DigitalCommons@Wayne State
An Introduction

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Overview

• What is Digital Commons?
• What can Digital Commons do for me?
• How is it being used by my peers?
• How do I get started?
• Questions
What is DigitalCommons@WSU?

http://digitalcommons.wayne.edu
What is *DigitalCommons@WSU*?

A) an open access scholarly publishing service available to WSU faculty, staff, and students;

B) a permanent archive for WSU research and scholarly output, providing perpetual access to materials as broadly as possible.

• Funded and supported by the Library System since 2005
What is DigitalCommons@WSU?

In other words...

- Opportunity for electronic publishing and maximizing research distribution

  Places publishing tools in the hands of authors.

  All you need is:

  1. MS Word/Open Office
  2. Internet connection
  3. A Web Browser
  4. An e-mail address
What *DigitalCommons* Isn’t

- A Workbench or E-Portfolio

- Analogy
  - E-portfolio = Studio
  - DigitalCommons = Museum
What Can Go In DigitalCommons?

We want to publish WSU and WSU-affiliated:

• Published articles (post-prints)
• Presentations, talks, unpublished manuscripts, working papers
• Datasets and other supplemental materials
• Paper/seminar series
• Conference proceedings
• Out-of-print books
• Teaching materials
• Research, scholarship, or creative activity of any kind
• *Journals
• *Conferences + Events @WSU
What’s in it for me?

• Retention of copyright
• Increased citation rates
• Google search optimization
• Perpetual access & preservation
• Comprehensive usage data
• Free setup, training & support
What’s in it for me? Copyright.

• Regain control of your publications by self-archiving
• Who controls copyright in DigitalCommons?
  – The author/creator or the party to whom copyright has been sold or licensed by the author.
  – Not the library; not the university; not BePress
• The libraries can provide author addendum to publishing contracts, allowing you to retain rights to your work
• [http://www.lib.wayne.edu/services/research/support](http://www.lib.wayne.edu/services/research/support)
What you need to know about copyright

• Copyright restrictions may impact whether you can deposit a published article, check publisher policies
  – 60% of journal publishers have blanket policies allowing some form of post-publication deposit

• Differences among publisher policies:
  – Final formatted version
  – Author’s final manuscript
  – Some allow deposit after a given time (6-12 months)
What’s in it for me? Open Access.

• Self-archiving helps your research reach more people, increasing its visibility and potential for impact
• Anyone can browse, read and download full-text
What’s in it for me? Open Access.

- Open access articles are viewed and cited more frequently than non-open access articles
- Download advantage
- Competitive advantage
- Accessibility advantage

What’s in it for me? Google, et al.

- 67% of traffic comes from Google and Google Scholar
- Full-text indexed by search engines
- BePress actively works with Search Engine companies to revise and improve discoverability
  - Digital Library Initiatives take care of the rest
- Harvested by worldwide library catalogs
What’s in it for me? Preservation.

• *DigitalCommons*...
  – Receives and archives one electronic copy
  – Preserves this copy permanently
  – Creates a short and stable URL with a wayne.edu address

• We migrate the data as formats evolve
What’s in it for me? Usage Data.

• Track interest with monthly readership reports automatically sent to your e-mail for each article deposited in DigitalCommons
• Number of downloads
• More statistics available upon request
What’s in it for me? Support.

• Digital Library Initiatives Services will help you...
  – Determine publisher self-archiving policies
  – Identify published works that can be self-archived
  – Regain copyright with author addendum
  – Reformat and Load batches of your publications
  – Gather additional usage statistics
  – Assist in troubleshooting
  – Explore additional opportunities with DigitalCommons
Other Benefits of DigitalCommons

- Accessible immediately, worldwide
- Identified with author’s name, date of submission
- Collected together in one place
- Allows wider distribution of scholarly work (outside typical author’s network)
Who is publishing with *DigitalCommons*?

- Anthropology
- Chemistry
- Engineering
- Honors College
- Library and Information Science
- Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Peace and Justice Digital Resource Center
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Graduate School - Theses and Dissertations
- University Libraries
- WSU Press
DigitalCommons Usage

2010

• 2,000 visits/month, 68 visits/day
• 6,925 Full-text downloads
  – 42% of visits result in downloads
• Since 2005, 69,273 Full-text downloads
• Visitors are worldwide
Getting Started: DIY

1. Find an existing series; establish a new one (contact me)
2. Login, or register
3. Begin to upload your own Word/PDF files
   – Abstract
   – Keywords
   – Citation Information (if already published)
   – PDF/.doc copy of article/chapter
   – Additional files, if desired (datasets, images)
Getting Started: DIFM

1. E-mail me your/another’s vita or list of publications.
2. There is no second step.
Summary:
5 Things You Should Now Know About DigitalCommons
1. OA Publishing

- Digital Commons is an open-access publishing tool.
- Open access helps your research reach more people, increasing its visibility.
- Open access articles are viewed and cited more frequently than non-open access articles.
2. Protect your work’s future

• Digital Commons gives you a permanent space to archive and distribute your publications, presentations, data sets
• Permanent URL
• Identified by date of submission, your name
• WSULS committed to preserving works in perpetuity
3. Regain Control of your Work

- We ask for your permission to distribute and preserve, you keep the copyright.
- Many publisher’s retain copyright over your work that doesn’t allow you to make use of it; using an addendum, we’ll help you regain the ability to distribute your own work freely.
4. Easier to find and track your work

• Digital Commons content is optimized for indexing by Google and Google Scholar
• You’ll receive monthly readership reports on each article you’ve submitted to Digital Commons
  – Downloads
  – Hits
5. Getting started is easy

• To get started, create an account at http://digitalcommons.wayne.edu

OR

• E-mail your CV to jwmcglone@wayne.edu
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