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Dear Scholars, Delete Your Account At Academia.Edu

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As privatized platforms like Academia.edu look to monetize scholarly writing even further, researchers, scientists and academics across the globe must now consider alternatives to proprietary companies that aim to profit from our writing and offer little transparency as to how our work will be used in the future.
What Can You Do on Humanities Commons?

Develop a personal profile.
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Share work with colleagues
Creating a space for your professional online presence

- What would someone find if they searched for you online?
- Where do you currently have a professional presence online?
  
  For instance: department website; Twitter; Humanities Commons; Academia; Facebook; personal website; LinkedIn, etc.
- What do you want to keep private?
Creating a space for your professional online presence

◉ What do you want someone to be able to discover about you?

Jot down 3 aspects of your identity that you would like people to know about you.

○ (For instance: field of specialization; dedication to an aspect of the profession or a cause; expertise in certain practices; a hobby; etc.)
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- How are those 3 aspects of your (professional) identity currently represented in your online profiles?

- How could you better represent these aspects of your identity?
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- Humanities Commons profiles
  - **About**: a chance to shape a narrative around the aspects of your interests, work, and experience you want to highlight
  - **Academic interests**
  - **Education, publications**, upload CV
  - Integration with CORE
  - **Upcoming Talks**
  - **Projects**
  - **Profile picture & cover image**: can they underline your interests?
Circulating & sharing writing, teaching materials, projects

- Commons Open Repository Exchange, or CORE
- Open access repository
- DOIs for every deposit
- Creative Commons licenses
- Indexed by SHARE, Google Scholar, BASE, and more
- Share scholarship with Humanities Commons groups

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What Happens When You Tweet an Open-Access Paper

Chart of the Download Activity for “Digital Curiosities” from UCL “Discovery.”

Is Blogging and Tweeting About Research Papers Worth It? The Verdict

Monthly Download Counts of Top Papers

Guess When I Tweeted My Papers? Top Ten Downloaded Papers From My Department in the Last Year, Seven of Which Include Me in the Author List
Connecting with colleagues

To expand connections in/across fields, look for panelists for a conference proposal, contributors to a publication, ask for more information, etc.:

- “Follow” people with related interests
- Academic interests
- Suggestions
- Join groups
Connecting with colleagues

- What are some examples of groups that you’re a part of that have used or could use online tools to get work done?
Connecting with colleagues

- What are examples of groups you’re a part of that have used or could use online tools to get work done?
  - Conference planning
  - Writing or study group
  - Committee, working group, advocacy
  - Disciplinary interest group
  - Conference seminar or panel
  - Alumni of a program
  - Etc.
Connecting with colleagues

- Groups
  - Discussion forum (with email notifications)
  - Collection of CORE deposits
  - File library & collaborative editing platform
  - Events calendar
  - Linked wordpress site
  - Public / Private / Hidden visibility settings

- Sites
  - Shared blogs
  - CommentPress
Questions?

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Thank you!