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Scholarly Publishing

- 400 years, some paper, a printing press, a few trucks, and academic libraries
- avarice, greed, and unsustainable pricing
- the “Scholarly Communication” movement
- digital meets Google
- transparency as a social good and desired outcome
Copyright and Licensing

- exclusive rights, work-made-for-hire, and “intellectual property”
- rights holders and assignees
- contracts and publication agreements
- fair use in a digital age
- the rise of a new, old model of open access as a public good
Open Access
Support the university’s mission to create and disseminate knowledge by managing the electronic capture, metadata, retrieval, and preservation of its research outputs

- Student work (ETDs)
- Faculty research

Policy creation and promotion are more labor-intensive – and costly – than technology
Collaborative – and iterative – effort

- Administrative buy-in
- Technology
- Metadata
- Intellectual property
- Preservation
- Marketing/promotion
- Support
The hidden help: black domestic workers in the civil rights movement.

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Abstract
During the 1950's, nearly ninety percent of black women in the South worked as domestic servants. While much has been written deploiting the dehumanizing and exploitative conditions in which they lived, their contributions to human rights garnered from their subtle acts of resistance and specifically, their involvement in the Civil Rights Movement, has either been undocumented or documented quite minimally. Despite their historical roles and socioeconomic disadvantages, their reach for human agency was beneficial to society. This thesis examines their labor as domestic workers and their participation in the Civil Rights Movement using the qualitative research method of interviews and black feminist theoretical perspective.
Collection policy

- Set a policy on what can be deposited into the IR:
  - Presentations, working papers, and technical reports are generally safe
  - Conference proceedings require permission of publishers
  - Self-archiving of preprints and postprints in accordance with publishers’ contracts

- Determine whether, and when, access to digital files deposited in the IR can or should be limited, embargoed, or withdrawn.
Faculty profile pages

Content recruitment strategy


“Referatory” vs. repository

Non-exclusive license

- Ensure non-exclusive distribution and preservation rights
- Take into account risk of copyright infringement (e.g. of third-party content)
- Protect against liability for provision of inaccurate information, defamation, or accidental/premature disclosure of confidential information and findings
Workflows

The Evolution of ETDs

Faculty Scholarship
- ThinkIR → SelectedWorks
- “Library-curated faculty profiles”
- Service model
Promotion and Outreach

- Current:
  - Graduate School
  - Word of Mouth/Presentations on campus
  - Faculty Advisory Board
  - “Grassroots”/News items

- Future:
  - Department Chairs
  - Liaison Librarians
  - Orientation/Tabling
  - Open Access Week presentation (October)
Support

- Mediated Deposit of Faculty Works
- Metadata enhancement of ETDs
- Training
- Communication
- Research
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