### Building Communities of Practice While Building Learning Spaces

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Intro - Mike and Anna

### Why are we here?

- Connect with practitioners working on learning space design and technology
- Raise awareness of the Journal of Learning Spaces
- Educate about OA\* scholarship and OERs\*



\*Definitions coming up!

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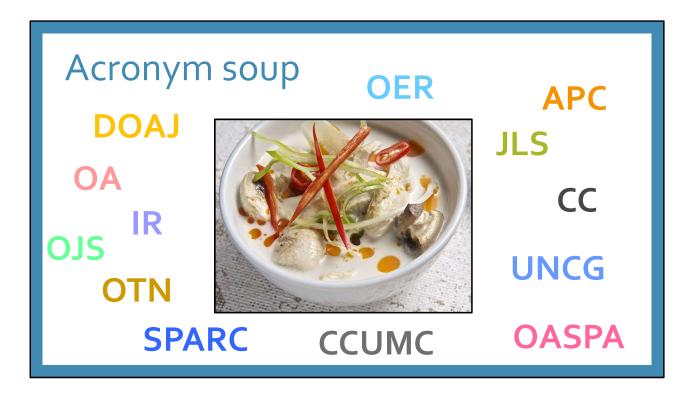
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Acronym soup

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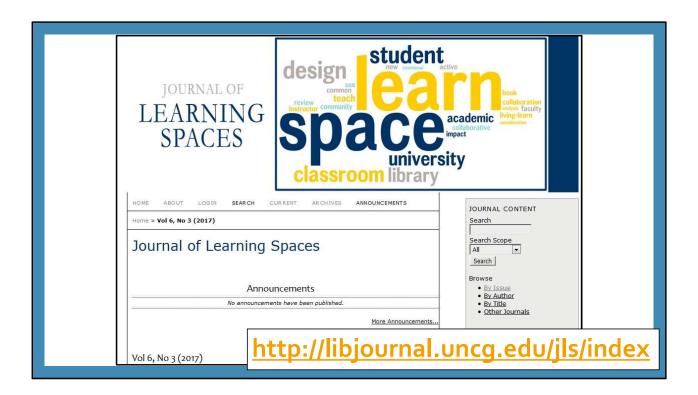
### Acronyms

- OA: Open Access
- OER: Open Educational Resource
- JLS: Journal of Learning Spaces
- APC: Article Processing Charge
- CC: Creative Commons
- DOAJ: Directory of Open Access Journals

- IR: Institutional repository
- OASPA: Open Access Scholarly Publishers Association
- OJS: Open Journal Systems
- OTN: Open Textbook Network
- SPARC: Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition
- UNCG: UNC Greensboro

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Acronyms



**Journal of Learning Spaces** 

JLS screencap, from http://libjournal.uncg.edu/jls/index

### What is the Journal of Learning Spaces?

"A scholarly, multidisciplinary forum for research articles, case studies, book reviews, and position pieces related to all aspects of learning space design, operation, pedagogy, and assessment in higher education."



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What is JLS?

JLS logo, from http://libjournal.uncg.edu/jls/index

### What are "learning spaces"?

**Learning** is the process of acquiring knowledge, skill, or understanding as a result of study, experience, or teaching.

Learning spaces are designed to support, facilitate, stimulate, or enhance learning and teaching.

Learning spaces encompass formal, informal, physical, and virtual environments.



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### Journal of Learning Spaces

- First issue published in 2011; eleven issues published to date
- Peer-reviewed
- Articles published as open access PDFs; content freely available to anyone with an internet connection
- Created to fill a gap in the professional literature, and to help direct campus involvement in space design
- Editorial and advisory board members from universities and research institutions across the country

