

What is an Open Access (OA) Institutional Repository?

- AN OPT-IN PROGRAM
- Free,
- Immediate,
- Permanent,
- Full-Text,
- Online...

Access to

FACULTY PUBLICATIONS



ScholarWorks

- **1,500** OA items
- **375** electronic theses & dissertations (*Mandated by CSUN – May 2012*)
- **320+** faculty pubs & other works
- **40+** Participating faculty; actively seeking greater participation: **Scholar Spotlight** program
- **SHOWCASE CSUN FACULTY WORK**
 - **Example:**
<http://scholarworks.csun.edu/handle/10211.2/2006>

Who is doing it?

OA Initiatives Worldwide

- 54 Funder Mandates Worldwide
 - (NSF, NIH, etc.)
- 163 Institutional Mandates
 - (Harvard, MIT, Utah State, Kansas State, Temple University, U. of Oregon, Oberlin College, etc.)
- Plus, many thesis and dissertation OA mandates as we have at CSUN

Why Open Access?

- Fulfills federal grant mandates for data management
- Overall, more exposure for CSUN
- Increases networking & likelihood of being cited by other (RTP)
- Increases publication access to CSUN community given sharply rising costs that lead to not purchasing entire online journals & databases

What are benefits beyond CSUN?

- Benefits researchers and scholars in Developing Countries without access to expensive databases
- Contributes to global information sharing
- Showcases CSUN-related scholarship & hence improves its reputation on national/international scale
- Enhanced findability: *Google, Bing, etc..*

Copyright Concerns

- Faculty maintain copyright (unless it has already been signed over to publisher)
- Library staff ensure copyright compliance by obtaining written permission from publishers
- CSUN does not own copyright on faculty publications in repository.

Toward an Open Access Initiative at CSUN

We seek input on the following options:

- **Option A:** CSUN faculty are encouraged to **opt-in** through a Faculty Senate resolution and deposit journal articles into ScholarWorks
- **Option B:** CSUN faculty are required to deposit journal articles into ScholarWorks, but can opt out for any reason

“Opt In” Policy versus “Mandate” (“Opt Out”)

- Advantages of a voluntary “Opt In” Policy:
 - More autonomy for faculty
 - Greater likelihood of passing Senate resolution
- Advantages of “Opt Out” **Mandate**/Policy:
 - Higher percentage of faculty participation
 - Increased number of articles in ScholarWorks

How do Faculty “Opt In?”

- Select publications you want deposited.
- Indicate selected publications on your CV and send it to Librarian Andrew Weiss:
andrew.weiss@csun.edu
- Library staff will obtain publisher permission.

...you're done!