



Open Minds but Closed Access.

**Why Are There so Few Gold Open Access LIS journals?
And Why Are so Many Librarians Unwilling to Unlock Their Scholarship?**

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How Did We Get Here?

- ❖ A New Open Access Initiative on Campus
- ❖ Defining Librarians' Roles
- ❖ Open Access and Library and Information Science Literature

Our Journal Article

Chaudhuri, J., & Baker, S. (2015). Identifying open access articles within the top ten closed access LIS journals: A global perspective. *Library Philosophy and Practice*, 1245. Retrieved from <http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/libphilprac/1245/>

From the Literature...

- ❖ Peterson (2006) found that of the 100 LIS authors surveyed, permanence, credibility, and acceptability for promotion and tenure to be the most important factors in choosing a journal for publication.
- ❖ 41% of these authors thought that free access (OA) to their work was not important.

From the Literature...

- ❖ Carter, Snyder, & Imre (2007) surveyed 140 academic library faculty. Common concerns about choosing a journal were related to the promotion and tenure process and included the review period of the journal, reputation, and peer-reviewed status.
- ❖ Almost half of the librarians surveyed indicated that copyright and intellectual property policies were not considered when selecting a journal for article publication.

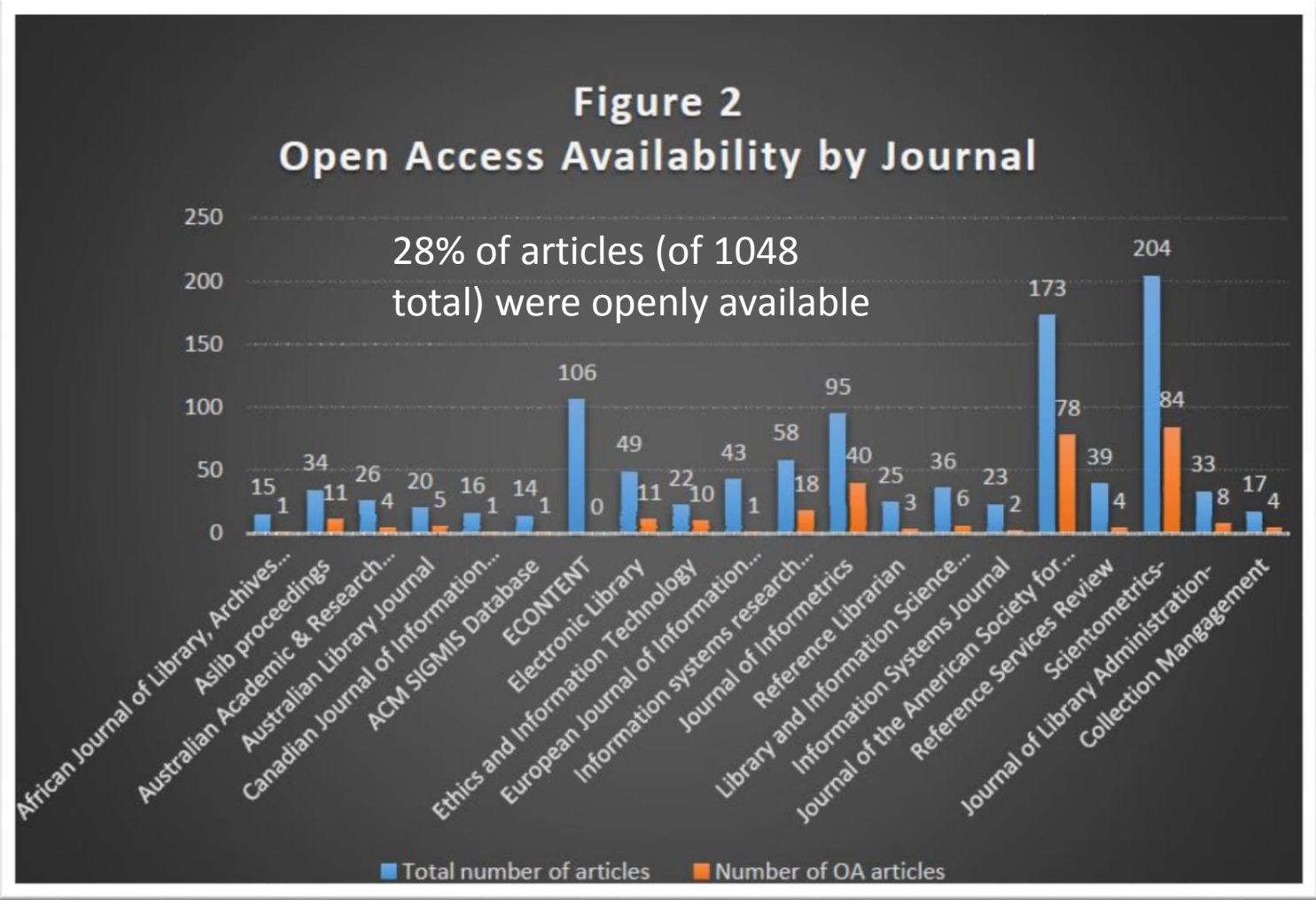
From the Literature...

