ETDs in Lock-Down: Trends, Analyses and Faculty Perspectives on ETD Embargoes

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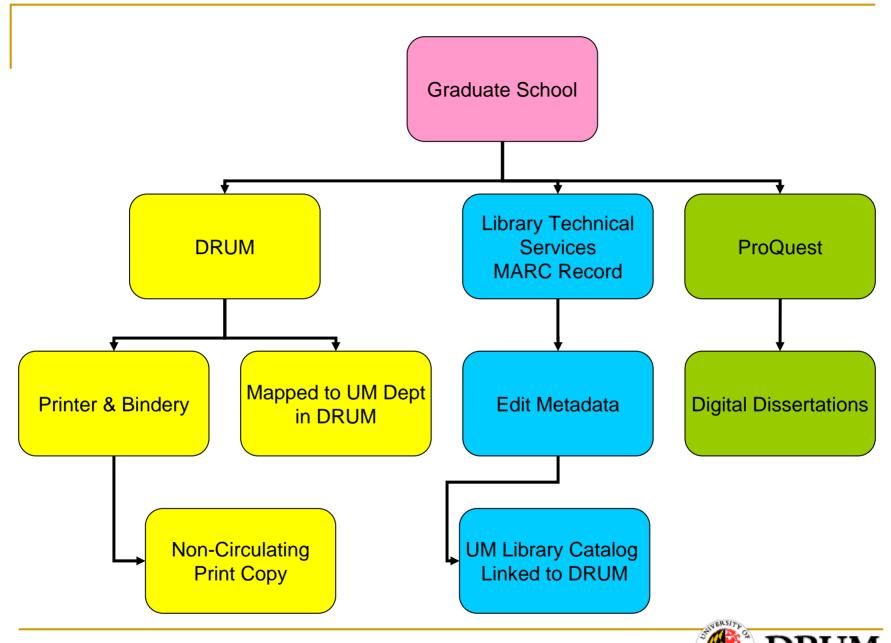
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ETD Background

- Mandatory electronic submission since 2003
- DRUM launched in August 2004
 - http://www.lib.umd.edu/drum
- ETDs automatically deposited in DRUM
- DRUM contains more than 4,500 ETDs







ETD Concerns

- Will journal publishers still accept my article if it is available electronically?
- What if I want to write a book related to my thesis of dissertation?
- Won't it be easier for someone to plagiarize my research if it is freely available online?



UM ETD Embargo Options

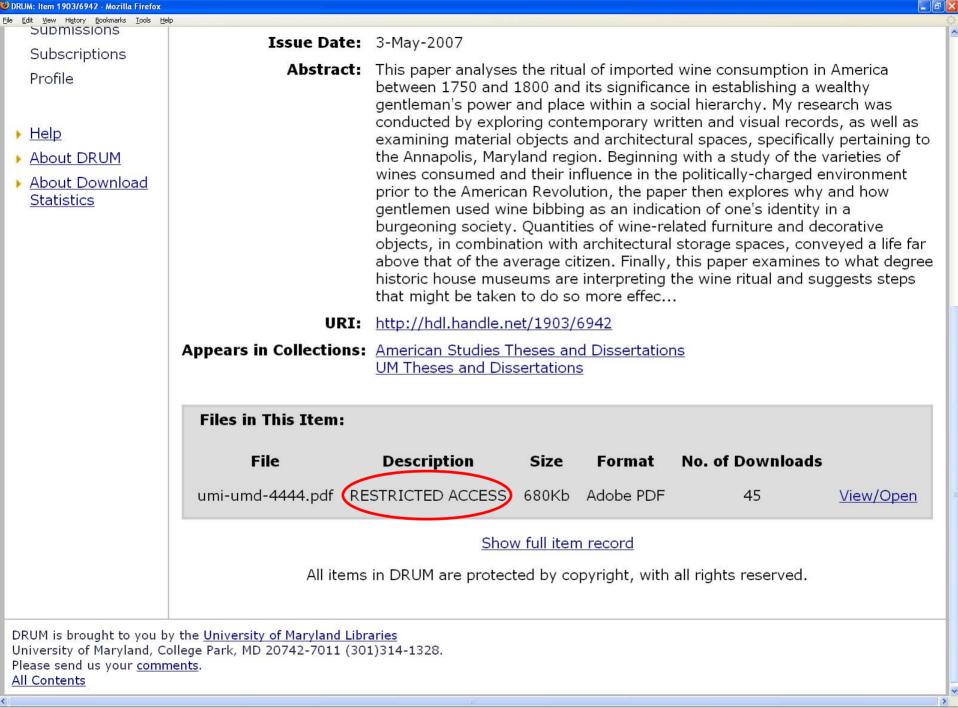
- Restrict access for one year
- Restrict access for six years
- Restrict access indefinitely
 - Requires written approval by the Dean of the Graduate School
- Non-circulating print copy still available in the library



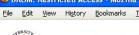
Why Embargo?