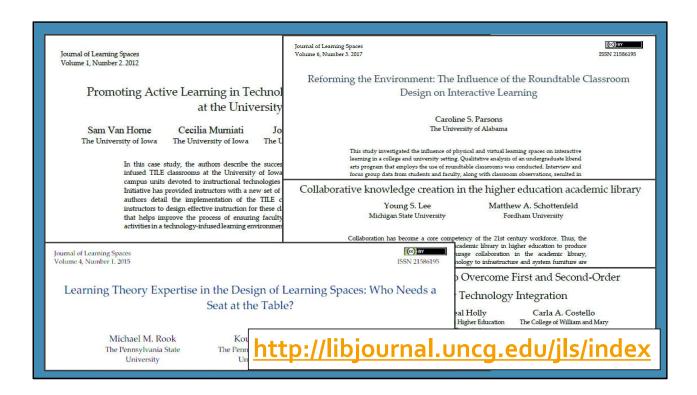
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**Brief JLS history** 

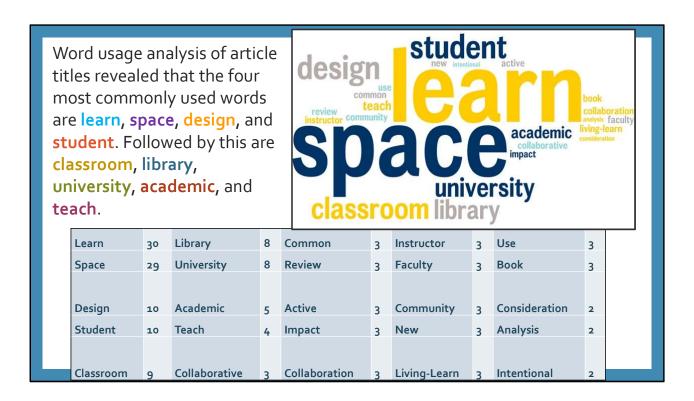


As a completely Open Access journal, JLS fills a gap in the literature

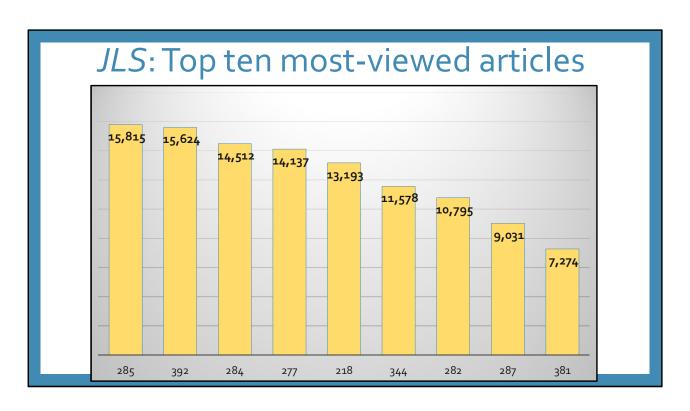


JLS articles that may be relevant to the CCUMC audience

JLS article title screencaps. For full articles, see JLS archives: http://libjournal.uncg.edu/jls/issue/archive



This word cloud shows what topics JLS authors are writing about



Top 10 most-viewed JLS articles

Article views listed in bars; article ID numbers along X axis.

### JLS: Top ten most-viewed articles

- Space and consequences: The impact of different formal learning spaces on instructor and student behavior
- 2. Learning space attributes: Reflections on academic library design and its use
- 3. Learning space service design
- Use of swivel desks and aisle space to promote interaction in mid-sized college classrooms
- 5. New media: Engaging and educating the YouTube generation
- Promoting active learning in technology-infused TILE classrooms at the University of lowa
- 7. Designing informal learning spaces using student perspectives
- 8. The case for a learning space performance rating system
- Leveraging a new building to overcome first and second-order barriers to faculty technology integration
- 10. Indoor environmental quality of classrooms and student outcomes: A path analysis

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Top 10 most-viewed JLS articles, by title

### Connecting JLS and CCUMC

CCUMC mission: "to provide leadership and a forum for information exchange to the providers of media content, academic technology, and support for quality teaching and learning at institutions of higher education."

- Advocate the accessibility and effectiveness of educational media, technology, and pedagogy.
- Provide leadership for the effective implementation and management of instructional technology in higher education.
- Foster cooperative efforts among colleges and universities and other institutions, agencies, foundations, and organizations in the solution of mutual problems.
- Gather and disseminate information about educational, professional, and operational issues, including statistics important to the profession.
- Develop and provide programs and services that will enable members to most effectively support the missions of their institutions.

