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Library Publishing Forum

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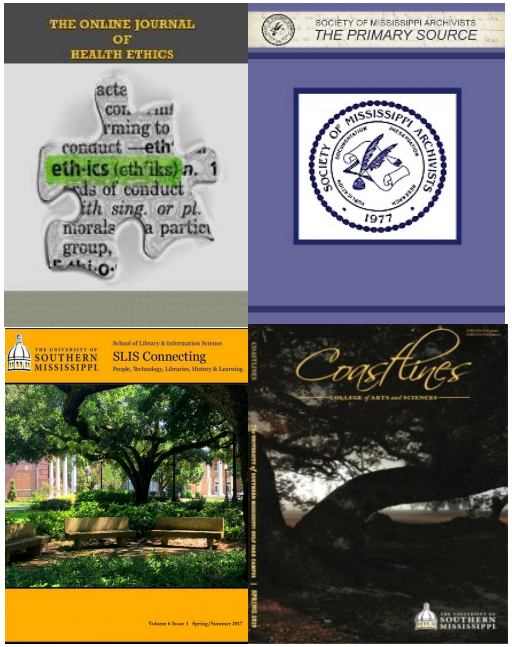
Road Map

- Introduction
- Publishing Overview
- The Big Question
- Building a Plan
- The Way Forward

Publishing Overview

- Publishing via IR
  - Launched in January 2012
- First Titles
  - *SLIS Connecting*
  - *Journal of Health Ethics*
- Publishing Today
  - Seven titles

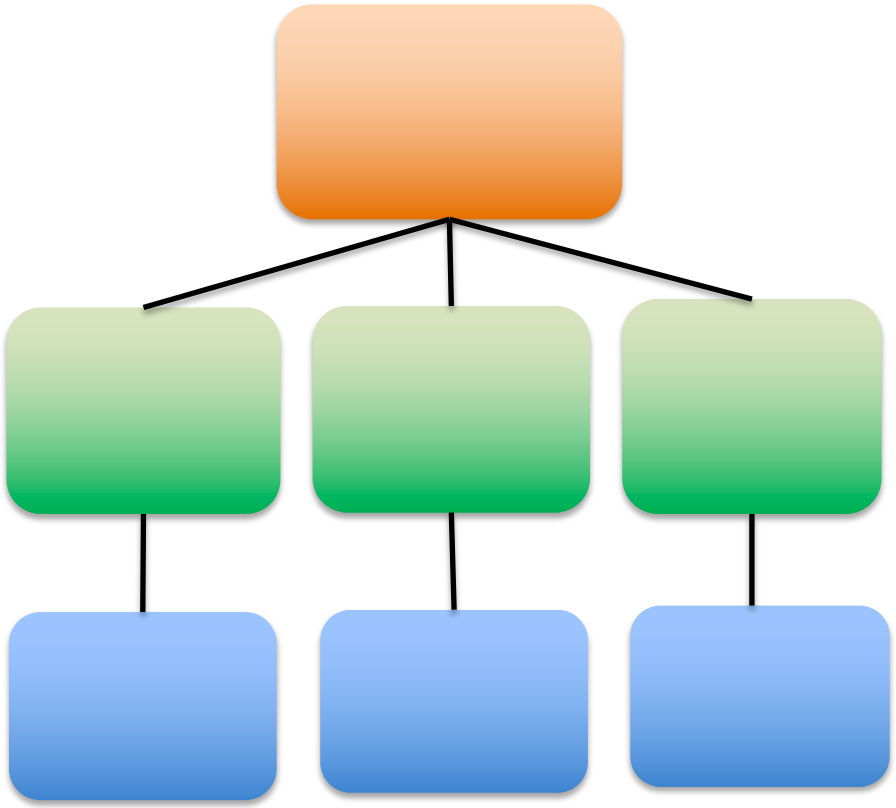


The Big Question

- Are the Journals Open?
  - Yes and no
  - Does open mean accessible?
- Other Questions
  - Who is responsible for accessibility?
  - What training is needed?

