The Scholar Commons Showcase: Show Me Something Cool in Scholar Commons!

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What Is Scholar Commons?

Welcome to Scholar Commons

Scholar Commons, a service of the University of South Florida Tampa Library, is a virtual showcase for USF's research and creative energies. Members of the USF academic community are encouraged to contribute and complete scholarly work for long-term preservation and worldwide electronic accessibility. Search engine optimization within Scholar Commons means your publications are easily found via a web search. As an author, you can track interest in your work through the author dashboard or monthly researcher reports sent via email.

Browse Research and Scholarship

- All Collections
- Faculty Research Profiles
- Projects Collection
- Featured Collections
- Conferences and Events
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- Open Access Journals
What Is Scholar Commons?

Scholar Commons is also a service
- Conference hosting
- Copyright clearance
- Researcher profiles
- Preservation
History of Scholar Commons

- Officially launched in fall of 2011
- Open access journals were hosted on services.bepress.com
  - First journal, Numeracy: December 2007
  - By Scholar Commons launch there were 3 open access journals
Key Collections

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Open Access Textbooks

Social Science Research: Principles, Methods, and Practices

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The Inside, Outside, and Upside Downs of Children's Literature: From Poets and Pop-ups to Princesses and Porridge

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Description
Children's literature is written for children and youth, but the analysis of children's literature requires careful attention to text as well as insightful interpretation of the ways in which authors and illustrators present the human condition, the physical world, imaginative experiences, and global forces. Children's literature is also a $4-billion-a-year industry that impacts social practices, politics, financial markets, schools, literacy rates, history, and art. Whatever the reason for your interest, children's literature is a big deal.

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2019

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Electronic Theses and Dissertations

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Study of Laplace and related probability distributions and their applications

Gokarna Raj Aryal

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Total Papers

4,375,147
Total Downloads

1,059,547
Downloads in the past year
Conferences

DEEPKARST CONFERENCE 2016

Papers must be submitted electronically using the Online Submission Form.

See online for deadlines and topic possibilities for DEEPKARST 2016.

What is DEEPKARST 2016 all about?

Hypogean karst is formed by deep, rising waters, creating distinct types of caves and related features. Much remains to be learned about this new and exciting field, which has direct application to geology, engineers, hydrologists, land managers and planners, and oil and gas professionals.

Topics for the conference include:

- Variations in hypogean development.
- Detailed identification and interpretation of hypogean features.
- Hypogean water resources.
- Hypogean mineral resources.
- Hypogean oil and gas reservoir prediction and production.
- Geohazards associated with hypogean processes.
- Environmental vulnerability mapping in hypogean karst.
- Hypogean fauna: Do diagnostic species exist?

IMPORTANT DATES

Please note that the following deadlines will be enforced:

- 15 September 2015: Draft papers due
- 15 November 2015: Authors provided with review and comments
## Patents

### Countries

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Introduction to Journal Publishing

- 17 journals on Scholar Commons, all fully open access
- Two journals are indexed in Scopus (IJS and JSS)
- One journal has an impact factor (IJS)
- Variety of subjects, from geology to homeland security to the humanities
- All journals have some connection to USF via a faculty member on the editorial board
- No author publication fees
- Download and usage statistics available through bepress and Google Analytics (for top journals)
Publication Process

Submission
- Editors have many different ways of handling incoming submissions, but generally fall into two categories
  - *Editors handle via email*
  - *Submissions come in through bepress system*
- Approval handled by editors – again, varies
  - *Some journals have very strict policies on who can submit and/or what should be submitted. We generally advise they collect these on a “Policies” page*

Interim Tasks
- Copy-editing handled by editors/authors
- Layout done for some journals, but not all

Publication
- Two ways to publish: incremental (one by one) vs. closing issues
- Some journals publish themselves, others need some assistance, others need full support
- After publication, we complete XML for DOI registration and download all PDF files in a zip file for Portico back-up
  - *Other journals require additional steps, like revising a cover image (GSP)*
Active Association:
*ABO: Interactive Journal for Women in the Arts, 1640-1830*

- Focuses on gender and women’s issues, and all aspects of women in the arts in the long eighteenth century, especially literature, visual arts, music, performance art, film criticism, and production arts
- Active editorial board
  - Handles submissions, revisions, finalizing articles, publication
- Publishes by closing issues
- Publishes two issues a year – one in spring and one in fall
- Homepage features readership map, Aphra Behn Society’s Twitter feed, DOAJ badge
- Sidebar includes link to ABOPublic, Aphra Behn Society’s blog
Newest Journal: Journal of Practitioner Research

- Features the work of practitioner researchers across teacher and leadership education disciplines (e.g., mathematics, social studies, literacy, science, special education, principalship, etc.) and levels (Pk-12 & higher education)
- Active editorial board
  - Handles incoming submissions, revisions, finalizing articles
- Publishes incrementally
- Publication schedule still being determined by editors, but will likely be twice a year
- Just published their first article last month – more to come!
Changing with the Times: 
Undergraduate Journal of Mathematical Modeling: One + Two

- Publishes works from undergraduate engineering and science students, focusing on applied interdisciplinary projects involving mathematics applications
- Moderately active editorial board
  - Handles incoming submissions and works with students to revise submissions
  - Submissions handled off bepress – we will hopefully be switching to the system this year
- Publishes incrementally
- Working with editors to set a publication schedule
Heavily Indexed:

*Journal of Strategic Security*

- Provides a multi-disciplinary forum for scholarship and discussion of strategic security issues drawing from the fields of intelligence, terrorism and counterterrorism studies and protection, among others

- Active editorial board
  - Handles incoming submissions and article revisions

- Publishes by closing issues

- Generally publishes about four issues a year (special issues included)

- Indexed in Scopus and DOAJ
OA Role Model: Numeracy

- Publishes evidence-based articles on teaching strategies and resources, education research, curriculum design, assessment strategies, and faculty development, as well as perspectives, reviews of educational resources, and commentaries/replies that support the creation of a more quantitatively literate world

- Active editorial board
  - Handle all incoming submissions and article revisions

- Publishes by closing issues

- Publishes two issues a year, one in January and one in July

- Was awarded the DOAJ Seal in 2015 for its high degree of openness and for adhering to best practices and high publishing standards
Journals That Require Layout Support

- Genocide Studies and Prevention: An International Journal
- International Journal of Speleology
  - has impact factor (latest: 1.656)
- Journal of Ecological Anthropology
- Studia UBB Geologia
Journals With Their Own Layout Team

- **Journal of Public Transportation**
  - Recently moved to Scholar Commons
  - Benefits:
    - Improved discoverability
    - Library support
    - Peer-review system
    - Backup content

- **Statistics in Volcanology**
  - Editors do the layout using LaTeX
Layout Process

- Authors upload the manuscript in the bepress system

Admin view of Scholar Commons
Journals have their own guidelines for authors to follow

After the layout is done, a draft is sent to authors
Editor has a final look over the draft

We do final corrections and publish the paper
Benefits of Publishing on Scholar Commons

- Improved discoverability
- Library support
- Peer-review system
- Download and usage statistics available through bepress and Google Analytics (for top journals)
- No author publication fees
- Open access
- Content is backed up in bepress, Portico, LOCKSS
Questions?