- For 1-year embargoes
 - Seek patent protection for material in the thesis or dissertation
 - Publish in a journal that has restrictions for depositing in an open access repository
- For 6-year embargoes
 - Publish a book based on your dissertation





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Embargo Process

- Form submitted to Grad School
- Four options
 - allow immediate access
 - 1-year embargo
 - 6-year embargo
 - indefinite embargo
- Must be signed by faculty advisor
- Supplemented by 2page info sheet

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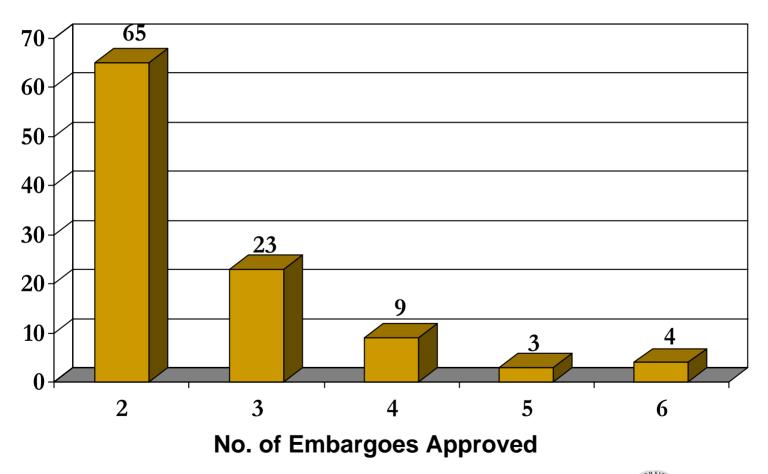
	Degrees Awarded	1-year	6-year	Total	Percentage
Fall 2006	266	47	25	72	27%
Spring 2007	398	78	48	126	32%
Summer 2007	293	54	27	81	28%
Fall 2007	300	77	27	104	35%
Spring 2008	266	51	44	95	36%
Summer 2008	262	51	20	71	27%
Fall 2008	265	74	27	101	38%
TOTALS	2050	432	218	650	32%
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Embargoes by College

	Degrees	1-yr	6-yr	Total	Percent
Engineering	526	116	34	150	29%
Ag & Natural Res	92	32	15	47	51%
Architecture	61	1	3	4	7%
Arts & Humanities	266	35	75	110	41%
Behavioral & Soc Sci	253	39	24	63	25%
Chem & Life Sci	226	95	26	121	54%
Comp, Math & Phy Sci	273	54	8	62	23%
Education	209	40	17	57	27%
Journalism	17	1	2	3	18%
Business	32	10	5	15	47%
Public Health	73	7	8	15	21%
Public Policy	16	2	1	3	19%



Faculty Approving More Than One Embargo





Departments With Greatest Number of Embargoes

Five Embargoes:

- Mathematics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Theatre

Six Embargoes:

- Art History & Archaeology
- American Studies
- Electrical & Computer Engineering
- English

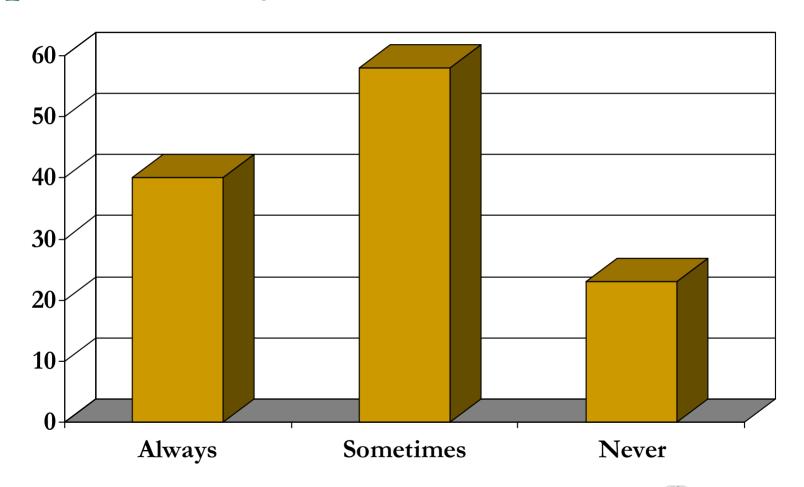


Faculty Survey

- Faculty advisors who had approved at least one embargo since 2006 (N=367)
- Eleven-question survey sent out Feb 2009
- Open for three weeks
- 131 responses; 36% response rate
- Population: tenured faculty with 10+ years in academe

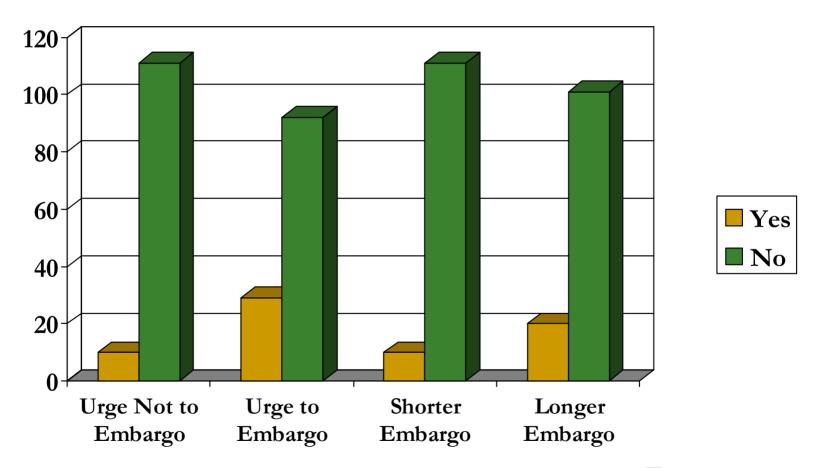


Do your students review the embargo options with you?





Faculty Involvement in Decision Process





Reasons for Approving Embargoes

	Total / %	Arts & Hum	Sciences	Soc Sci
Future Publication	34 (37%)	7	22	5
Protect Data/Work	20 (22%)	6	8	6
Student Request	17 (19%)	2	6	9
Proprietary Data	8 (9%)	0	7	1
Don't Remember	7 (8%)	1	2	4
Patent Application	5 (5%)	0	5	0



Educational Efforts

- ETD workshops for graduate students
- Ongoing communications with faculty regarding embargoes
- Educate faculty on evolving trends in scholarly publishing, including author rights
- One-on-one conversations with faculty who have approved several embargoes
- Scholarly communications program in development



Questions?

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