DISSERTATING IN THE OPEN

Dissertating is the process of completing a dissertation, usually as part of a doctoral degree. A growing number of students worldwide are exploring the concept of dissertating in the open, engaging in some aspect of open scholarship during the dissertation process. There are many ways to be "open" during the process; it can be tailored to the student, the environment, and the subject matter. Being open is not an 'all or none' proposition. The purpose of this visual article is to introduce some ways open scholarship can be integrated into the dissertation process and product.



O·pen Schol·ar·ship

is a multifaceted concept.



Open Educational Resources

Open Pedagogy

Open Access Publishing

Open Peer Review

Open Data

Personal Learning Networks

Open scholars engage in the usual scholarly activities, but do so through public, often digital, workflows that result in openly accessible products.

Research

Teaching Conference **Participation**

Individual Reading, Writing, **8** Study

Mentoring &

Collaborative

Relationships

Writing, & **Study Groups** Personal

Reflection

Reading,

Professional Development

Videoconferencina

Slide Sharing Digital Curating

Formal Publication

Crowdsourcing

Presentations

Blogging

Microblogging ("Tweeting")

Proposals

Essays Think Pieces

Journal Articles

Presentations

Slide

Syntheses

Web

Downloadable Resources

Resources

Student Experience Pieces

Dissertation

Scholarly **Activities**



Public Workflows



Open Products

Dissertating is a scholarly process...



- (1) Identifying mentors & collaborators
- (2) Formulating the question (2) Exploring theoretical frameworks
- (3) Developing the study design
- (4) Considering dissemination formats
- (1) Data collection
- (2) Analysis (2) Writing
- (3) Incorporating feedback
- (1) Presentation (2) Receiving summative feedback
- (1) Publishing or otherwise sharing all, part, or adaptations of the thesis.

Slides

Crowdsourcing

on ideas or data

Data Elements

Livestreamed



...that is done in the public/open when the scope of sharing & feedback is expanded to include the entire length of the dissertation process.

Planning, Research & Writing

Literature **Process Preliminary Presentations &** Blogging **Synthesis** Reflections **Research Findings Identifying mentors Developing Personal** Tweeting 8 collaborators **Learning Network** Digital **Bibliographies Artifacts** Curation Talk Liveblogged Livetweeted

Defense

Publication

8/or Q8A

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