GENEROUS THINKING

Sustainability, Solidarity, and the Common Good

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RADICAL APPROACH
This is not a problem for technological innovation or a market product. This requires politics.

--Tressie McMillan Cottom
Falling Confidence in Higher Ed

Gallup finds unusually large drop -- primarily but not exclusively among Republicans -- between 2015 and 2018.

By Scott Jaschik  //  October 9, 2018

Just under half (48 percent) of American adults have "a great deal" or "quite a lot" of confidence in higher education, according to an analysis being released today by Gallup.
THOMAS KUHN
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PUBLIC
COMMUNITY-SUPPORTED INFRASTRUCTURE
Elsevier acquires bepress, a leading service provider used by academic institutions to showcase their research

_Bepress to benefit from Elsevier’s technology and analytics to expand offerings to more institutions, while helping Elsevier drive further adoption of its research data management tools_

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**New York, August 2, 2017**

Elsevier, the global information analytics business specializing in science and health, today acquired bepress, a Berkeley, California-based business that helps academic libraries showcase and share their institutions’ research for maximum impact. Founded by three University of California, Berkeley professors in 1999, bepress allows institutions to collect, organize, preserve and disseminate their intellectual output, including preprints, working papers, journals or specific articles, dissertations, theses, conference proceedings and a wide variety of other data.

“Academic institutions want to help researchers share their work, showcase their capabilities and measure how well they’re performing,” said Jean-Gabriel Bankier, bepress CEO. “Now with Elsevier we’ll be stronger and better by applying more technologies and data and analytics capabilities to help more institutions achieve their research goals.”

Showcasing research is critical as competition increases among institutions to secure funding and attract faculty and students. By joining Elsevier, bepress will be better able to address institutions’ promotional needs, such as attracting students, faculty and grants, and preserving research data and outputs. Elsevier’s suite of research products, such as Scopus, Pure, SSRN and SciVal will enhance the breadth and quality of the reach, promotion and impact services bepress delivers to its customers.

“Bepress has led the way in helping institutions showcase their work,” said Olivier Duman, Managing Director for Research Products at Elsevier. “We are pleased to welcome bepress to Elsevier and look forward to doing great things together.”
Over 500 institutions use Digital Commons to manage, publish, and showcase their full breadth of work, including:

RISD, BYU, UChicago Law School, Yale, Howard University, Penn, Hong Kong Baptist University, Cornell University Law School, University of Louisville, Occidental College, Purdue University, UMass Medical School, Lehigh Valley Health Network, Case Western Reserve University, Swarthmore College, University of San Francisco.
Well, shit.

Elsevier has acquired institutional repository provider bepress

Elsevier Acquires bepress - The Scholarly Kitchen
In a move entirely consistent with its strategy to pivot beyond content licensing, Elsevier has acquired bepress, the institutional repository provider.
scholarlykitchen.sspnet.org
Survey Results on Data Sharing

August 9, 2018

The following post is in reference to a survey given in May 2018. For more information on the survey, see previous posts on our Survey Methodology, Survey Demographics, and Survey Questions & Reflections (the full survey is available for download and reuse under a CC0 license).

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Cornell Seeks Sustainable arXiv Support

By Greg Landgraf | February 18, 2010

Cornell University Library has introduced a voluntary, collaborative business model to support arXiv, its free online repository of nearly 600,000 research articles in physics, mathematics, statistics, computer science, and related disciplines.

It will remain free to submit or download articles, but Cornell is now asking the 200 institutions that download most from the repository to make annual contributions to help fund it. These contributions range from $2,300 to $4,000, based on each institution’s usage. As of February 16, 27 institutions have pledged support, according to Oya Rieger, associate university librarian for information technologies, including most of the 20 that account for the most downloads. “We secured this level of support even before we contacted each institution in our list of the top 200 institutions with heavy use,” she told American Libraries.
ARXIV LOOKS TO THE FUTURE WITH MOVE TO CORNELL CIS

After 17 years of growth under Cornell University Library, arXiv, a digital archive and open-access distribution service for scientific research articles, will move within Cornell to Computing & Information Science (CiS), to increase ties with the computing and information science community and to continue advancing innovations in scientific communication. Cornell Information Science Professor Paul Ginsparg started arXiv in 1991 at the Los Alamos National Laboratory and brought it to Cornell when he was hired in 2001. The e-print repository has grown tremendously and is a global resource for research publications in the fields of physics, mathematics, computer science, quantitative biology, economics, electrical engineering and systems science, and statistics.
A POWERFUL TOOL FOR REPOSITORY SOLUTIONS

Samvera™ is the new name for Hydra. Samvera is a grass-roots, open source community creating best in class digital asset management solutions for Libraries, Archives, Museums and others.