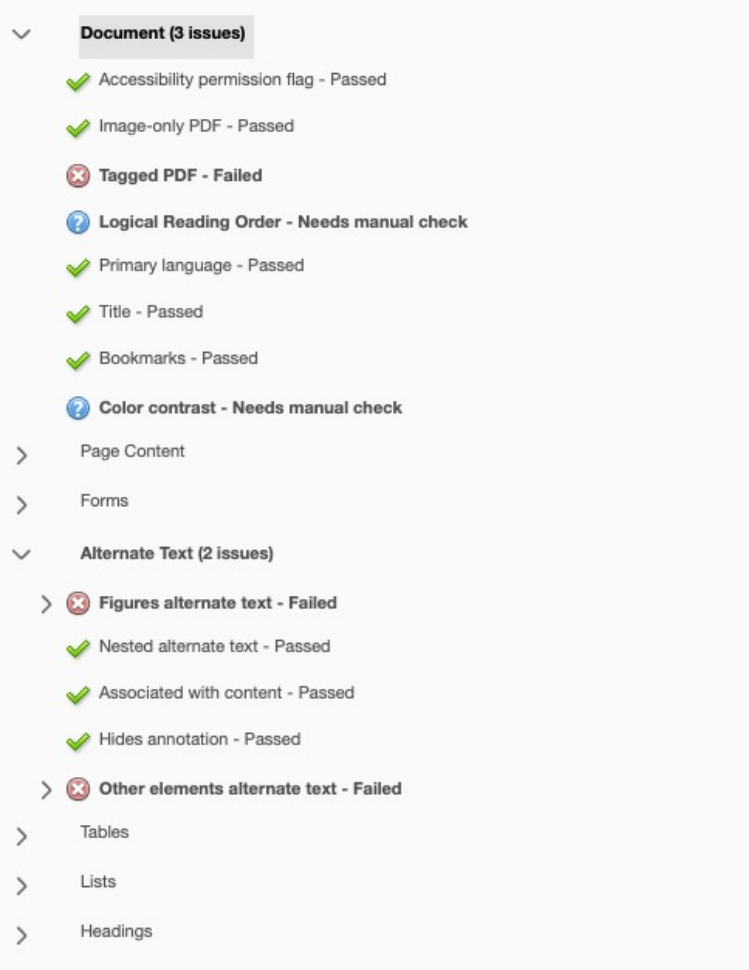
Building a Plan

- Step 1: Determine Who Does What
  - Libraries will identify issues and provide training
  - Editors will make the needed changes on their end



Identifying Challenges

- Step 2: Identifying Common Errors
  - Surveyed five articles from issues of each journal that published in 2020
  - Frequent errors
    - Reading order
    - Section headings
    - Alt-text



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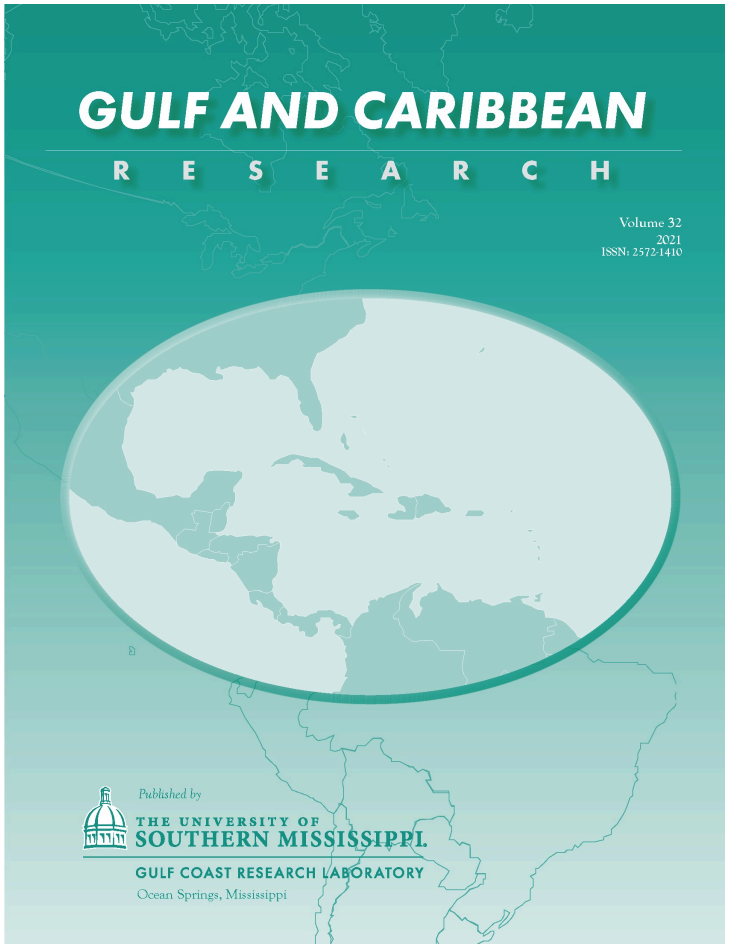

- Step 3: Training
  - Targeted for Summer 2021
  - Piloting with *Gulf and Caribbean Research*
  - Initially focus on new articles
  - Evaluate training and then roll out to other journals

The Way Forward

- Remediation for Backfiles
- In-house support?
- Improving the workflow?

Questions?

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