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Abstract

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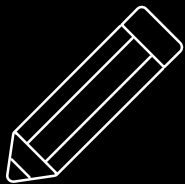
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Becoming OER Advocates & Leaders

Spotlight on the SPARC Open
Education Leadership Fellows

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SPARC Open Education Leadership Pilot Cohort

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Hello!

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Overview

What did the SPARC OER Leadership program look like?

First Semester: The Building Blocks

- 8 foundational modules plus in-person meeting at 2017 Open Ed conference
- Modules included:
 - Weekly readings & videos
 - Discussion questions & responses
 - Creation of blog/vlog posts
 - Additional exercises to prepare for capstone project



Second Semester: Pulling it all Together

- Built on content from first semester to design & execute a capstone project
 - Paired with mentor
 - Participated in discussions
 - Attended 2 online meetings





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Tools

How did we make it all work?



The Components

Slack

- ❖ Weekly discussions
- ❖ General Chat
- ❖ Link Drops for Assignments
- ❖ Private Messaging

Google

- ❖ Google Docs
- ❖ Google Groups
- ❖ Google Drive

OER Textbook

- ❖ Weekly readings
- ❖ Co-Editing
- ❖ Videos
- ❖ Worksheets





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Outcomes

Overall Experience and Capstones

Chris

- Hired to expand library support for open education
- Began SPARC program 2-months after starting at Gettysburg College in July 2018
- Only librarian from a liberal arts college in pilot cohort

OER & the liberal arts college context

Key Questions

- What is different about supporting OER in the context of a liberal arts college?
- What is the level of awareness and support for OER among faculty and administrators at Gettysburg?
- How many Gettysburg faculty were interested in or already using OER?

**OER &
the liberal
arts college
context**

Open @ Gettysburg

- Active OA/OER advocacy and outreach by library since 2012
- *The Cupola: Scholarship at Gettysburg College*
- ~10 faculty used/using OER or zero-cost resources
- 50 Open VIPs among faculty



Beyond Intro OER

- Faculty already adopting OpenStax and OpenIntro textbooks
- No obvious OER available for many non-intro courses
- No formal support for faculty adapting or creating OER





Capstone Project

- Design a pilot OER grant program suitable to Gettysburg College
- Provide support mainly for courses beyond intro level
- Focus on adaptation and creation
- Mentor: Sarah Hare, Indiana University (Davidson College)



Pilot Faculty OER Grant Program

Community Resource

Piloting Faculty OER Grant Programs: A Practical Guide for Librarians

- Questions to consider
- Open pedagogy resources
- Proposal for pilot OER grant program w/ rationale

**Kind
of courses
matter more
than kind of
school**



Amanda

- ❖ Failure is an option
 - You can't control everything
 - Agility is integral
 - Strategies for Pivoting
- ❖ Pressbooks
 - Coming Soon!
- ❖ <https://tinyurl.com/OEROutreach>



OER Outreach through Videos

Hope

- Teaching & Learning Librarian at Simon Fraser University (SFU) in Burnaby, BC
- Coordinate Library support for open education initiatives on campus - including the SFU OER Grants program





Hope

Capstone Project (Part 1):

Worked with colleagues from the Library, Teaching & Learning Centre (TLC) and Simon Fraser Student Society (SFSS) to establish a new OER working group on campus



**Establishing
an OER
Working
Group on
campus**



Hope

Capstone Project (Part 2):

Collaborated with working group members to develop programming to highlight, celebrate and build on OER successes achieved at our institution to date



**Organizing a
community
event to
highlight OER
initiatives on
campus**

Hope

What's Next?

Long-term goals for this working group are to raise awareness, develop support and build capacity for OER adoptions at our institution by sharing information and coordinating efforts among key campus stakeholders



Stephanie

Current state: Business Librarian at York University in Toronto, Canada

Future state: York University Libraries is going through organizational redesign

- In 2019, my work will be in OER and eLearning



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Stephanie's Capstone

Overarching Goal: Develop greater knowledge of open education issues among librarians, archivists, & library staff at York University



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How did I get there?

Original plan:

(1) Survey; (2) Interviews; (3) Tailored workshops

Actual plan:

(1) Tailored department presentations;
(2) Report to Library's senior leadership



Presentation Snapshot

- SPARC Open Ed Leadership program
- Higher Ed & Student Debt
- OER 101
- Open Licensing
- OER Support Models
- Open Pedagogy



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Link to all capstone projects

- <http://bit.ly/SPARCoer>



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