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Dear Faculty Colleagues:

I have good news, the University of California Libraries and the California Digital Library (CDL) have opened the **eScholarship Postprint Service** (repositories.cdlib.org/postprints/) which will provide a central online location for UC faculty and researchers to showcase and provide open access to previously published journal articles. This is a free service.

Through the less-restrictive copyright policies of a number of publishers*, many authors are now able to increase the use and impact of their own scholarly output by depositing articles into repositories like the **eScholarship Postprint Service**.

To kickstart the service and assist authors who may want to deposit their work, eScholarship staff have collected some 25,000 citations from articles with at least one UC author published in 2004. In the next few weeks, you may be contacted by eScholarship and encouraged to post your work.

Here are some reasons why we urge you to participate:

- Your work can be discovered by doing a simple Google search.
- By publishing in an open-access repository, your article can be read by anyone, not just those individuals who have access to the subscribed journal. With more readers, your work will have greater potential impact.
- Posting your article in the **eScholarship Postprint Service** ensures archival access to the digital version of your work for years to come.
- eScholarships will monitor the number of "hits" your article has had (via the post-print server) and will notify you on a regular basis.
- When posting your article in the **eScholarship Postprint Service**, you can also post associated files and other support material that may not have been available in the regularly-published version of your article.

Depositing your work in the Postprint Service is an easy way for scholars to take back control of their output and take a positive step towards finding solutions to the crisis in scholarly communication. More information about the crisis and why a service like **eScholarship Postprint Service** is timely and vital can be found on UC's *Reshaping Scholarly Communication* website (osc.universityofcalifornia.edu) and the *Berkeley Library Collection Management* website (www.lib.berkeley.edu/Collections/)

Direct questions and comments about the service to your library subject liaison or escholarship@ucop.edu.

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Leonard,
University Librarian

* Note: CDL estimates that about 70% of publishers currently allow authors to post on institutional repositories. Among them are: American Institute of Physics, American Mathematical Society, American Physical Society, Association of Computing Machinery (ACM), Blackwell Publishing, BMJ Publishing Group, Cambridge University Press, Johns Hopkins University Press, National Academy of Sciences, Royal Society, SAGE Publications, Springer Verlag.