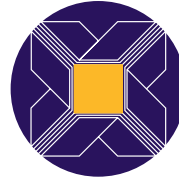




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## AAUP–ARL STATEMENT ON SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION

Modern scholarly communication is a complex system with a simple purpose: to provide the means by which the human knowledge and insight of the past may be preserved and shared in order to nourish the development of new ideas in the future. The members of the Association of American University Presses and the Association of Research Libraries all play a role in this vital and dynamic system, and we are united in our dedication to its purpose.

AAUP members have contributed to the fulfillment of this purpose by:

- working with and encouraging scholars in the development of their work;
- selecting, with the help of peer-reviewers and editorial boards, those manuscripts for publication that meet high standards of research and analysis;
- helping authors clarify and communicate their ideas;
- preparing manuscripts for publication in the appropriate medium and format, be it book or journal, print or electronic, single item or database; and
- distributing their publications to libraries, bookstores and scholars throughout the world.

At the same time, ARL members have contributed to the fulfillment of this purpose by:

- acquiring collections of scholarly books, journals and other materials of research value, both print and electronic, across a broad range of subjects and disciplines;
- organizing their collections for easy discovery and use;
- preserving their collections and providing long-term access to them;
- providing professional guidance to the resources available to scholars, in other libraries and special collections throughout the world; and
- instructing students in how to evaluate the quality of the many information resources available to them.

We are in a period of transition in scholarly communication brought about by economic stresses on libraries, presses, and higher education and by opportunities for new roles among all of the participants in the system created by new technologies. What each library and press does complements the work of the other and completes the cycle of scholarly communication, for readers without access to scholarship are as crippled as scholarship without access to readers. As their roles evolve, AAUP and ARL will work together to create a strong system of communication for scholars of the future so that knowledge may continue to advance, for the good of all.

*October 20, 2003 (New York, NY, and Washington, DC)*—The Association of American University Presses (AAUP) and the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) have formulated a Joint Statement on Scholarly Communication. The Statement sets forth the complementary roles of press and library within higher education, and indicates a strengthened commitment to cooperation and joint action.

With increased stresses on the system of scholarly communication--arising from swiftly changing technologies and difficult economic times--the two associations believe that both challenges and opportunities can be best addressed by cooperation within the academy.

"As a practical matter librarians and publishers work together all the time, and research libraries and university presses are already collaborating on some exciting joint ventures at a number of campuses," states Peter Givler, Executive Director of the AAUP. "I'm delighted with this formal recognition of our common interests, and look forward to the wonderful new opportunities for cooperation between our two organizations it creates."

Duane Webster, Executive Director of ARL, notes "The research library community looks forward to sharing innovative ideas and expertise in our mutual efforts to help build sustainable systems that meet the needs of today's and tomorrow's scholars."

The motivating spirit of the AAUP-ARL Joint Statement is a primary element of an evolving campaign of recognition of the importance of ongoing collaboration and conversation between these two important arms of the university. To broaden understanding between the members of ARL and AAUP and to encourage further collaboration, the associations are planning a "Year of the University Press" in 2004. Throughout the year, libraries would help raise the visibility of presses on campus by featuring university press works in exhibits, inviting university press authors and publishing professionals as speakers, and publishing articles about innovative library-press partnerships in library and campus newsletters. The program is under development and more information will be available soon.

The Association of American University Presses (AAUP), an organization of non-profit scholarly publishers, is dedicated to the support of creative and effective scholarly communications. Through professional development opportunities, cooperative programs, and information resources AAUP helps its 124 members fulfill their common commitments to scholarship, the academy and society.

The Association of Research Libraries (ARL) is a not-for-profit association of over 120 research libraries in North America. Its mission is to shape and influence forces affecting the future of research libraries in the process of scholarly communication. ARL programs and services promote equitable access to and effective use of recorded knowledge in support of teaching, research, scholarship, and community service. For more information on ARL, its members, and programs, see the ARL web site [www.arl.org](http://www.arl.org).