Dear friends,

The Harvard Library Office for Scholarly Communication (OSC) will host the 2017 Boston OA Advocates meeting on Wednesday, July 19th, 1-5pm in Lamont Library, Harvard Yard.

** By Noon today, please let us know if you plan to attend, if you haven’t already done so: https://goo.gl/forms/hjcutye69c1pycb93 **

Please note: you will need a photo ID to enter Lamont Library (the guard will have a list of those attending). Prior to the meeting, OSC staff will be on hand to help you get in. If you arrive after 1pm and have trouble entering the building, please text Colin Lukens at 617-642-8726, and he’ll come down to let you in.

** Agenda **

12:30-1:00 - Arrival, coffee/snacks, and networking

1:00-1:15 - Welcome, logistics, and introductions

1:15-1:30 - Hillary Corbett: update on SSP

1:30-1:50 - Katharine Dunn: MIT has just adopted an opt-in open access policy for all MIT authors not covered by the blanket faculty OA policy.

1:50-2:10 - Marilyn Billings: Highlights and best practices from ACRL scholcomm roadshow.

2:10-2:20 - Katherine Zimmerman: Short presentation on using licensing to advance scholarly communication aims.

2:20-2:30 - Anna Newman: BU’s Elements implementation, OpenCon Boston satellite event, OA/copyright programming for graduate students, and open textbooks service.
2:30-3:00 - Andrée Rathemacher and Julia Lovett: Deposit in local IR v. deposit in ResearchGate.

3:00-3:20 - Break

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4:00-5:00 - Open discussion (led by Andrée Rathemacher, with Peter Suber): Green v. gold, or chatter about how green OA is not cutting it.

One more thing. The topic of the final open discussion, proposed by Andrée Rathemacher and Julia Lovett, is “Green v. gold, or chatter about how green OA is not cutting it.”

This happens to have been the topic of the Harvard OSC staff retreat in May 2017. Here’s the reading list we put together. This is strictly FYI -- meaning that no readings are assigned for the July 19 meeting.

Required readings

- Richard Poynder, Time to re-think the institutional repository? Open and Shut? September 22, 2016. An interview with Clifford Lynch with a long preface by Poynder.

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- Dorothea Salo, Innkeeper at the Roach Motel, Library Trends, Fall 2008. An earlier version of some of these criticisms (note the date).
- Aaron Tay, Are institutional repositories a dead end? Musings about librarianship, August 11, 2016. If we think of the recent version of this debate as starting with Van de Velde’s piece above, then the responses (in chrono order) start with this piece by Tay.
- Stevan Harnad, Repositories vs. Quasitories, or Much Ado About Next To Nothing, Open Access Archivangelism, October 6, 2016. A response to Poynder.
- Clifford Lynch, Updating the Agenda for Academic Libraries and Scholarly Communications, College & Research Libraries, January 19, 2017. Updating some of his positions in the Poynder interview. This
version will probably be more widely read than his Poynder interview.


All the best,

Peter and the staff of the OSC

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