

# Scholarly Communications in the STEM Classroom

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# Background



12 years in  
public libraries

1.5 years in  
academic

Professional interests:

- ❖ Framework
- ❖ Instruction pedagogy
- ❖ Scholarly Communications
- ❖ Intersections of IL and SC

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# Finding the Class

## 2018-2019 Catalogs

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## Computer Science (CS)

### **CS 2315. Computer Ethics.**

This course is primarily for computer science majors, focusing on the ethical codes of the professional societies, the philosophical bases of ethical decision-making, and the examination of several contemporary case studies. Prerequisites: [CS 1428](#) and [ENG 1310](#) and [COMM 1310](#), and [PHIL 1305](#) or [PHIL 1320](#), all with a grade of "C" or better. (WI).

**3 Credit Hours. 3 Lecture Contact Hours. 0 Lab Contact Hours.**

**Course Attribute(s):** Writing Intensive

**Grade Mode:** Standard Letter

## Preparing to teach ScholComm to Sophomores: Choices of instructional themes

- ❖ The academic publishing ecosystem and its ramifications.
- ❖ Bad stuff exists, or How to vet every journal article you come across using Cabell's and Ulrich's.
- ❖ Google bad, Library good!
- ❖ No really, just trust me.

# Finding the intersection

Scholarship as Conversation Knowledge Practice:  
“New forms of scholarly and research  
conversations provide more avenues in which a  
wide variety of individuals may have a voice in the  
conversation”

# Final lesson chosen. Competency level: awareness.

- ❖ Lecture : Awareness of the ecosystem around publishing and how that causes fraudulent and "lazy" practices that can compromise the authority of scholarship.
- ❖ Activity : Bogus publication given to students (not one used by one of them, but it was in their field),
  - identify suspicious characteristics.
  - Leading hints: Look for the journal title (3 different ones given). Read the abstract (tons of spelling/grammar errors).
- ❖ Follow-up : Library databases are generally

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- **Supervised** techniques are used to detect anomalies in the availability of the ground truth labels in the case in synthetic datasets through the use of simulation tools [4]-[6].

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[scholar.waset.org/1307-6892/100](http://scholar.waset.org/1307-6892/100)

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One of the projects that used supervised techniques is avHome which aims at creating a smart home environment by using the activities' labels and the observed readings. To evaluate the accuracy of the supervised techniques, a dataset was created [10]. The dataset

# Outcomes

	# of Academic Articles	# of those at "good" quality**	# of overall sources current to last 4 years	Citations written per format
3	Full amount required	Full amount required	At least 75%	All citations
2	50% or more	50% or more	50% or more	50% or more
1	25-49%	25-49%	25-49%	25-49%
0	<25%	<25%	<25%	<25%

- ❖ Using the same rubric for the sources for Paper 1 (pre-intervention) and Paper 2 (post-intervention), their overall scores went from **65% to 87%**
- ❖ BUT Citation as a standalone assessment went from 2.32 to 2.23
- ❖ AND Paper 3 (I never saw them again) saw scores drop back down to 84%

# Questions?

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# Sources

- ❖ Competency-based assessment on the framework inspired by Megan Oakleaf's presentation "Work it! Own It! Gaining Confidence in Assessing the ACRL Framework", TLA Annual Conference, April 2017
- ❖ Rubric adapted from one in use and available here:  
<http://wsfcs.k12.nc.us/cms/lib/NC01001395/Centricity/Domain/1060/annotated%20bibliography%20rubric.doc>
  - #LibrarianFail – this is just one of many places the rubric is located. It seems to be commonly used for senior projects in high schools in NC. I've since lost the source where I originally found it!