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Advocating for Scholarship through Open Access Journals

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Celebrating Open Access Week
Oct. 18-24, 2010
UNLV Libraries

Introductions

- Randy Astramovich & Dale-Elizabeth Pehrsson
 - College of Education & Counselor Education faculty
 - Editors of OA journal
 - Authors
- Paula McMillen
 - Education librarian
 - Author
 - Reviewer for OA journals

Agenda

- Overview of Open Access publishing: Pro's and Con's
- Creating and managing an OA journal
- Additional thoughts on the value of OA
- Discussion and questions

The Plus Side of Open Access

- Improve timeliness & responsiveness
- Lower cost—producers & consumers
- Sustainability—financial and ecological
- Process efficiencies
- Access, access, access
- Reduce barriers to sharing knowledge
- Increase participation
- Increase impact
- Direct indicators of impact

Concerns about Open Access

- Fear of the unknown
- Loss of exclusivity, power & control over information
- Decreased profits for publishers
- Need for new funding models
- Establishing credibility
- Myths of lower quality
- Related barriers and impressions

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Journal for International Counselor Education

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About this Journal

The *Journal for International Counselor Education* (JICE) is a peer-reviewed scholarly journal that promotes professional counselor education, preparation, training, and supervision of counselors internationally. The principal goals of this journal are the development of global connections, the enhancement of counselor education competence, and the presentation of diverse perspectives as they relate to counselor preparation and competent practice worldwide. The journal features original research, theory, pedagogy, and practice oriented articles that reflect the diverse and growing population of counselors globally.

JICE: Background & Rationale

- Back log of Counselor Education Publications ...24-36 months
- ACA Initiatives
 - The American Counseling Association (ACA) is an emerging global leader regarding counselor education and preparation of individuals who work with clients in need of mental health, career and academic counseling services
 - ACA is recognized for its cultural and social responsiveness to the needs of communities
 - ACA recognizes that there are many modes of preparation for developing professionals who work with mental health issues
 - Western centric standards for university and college access to current research and scholarship may be exclusionary and elitist in countries with emerging counselor education programs

JICE: Getting Started

- Consultation with BEPress
- Ongoing support is provided and updates about system upgrades are timely
- Regular communication regarding status and use statistics is most informative and in some ways better than traditional paradigms

JICE: Quality Control

- Choosing an editorial board
 - Excellence
 - National Standing
 - Passion
- The submissions and review process
 - Easy
 - Efficient
 - Timely

JICE: Benefit to Counseling

- Advancing the profession by providing timely dissemination
- Providing access to clinicians who do not have the same library resources
- Enhancing international exchanges
- Inexpensive
- Green

Library Perspective

- Ongoing price increases → decreasing access
- Unsustainable publishing model—for publisher and consumers
- Continuing evolution to electronic journals
- Evolving needs & expectations in a global society
- Libraries foundational beliefs

Reviewer Perspective

- Timely communication
- Facilitates coordination
- Portability – do your work anywhere
- Ease of tracking

Author Perspective

- Responsiveness of review process (few weeks vs. years)
- Faster publication cycle, so timely information doesn't become outdated
- Ease of tracking status of manuscripts
- Direct information on impact/ dissemination of work

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Questions??