

Open Access Resolution

Approved by a vote of the faculty on February 3, 2016

The faculty of Lake Forest College is committed to preserving knowledge and disseminating the results of research and scholarship as widely as possible. In keeping with this, the faculty endorses the following resolution:

All faculty and administrative staff with faculty status hereby resolve to grant to Lake Forest College limited permission to make scholarly journal articles openly accessible. Specifically, Lake Forest College is granted a non-exclusive license, allowing it to make each scholarly article openly accessible through the College's institutional repository, [Lake Forest College Publications](#), and permission to distribute each of these articles. Scholarly journal articles are understood to be articles published in peer-reviewed journals. Other forms of scholarship appropriate for faculty member's discipline (e.g., musical compositions or video) may also be placed in the repository.

This resolution will apply to all scholarly journal articles published while the author (whether co-author or not) is a member of the faculty. Furthermore, the license granted to Lake Forest College will be automatically waived at the sole discretion of the faculty member upon written or electronic notification to LIT's Digital Rights Task Force (DRTF). The non-exclusive license granted to Lake Forest College by this resolution will in no way interfere with the rights of the faculty member as the author of the work.

Faculty are requested, upon publication of an article, to submit an electronic copy of the author's final manuscript, along with appropriate bibliographic data, to the DRTF. The author's final manuscript is understood to be the last version the author sends to the publisher after completion of the peer review process.

Publishers are increasingly willing to allow authors to retain key rights to their scholarship. The DRTF can provide sample language that faculty can use to retain rights when negotiating with publishers, to ensure their scholarship has the widest possible distribution.

The DRTF, in consultation with the LIT Advisory Committee and the Provost and Dean of the Faculty, will be responsible for establishing

guidelines for this resolution's implementation, resolving disputes concerning its interpretation and application, and recommending changes to it when needed. The LIT Advisory Committee will review this resolution after three years and will submit a report to the faculty.

While this resolution pertains only to peer-reviewed journal articles, faculty are encouraged to provide bibliographic information and full-text (when possible) of other publications, such as chapters and essays in edited volumes, reference articles, non-peer reviewed articles, monographs, and visual, audio, or multimedia works, for inclusion in *Lake Forest College Publications*. Faculty are also encouraged, to provide previously published scholarship for inclusion in the institutional repository.

The day-to-day administration of this resolution will be the responsibility of the DRTF or other members of the current LIT staff designated by the Director of Library and Information Technology.

The text of this resolution is adapted with permission from the policies at [Bucknell University](#), [Muhlenberg College](#) and the [College of Wooster](#), whose policies were based on those of [Harvard University](#) and [Oberlin College](#).