- ❖ When working with faculty, librarians have developed ways to mediate the submission process to increase the use of institutional repositories (Xia, 2007).
- ❖ Librarians have studied faculty work habits to make self-archiving in IR's as user friendly as possible (Foster & Gibbons, 2005).

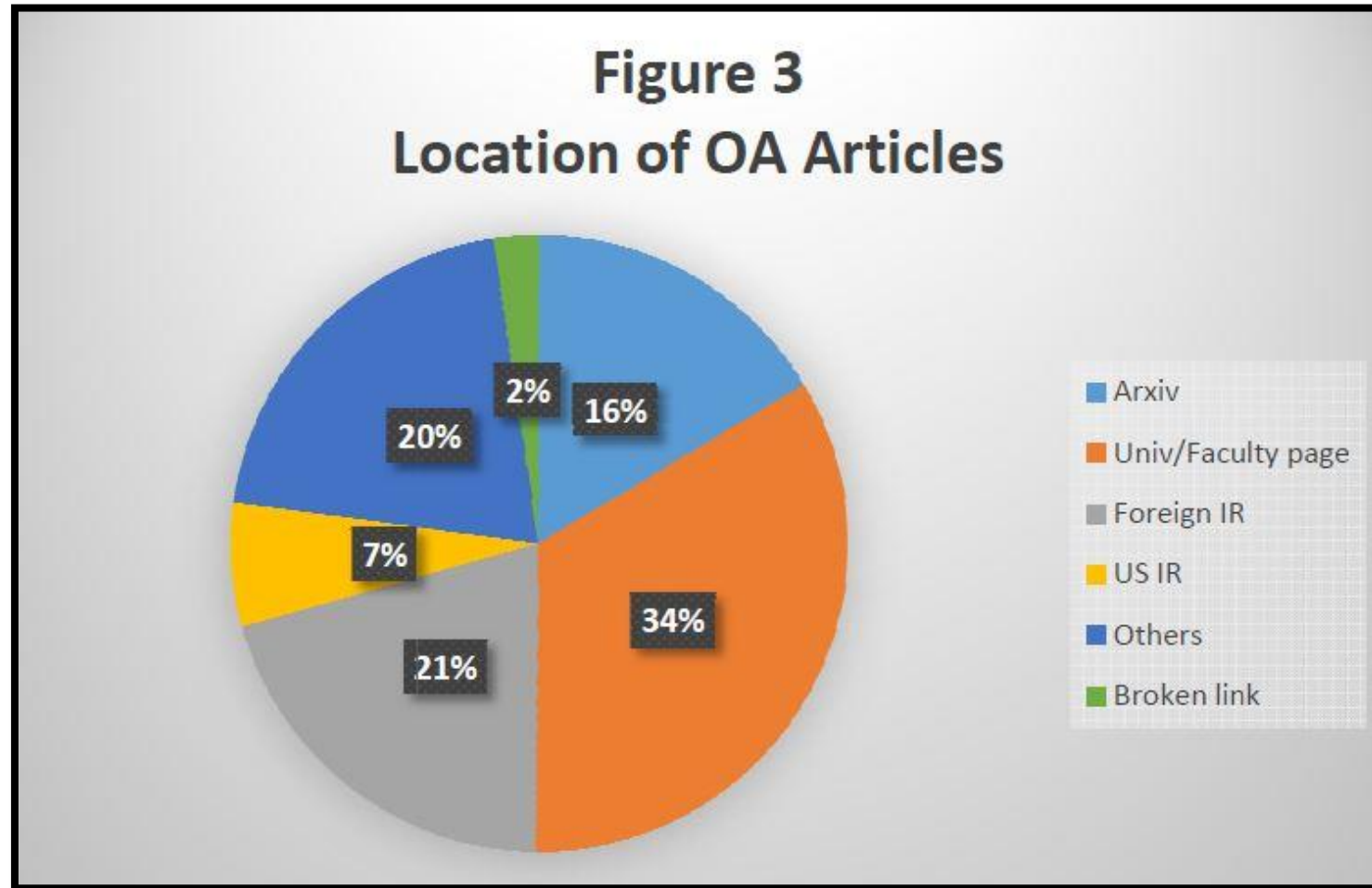
Methodology

- ❖ Evaluated the top 50 LIS journals from Scimago and the top 50 LIS journals from JCR.
- ❖ Were surprised to find only 9 gold OA journals
- ❖ Investigated the OA availability of the top 10 closed access LIS journals in Scimago and JCR