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Connecting JLS and CCUMC

https://www.ccumc.org/page/CCUMC\_Mission

## Connecting JLS and CCUMC

**Teaching and learning** 

**Technology** 

**Higher education** 

Pedagogy

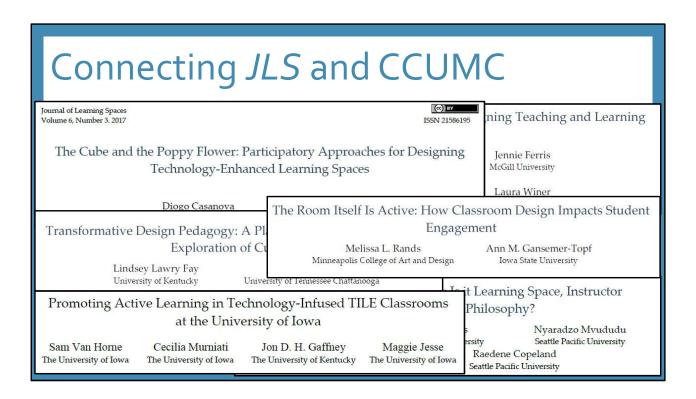
Research and scholarship

Information exchange

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Connecting JLS and CCUMC

This is why we're here – to make these connections



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### Connecting JLS and CCUMC

Research-informed Active learning

Active pedagogy Transformative design

Learning spaces Technology-enhanced

Evaluation Classroom design Impact

Academic interior architecture

Collaboration Student engagement

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The intersection of Open Access and learning spaces

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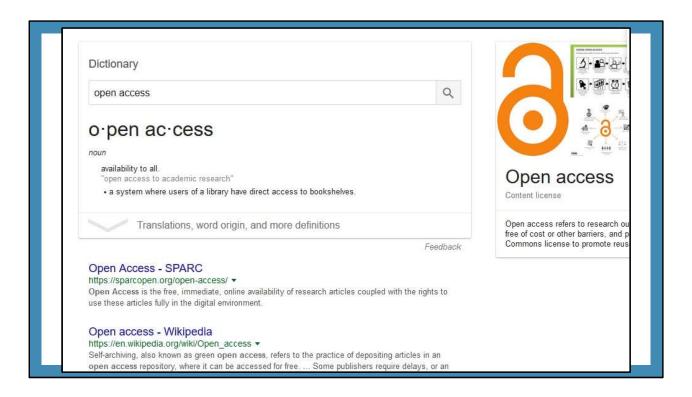
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What is Open Access?

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## Open Access (OA)



"Research outputs which are distributed online and free of cost or other barriers."

- Wikipedia

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# Why is Open Access important?



- Accelerated discovery
- 2. Public enrichment
- 3. Improved education
  - Public Library of Science (PLOS)

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### Open Access publication models

- 1. Traditional OA
  - a. Fully OA journal. Journal production costs may be funded by subsidies, APCs, advertising, membership fees
- 2. Hybrid OA
  - a. Journal with only some OA content (likely funded via APCs)
- 3. Delayed OA
  - a. Content is OA after an initial embargo period
- 4. Self-archiving
  - a. Author posts copies of his/her own work (published elsewhere) in an institutional, subject-specific, or other online repository



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OA publication models

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Predatory / exploitative journals (not limited to OA) charge publication fees to authors without providing peer review, editing, and other publishing services

Such journals sometimes contact potential authors directly, trying to solicit submissions

Is it a legitimate journal / publication? Librarians can help answer that question



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When OA goes bad

### Is it legitimate?

- o Peer review process / criteria?
- o Copyright policies?
- Journal aims and scope?
- o Publication fees stated and explained?
- o ISSN (International Standard Serial Number)?
- o Indexing, ranking, metrics?
- o Listed in <u>DOAJ</u>?
- o Publisher registered with <u>OASPA</u>?



