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Faculty Priorities

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2. Disseminate your work as widely as possible to enhance its impact and recognition, and your reputation.
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The URL from hell -- ??

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Publisher’s interest: Maximize revenue

How they make money …

denying access to those who don’t pay.

Pricing is based on …

“what the market will bear.”
The Balance of Power

Please publish me?

Give me money!!!
More money!!!
Two Positive Developments

1. Digital Revolution
2. Open Access
Digital Revolution

"Freedom of the press is guaranteed only to those who own one."

A. J. Liebling (1904 - 1963)

But now we all have the means to publish on our desktops:
Open Access

In the early 2000s, many publishers began to fear the government would attempt to exert control over publication of the research it has funded, so they opened the door just a crack as a way of "inoculation."
"Inoculation"

Inducing a mild case of a disease in order to acquire immunity to a more serious disorder.
To head off government intervention, commercial publishers such as Elsevier, Wiley, Blackwell, Taylor & Francis, Springer, et al., began to allow authors to post manuscript versions of their articles on their own or their institution's websites, figuring that most authors would not take the trouble.
Were they right?

No -- The government intervened anyway, making it mandatory for NIH-funded research to be made publicly accessible (although the large publishers are still fighting this).

Yes -- Most authors do not take advantage of this loophole.
So how can my work be made open access (OA)?

1. Publish in an OA journal

2. Publish in a restricted access journal and pay the publisher a per-article OA fee

3. Archive in an OA repository
Open Access Journals

Type 1: Free to users; author pays page fees to publish

Type 2: Free to users, and author does not pay to publish
I might have to pay ?!?

Many traditional restricted access journals also impose “page fees” for publication. In the case of *Science* or *PNAS*, page fees can range as much as $1500 per page.

Paying a commercial publisher to make an article open access on a per-article basis can run as much as $3000.
How do I find an OA journal?

- Public Library of Science (fee-based)
- BioMed Central/BMC (fee-based; recently bought by Springer)
- DOAJ: Directory of Open Access Journals lists 3,710 OA journals, a significant portion of which do not charge publication fees.

-- It lists 57 for "animal sciences"
Open Access through Self-Archiving

The fastest and most economical way to make your work open access is by self-archiving in an open access repository:

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Myths

“The publisher must own the copyright.”

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New Balance?

I publish when and what I like … squeek

Please buy my journal… mrrrow
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