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Open Access is Sustainable Access for the Library

Honolulu ~ Faculty scholars and researchers routinely give away the fruits of their labors to for-profit publishers of scholarly communication. To maintain the integrity of our peer-review process, faculty also function as unpaid reviewers for these same publications. Finally, faculty frequently serve as unpaid or poorly paid editors for these journals. Yet after faculty have freely and willingly contributed content and labor to the publishers of our scholarly journals, **the resulting publications are sold to our Libraries, at an enormous expense, generating significant profits for the publishers and creating an ever-expanding budgetary black hole for the Library!**

If this situation fails to arouse an appropriate sense of injustice, perhaps consider that **the general public – who has already paid for all of this research through their tax dollars – often cannot access this literature without paying a per-article cost to the publishers!**

But change is at hand. There are concerted efforts on multiple fronts to restore some sense to the scholarly communication process. A growing number of university libraries have established *institutional repositories* to provide general access to the work of their scholars and researchers. Authors are amending their copyright agreements to ensure that their work can be freely accessed via their institutional repositories. The National Institutes of Health are requiring research that they fund be made accessible -- at no additional cost -- to the public that paid for the research. An increasing number of scholars and researchers are taking scholarly communication into their own hands by introducing *Open Access (OA) journals* as an alternative to journals produced by for-profit publishers.

Join us in exploring these myriad efforts to liberate scholarly communication during the international celebration of Open Access Week, October 19 – 23, 2009. Events organized for the week are:

PANEL DISCUSSION ON OPEN ACCESS ISSUES

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

12:00 noon

Queen Lili'uokalani Center, Room 412

RSVP required*; light lunch will be served*

*RSVP at <http://128.171.57.14:3128/surveyor/survey.asp?s=01068210099083128> by October 19th)

Listen to faculty members who are involved in Open Access publishing discuss trends and issues.

Panel Participants:

Mark Wright, Plant and Environmental Protection Sciences

Will McClatchey, Professor of Botany

Ken Rehg, Professor of Linguistics

Gary Ostrander, Vice Chancellor for Research & Graduate Education

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Thursday, October 22, 2009

12:00 noon

Queen Lili'uokalani Center, Room 412

RSVP required*; light lunch will be served

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Speaker:

Danielle M. Conway, Professor of Law & Director, UH Procurement Institute

VISIT THE GRADUATE STUDENT OPEN ACCESS INFORMATION TABLE

Monday, October 19th

Tuesday, October 20th

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Campus Center

You can talk to graduate students about Open Access issues, receive free information, and an get an Open Access pen!



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