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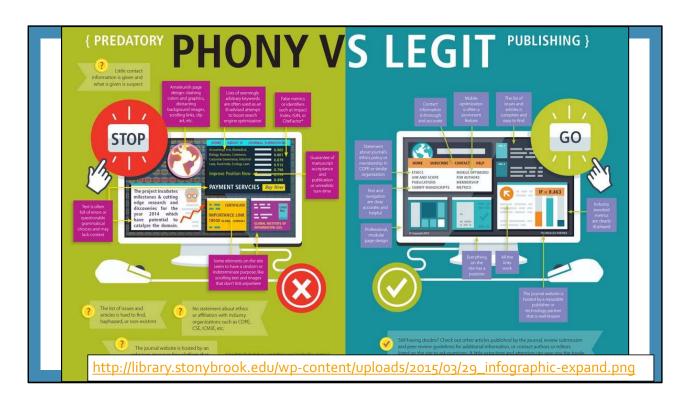
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### Open Educational Resources (OERs)

"Teaching, learning, and research resources that reside in the public domain or have been released under an intellectual property license that permits their free use and re-purposing by others."



- William and Flora Hewlett Foundation

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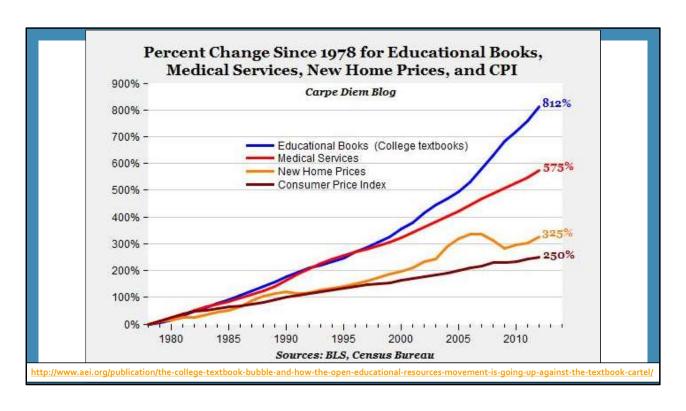
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"I stopped buying textbooks my second semester here." - UNCG library student assistant

# Why are OERs important?

- Textbook affordability for students
- 2. Content customizability for faculty
- 3. Educational availability for all



- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

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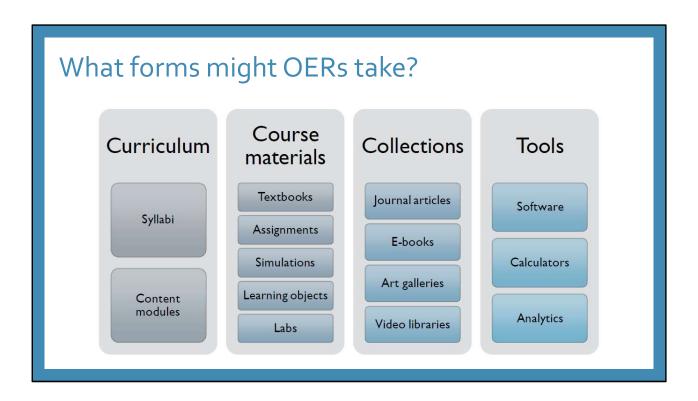
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What forms might OERs take?

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### Skills needed to create OERs

- Content expertise
- · Policy and decision-making
- Technical (working in online systems)
- Copyediting and proofreading
- Content layout / type-setting
- Graphic design
- Web design



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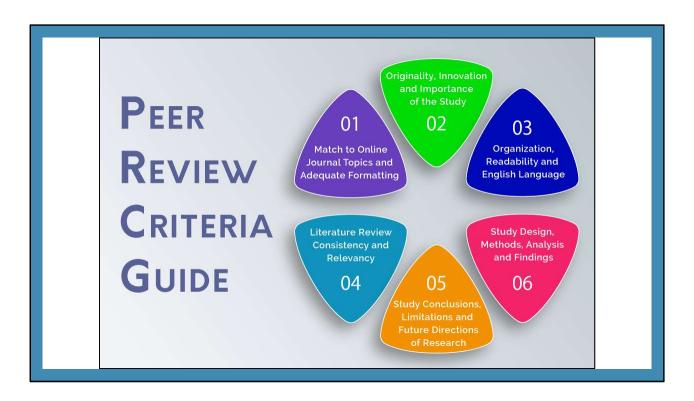
Skills needed to create OERs