The Samvera software offers flexible and rich user interfaces tailored to distinct content types on top of a robust back end – giving adopters the best of both worlds.

WHY USE SAMVERA?

We believe that no single system can provide the full range of repository-based solutions for a given institution’s needs and that no single institution can resource the development of a full range of solutions on its own.

Working together, the Samvera Community creates sustainable solutions using a common infrastructure within which there is the flexibility to tailor solutions to local demands and workflows.

Samvera software is free and open source, available under an Apache 2 license.

HOW IT WORKS

Samvera is based around four major components:

- the Fedora repository software providing a robust, durable repository layer for persisting and managing digital objects.
- Solr indexes, providing fast access to information about an institution’s resources.
- Blacklight, a Ruby on Rails plugin that sits above Solr and provides faceted searching, browsing and tailored views on objects.
- Samvera gems: Ruby on Rails components that integrate the building blocks to form a complete, flexible and extensible digital repository solution.
SAMVERA IS COMMUNITY SOURCED SOFTWARE

Samvera is not just a repository software solution.

The project was conceived because we believe that no single system can provide the full range of repository-based solutions for a given institution’s needs and that no single institution can resource the development of a full range of solutions on its own. From the outset, Samvera (originally called Hydra) set out to build a community to support and sustain its software.

The Samvera Community benefits from the breadth and depth of knowledge that its adopters bring and, in particular, from the contributions of its formal Partners who contribute greatly to its long term viability.

Working together, the Samvera Community has created, and continues to develop, a common infrastructure within which there is the flexibility to tailor solutions to local demands and workflows. Our software leverages other “best of breed” open source software to provide a framework within which adopters can create a local solution or, alternatively, allows the community to offer “off-the-shelf”
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Are ordinary people able to self-organize?

Elinor Ostrom was the first female Nobel Laureate in Economic Sciences. Her extensive fieldwork focused on how people interact with ecosystems such as forests, fisheries and irrigation systems. It challenged the conventional wisdom that ordinary people weren’t able to successfully manage natural resources without any regulation or privatization. Ostrom believed that people are perfectly capable of taking control of the decisions that affect their lives. In some sense, she had already proven this to be true when, as a young woman, she was trying to succeed in the still male-dominated working and academic worlds of the 1950s.

At a glance

**Born:** 1933, Los Angeles, California, USA  
**Died:** 2012, Bloomington, Indiana, USA  
**Field:** Public Economics, Economic Governance  
**Prize-winning work:** Analysis of economic governance, especially the commons  
**Unknown talents:** Sketched most of the designs when building her ranch house

Elinor Ostrom  
The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel (shared), 2009
THE "FREE RIDER" PROBLEM
GOVERNING THE COMMONS
What makes these models so dangerous -- when they are used metaphorically as the foundation for policy -- is that the constraints that are assumed to be fixed for the purpose of analysis are taken on faith as being fixed in empirical settings, unless external authorities change them.... I would rather address the question of how to enhance the capabilities of those involved to change the constraining rules of the game to lead to outcomes other than remorseless tragedies. -- Elinor Ostrom
Of interest. This highlights a key issue I've been talking about for years: how do we sustain critical scholarly infrastructure?

Jim Clifford @jburnford
Disappointed to find out Paper Machines is effectively dead. Voyant is great, but it does not do many of the things Paper Machines could do (or at least promised to do). The life spans of so many great DH projects are too short. github.com/papermachines/…

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twitter.com/jburnford/stat...

Would entail (I think) institutions willing to take responsibility for critical scholarly infrastructure components, fund their maintenance, and give credit to the maintainers. Components die because all that drives them is passion and uncompensated (invisible) labor.
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- Digital humanities
- Media studies
- Reading
- Scholarly communication
- Technology

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SUSTAINABILITY AND SOLIDARITY
THE UNIVERSITY
How significant are the public dimensions of faculty work in review, promotion, and tenure documents?

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Abstract

Much of the work of universities, even private institutions, has significant public dimensions. Faculty work in particular is often funded by public funds, is aimed at serving the public good, and is subject to public evaluation. To understand how the public dimensions of faculty work are valued, we analyzed review, tenure and promotion documents from a representative sample of 129 Canadian and American universities. We found terms and concepts related to public and community are mentioned in a large portion of documents, but mostly in ways that relate to service—an undervalued aspect of academic careers. Moreover, we find significant mentions of traditional
undervalued aspect of academic careers. Moreover, we find significant mentions of traditional research outputs and citation-based metrics. Such outputs and metrics reward faculty work targeted to academics, and mostly disregard the public dimensions. We conclude that institutions that want to

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