates the position of Director of Open Access, 1<sup>st</sup> publisher to do so
- **2006**
  - John Wiley & Sons, Elsevier, ACS, Taylor & Francis, et al., launch hybrid OA journals





# Publishers' response to OA

- Growing number have adopted policies to allow placement of final published version (post-print) of scholarly articles in repository
  - Or will allow placement of author's final accepted copy (pre-print) in repository
  - or author manuscript in repository
- Many will accept a modified license in which author retains rights to do so *when specifically requested*
- SHERPA RoMEO tracks publishers that allow OA



# Proposed OA Policy @Pitt

- Provides for dissemination of scholarly works (articles only) by university authors based on Open Access principles
- Applicable only to the University schools and responsibility centers that adopt it
- Scholarly works to be deposited in the University's institutional repository, D-Scholarship@Pitt
- Deposits made by the University Library System's Office of Scholarly Communication and Publishing



# Proposed OA Policy @Pitt

- Not intended to impose limitations on where University authors can publish, now or in the future
- Applies only to scholarly works for which the author retains copyright or the publisher allows deposit in local repository.
- Depending on publisher policy, authors may deposit:
  - author's pre-publication manuscript
  - final edited copy (pre-print)
  - final published version (post-print)
- Includes provisions to waive deposit requirement if permission is not granted by the publisher



# Proposed OA Policy—Faculty role

- Won't have to deposit works; works will be deposited on the author's behalf by the ULS Office of Scholarly Communication and Publishing
- Will retain copyright for works deposited, unless the author transfers copyright for the work to a publisher
- May also self-deposit works or designate a proxy to deposit works
- May, at own discretion, deposit other scholarship, such as books, book chapters, manuscripts, monographs, conference materials, multimedia files, and data files supporting research



# What if the publisher has restrictions on OA deposits?

## Options for authors

- Select Creative Commons licensing for scholarly works, indicating how the work may be used by others
- Choose to restrict access to University of Pittsburgh users
- Choose to restrict access for an embargo period
- These requirements are waived where permission to publish, archive, and make accessible is not granted by the publisher



# What Authors Can Do

- Creative Commons licensing
- SPARC Author Addendum
- SHERPA RoMEO
- Deposit your works in D-Scholarship now



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# SPARC Author Addendum

- Under traditional agreements, all rights—including copyright—go to the publisher
- Author Addendum—Legal instrument that modifies publisher agreement allowing you to retain certain rights, e.g., copying for classes, sharing with colleagues, placing on webpages or in repositories, et al.
- Offers an alternative to the “all or nothing” publisher agreement in which you may sign away these rights



# Sherpa RoMEO

- Searchable database of publisher's policies regarding self- archiving of journal articles on the Web and in Open Access repositories
- Helps clarify for authors whether author can self-archive and under what circumstances
- Developed at University of Nottingham, UK
  - <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/>



# D-Scholarship

- You can deposit NOW—no need to wait for a deposit mandate
- Not limited to peer-reviewed content
- Will accept any research deposited, including—
  - PowerPoints
  - Multimedia
  - Data sets
  - And more



# What we can do for authors

- Deposit works on behalf of authors
- Help determine whether placement of a pre-publication manuscript, a final copy (pre-print), or the published version (post-print) of the work is allowed by the publisher
- Create a citation-only record for works that cannot be deposited into or must be removed from the Institutional Repository
- Advise others accessing or making use of the scholarly works to abide by the terms of use specified by the copyright owner
- Preserve your work in the repository in perpetuity
- Ensure that your works are discoverable on the Internet



# Wait, there's more: What *else* we can do

- Advise you on issues of—
  - Best practices for e-publishing
  - Open Access and Creative Commons licensing for scholarly works
  - Make referrals to Office of General Counsel when expert legal advice is needed
  - Ways to protect your rights when signing publisher agreements
- Help you start a new journal or convert a print journal to electronic
- Help you build a subject-based author self-archiving repository for grey literature, such as conference proceedings, technical reports, white papers, and other “fugitive” literature



# What we can do for your school

- Highlight all materials from your school/program
  - Faculty publications
  - ETDs
  - Technical reports
  - Series
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- Provide static URLs to scholarship from your school/program
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