Not everyone needs all of these skills; a team often works together to create the resource

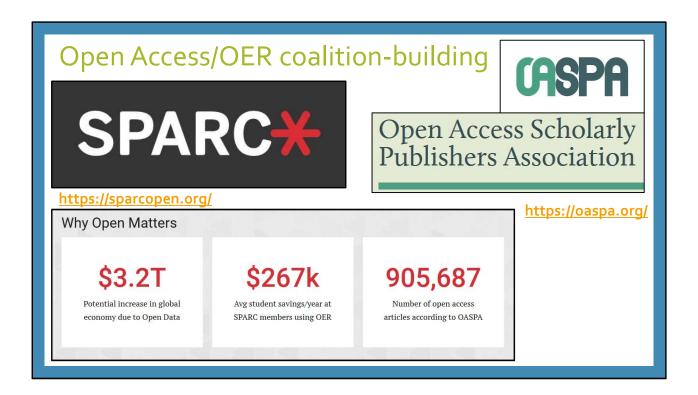
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Peer reviewers contribute critical content expertise to journal production



Peer review criteria guide

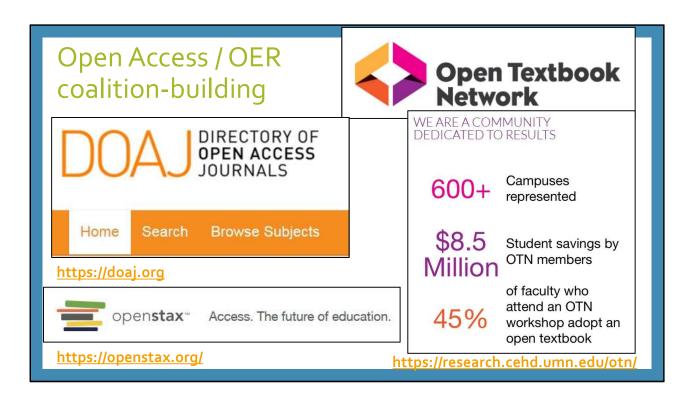


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OA/OER coalition-building

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### OA/OER publishing challenges

- Every project is different
- Finding needed expertise for different roles
- Software / online system learning curves
- Intellectual property / copyright issues
- Who is responsible for the content after creation?
  - Long-term hosting
  - Updating over time
- Time
- Assessment

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OA publishing challenges

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### Open Access publishing value

- Strengthen campus relationships
- Meet needs of campus faculty
- Support new publishing models
- Facilitate content creation
- Demonstrate commitment to open access







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#### OA publishing value

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## How can you get involved?

**Teaching** 

**Publishing** 

**Advocacy** 

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How can you get involved?

### Get involved: Teaching

Consider selecting low- or no-cost materials for your courses

- BCcampus OpenEd<a href="https://open.bccampus.ca/">https://open.bccampus.ca/</a>
- Digital Public Library of America
  - https://dp.la/
- Directory of Open Access Books<a href="https://www.doabooks.org/doab?uiLanguage=en">https://www.doabooks.org/doab?uiLanguage=en</a>
- MERLOT
  - https://www.merlot.org/merlot/index.htm
- OpenStax
  - https://openstax.org/subjects

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Get involved: Teaching



Consider publishing in open access journals or making your works available for reuse

- Directory of Open Access Journals
  - https://doaj.org/
- Creative Commons
  - https://creativecommons.org/
- Share your work via an institutional repository



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Get involved: Publishing

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### Get involved: Advocacy

Does your campus support Open Access?

If so, how? If you're not sure, consider asking:

- What open access educational opportunities does our campus offer?
- Do we have an open access institutional repository?
- Do we offer support for instructors to identify, adopt, or create OERs?
- What support do we offer faculty and others who want to publish in OA journals?
  - Grants to offset publication fees?
  - Support for OA in the PE&T process?
  - Support for identification of appropriate OA journals?
  - Assistance in examining publication contracts and licenses and negotiating for authors' rights?

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Get involved: Advocacy



Consider signing up to be a reader, reviewer, or author!

# Thank you!

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