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## *faculty newsletter*

This monthly e-newsletter features information about new services and resources. Please consider sharing it with your colleagues, or invite them to [sign up directly](#).

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## *news*

### **OU Libraries Endorses MIT Framework for Publisher Contracts**

As a member of the Greater Western Library Alliance ([GWLA](#)), OU Libraries has endorsed the [MIT Framework for Publisher Contracts](#) as a model to guide negotiations with scholarly publishers. The framework affirms the principle that control of scholarship and its dissemination should reside with scholars and their institutions, and aims to ensure that scholarly research outputs are openly and equitably available to the broadest possible audience.

### **University Libraries Committee Membership Finalized; Scholarly Communication Taskforce Named**

The University Libraries Committee (ULC) has been expanded to include representation from a larger number of colleges. 2019-2020 members are Ben Alpers (Honors), Jennifer Barnes Burgett (JMC), Khosrow Bozorgi (Architecture), Tim Davidson (CAS professional), Crag Hill (Ed), Heather Ketchum (CAS sciences), Roxanne Lyst (Fine Arts), Waleed Mahdi (IAS), Claude Miller (CAS social sciences), Lina Ortega (Libraries), Jeremy Short (Business), Barry Weaver (Earth & Energy).

The ULC has also appointed a Scholarly Communication Taskforce. Their goals include learning about evolving publishing practices and authoring a report for the ULC and Faculty Senate addressing how the university can best take action to help faculty and graduate students understand and promote a sustainable scholarly communication system. The report will kickoff campus-wide discussion and feedback opportunities focusing on the report findings for the 2020-2021 academic year. Taskforce members include Michael Bemben, Lee Fithian, Raphael Folsom, J.P. Masly, Katherine Pandora, Darren Purcell, Claude Miller, Caroline Schroeder, Karen Rupp-Serrano, and Jen Waller.

## *OU as a hub of scholarly journal publishing*

Each month, we will feature a journal edited or co-edited by OU faculty.

[The American Review of Politics](#)

**Managing Editor:** Dan Brown, Political Science

**Editors:** Keith Gaddie and Justin Wert, Political Science

*The American Review of Politics* publishes original research on American politics and the American political process. The primary focus of the journal is on American political development, Southern Politics, early American political thought, constitutional development, representation, and party politics. Papers on any area of American politics will be considered.

The journal also offers an extensive book review section and considers review essays on recently published, thematically-related books.

Learn creative ways to share your research with our upcoming workshops.

### [Understanding the Scholarly Publishing Process](#)

**November 15, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Learning Lab, Bizzell**

[Registration recommended.](#) Jen Waller, OU Libraries Director of Open Initiatives and Scholarly Communication, will talk about the decisions we need to consider before submitting work to a publisher. There will be time for discussion and Q&A.

### [Data Carpentry](#)

**November 25, 8:30 a.m. to November 26, 4:30 p.m., Room LL123, Bizzell**

[Registration required.](#) This workshop will cover the topics of data organization in spreadsheets, data cleaning using OpenRefine, data analysis and visualization in R, and data management with SQL (databases).

### [Managing Research Projects with Open Science Framework](#)

**December 6, 11:00 a.m - 12:00 p.m., Learning Lab, Bizzell**

[Registration recommended.](#) [Open Science Framework \(OSF\)](#) is a free and open source website run by the non-profit [Center for Open Science](#). OSF can be used as a repository or a lab notebook, with generous storage and a 50-year preservation fund to ensure data safety. This resource can be used by everyone from students to instructors to principal investigators.

### [Visualization in R with 'ggplot2'](#)

**December 6, 2:00 - 4:30 p.m., Room LL123, Bizzell**

[Registration recommended.](#) This workshop is an active learning "code-along" overview of visualization using the popular R package 'ggplot2'. This is an expansion and extension of the R plotting materials presented in [Data Carpentry](#).

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## *other news & what's new*



### **Get Creative with the OU Impact Challenge**

Last year, we released one chapter of the OU Impact Challenge each week. [That content is still live](#), and it won't be going anywhere. Work through it at your own pace, and select the activities that suit you best. But for those who are short on time, we've created OU Impact Challenge *modules*. Each module contains several OU Impact Challenge chapters bundled to maximize your time and energy. You can still expect your research get a boost in exposure, even if you only have time to complete a module or two. "Get Creative" is the theme for [this OU Impact Challenge module](#). Unleash your creativity to establish a blog, create a video abstract, and more.

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