Open Access Availability by Journal



Location of Open Access Articles



Location of Open Access Articles

- ❖ Subject Repository/Arxiv
- ❖ Faculty Researcher Pages
- ❖ Institutional Repositories outside of the US

Repositories Within the United States

- ❖ Most of the time articles were located in repositories from an R1 institution or institutions that have taken a leadership role in the open access movement.
- ❖ We expected to find more articles from US repositories.
- ❖ Very few articles were found in medium size institutions such as East Carolina University, Portland State University, University of North Carolina Greensboro.

Repositories outside the United States

Table 2
Articles found from Repositories around the World

Univ. IR/Archive	Country/Continent
Univ. of Wollongong	Australia/Asutralia
Univ of Hasselt	Belgium/Europe
Delft University	Netherland/Europe
University of Dublin	South Africa/Africa
University of Helsinki	Finland/Europe
University of Denmark	Denmark/Europe
University of Chile	Chile/South America
PORTO-Open Repository	Italy/Europe
University of Boras	Sweden/Europe
HAL Archive	France/Europe
Dublin Institute of Technology	South Africa/Africa
University of Essex	England/Europe
Aalborg University	UK/Europe
University of Surrey	UK/Europe
White Rose Research Online	UK/Europe
Charles Darwin University	Australia/Australia
Spanish National Research Council	Spain/Europe
University of Granada	Spain/Europe
University of Pretoria	South Africa/Africa
University of Queensland	Australia/Australia
Kyoto University	Japan/Asia
Munich University	Germany/Europe

Academia.edu, Research Gate & Others

- ❖ A number of articles were found on the academic social networking websites Academia.edu and Researchgate
- ❖ Indicates that faculty researchers are willing to share their articles to collaborate and connect with their colleagues, peers, and co-authors within their field.
- ❖ Raised the question why faculty researchers are more comfortable sharing their research output within a social media platform than within their own institutional repositories.

Conclusion

- ❖ Study results re-established the fact how Australia, the UK & a few European countries are more successful at making articles available through digital repositories.
- ❖ LIS authors have failed, whether through SRs, IRs, or personal websites, to make our own articles open access.
- ❖ This study provides evidence that there is a compelling need to establish university-mandated OA policies that would result in the expansion of institutional repositories and in increased visibility for faculty scholarship, including LIS authors.

Open Access Advocacy @ Cal State LA

- ❖ Open Access Week Events 2014, 2015
- ❖ Gave many presentations across campus; Academic Senate, Faculty Policy Committee, Library Sub-Committee

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The screenshot displays the Cal State LA University Library website. At the top, the logo and name 'UNIVERSITY LIBRARY' are visible. Below the header, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Library', 'LibGuides', and 'Cal State LA Faculty Publications'. A search bar is present with a dropdown menu set to 'This Guide'. A secondary navigation bar contains buttons for 'Increase the Visibility of Your Research', 'Copyright Policies', 'Authors' Rights', 'Pre-Print, Post-Print or Publishers' Version?', and 'Contact Us'. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column, titled 'Cal State LA Faculty Authors', features a banner for 'California State University LOS ANGELES' and 'Digital Repository' with a photo of a building. Below the banner is a paragraph describing the digital repository and a link to the website. The right column, titled 'Open Access Through Cal State LA's Digital Repository', includes a diagram showing the flow from the university logo to an 'OPEN ACCESS' icon and then to a globe. Below the diagram is a section titled 'What is an Institutional Repository?' with a detailed definition and a link to the Cal State LA Digital Repository. At the bottom of the right column, there is a link to 'Theses and dissertations' and a section titled 'Why Deposit?'.

<http://calstatela.libguides.com/facultypublications>

Cal State LA Faculty Questions/ Concerns

- ❖ Why use the campus IR? Why not use ResearchGate or Academia.edu instead?
- ❖ Why advocate for publishing in OA journals?
- ❖ Why pass a senate OA resolution? Why not wait for a system-wide OA initiative?

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