Why open collections?

The majority of content available in CommonKnowledge is open access - openly accessibly to anyone with a computer and Internet connection. Opening up collections of Pacific student and faculty work, and hosting open access journals, services four primary purposes:

1. Visitors (including prospective students and parents) are able to see the high caliber of work produced - and expected - at Pacific.

2. Students and researchers around the world are provided with free access to scholarly works created by Pacific faculty - increasing the potential impact of our faculty’s work.

3. Pacific students are able to contribute to the knowledge base of their disciplinary fields, both through publication in student journals and through dissemination of their academic works.

4. By hosting open access journals, Pacific joins a growing number of institutions (including Harvard, Stanford and MIT) who are offering freely available peer-reviewed scholarship, in part as a response to the rising costs of accessing traditional subscription-based journals.
What is CommonKnowledge?

*CommonKnowledge* is the home of the collected scholarship and creative works of Pacific University’s faculty, staff and students - and of their collaborators from around the world. These open collections, organized and made accessible by the Pacific University Library, demonstrate Pacific’s commitment to the idea that shared information and academic collaboration are essential to the “progress of knowledge” in our global community.

*CommonKnowledge* also supports excellence among all members of our University community through collections of open educational resources for faculty, students and staff.

What’s in CommonKnowledge?

Faculty, staff and students from across Pacific University contribute a wide range of material to *CommonKnowledge*:

- **Academic work and scholarship**
  - Published articles
  - Senior theses
  - Graduate theses and dissertations
  - Research posters
  - Conference presentations

- **Open access journals**
  - *Essays in Philosophy*
  - Res Cogitans
  - *Pacific Northwest Journal of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities*
  - *Health and Interprofessional Practice*

- **Conference proceedings**

- **Image collections**

- **Archival materials**

- **Podcasts**

- **Original research papers**

- **Digital books**

How do I submit my work?

We encourage you to share your scholarly and creative works with the world through *CommonKnowledge*. Whether it is an unpublished or previously published work, we would be glad to include it as an example of faculty activities at the University.

If you are interested in submitting your work to *CommonKnowledge*, or have questions about copyright or related issues, please contact your subject specialists/liaison in the Library or Isaac Gilman (.x7209). You may also submit your work directly by visiting [http://commons.pacificu.edu/communities.html](http://commons.pacificu.edu/communities.html), selecting your school/department/unit and then using the “Submit Research” link on the left menu bar.

What kind of files do you accept?

Any kind of digital file may be submitted for inclusion in *CommonKnowledge*. This includes (but is not limited to) Word® or Excel® documents, data files, PDFs, PowerPoint® presentations, audio files, video files and image files (JPEG, TIFF, GIF, etc.). If a work is hosted on an external website (e.g. a student-created website or an online publication), it is possible to link from *CommonKnowledge* to the content.

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