In January 2012, the Library's Center for Digital Scholarship and Services (CDSS) began monitoring the publishing output of OSU authors on a regular basis in the hopes of making more of it available via the ScholarsArchive@OSU (OSU’s open access institutional repository). The Web of Science™ (WoS) database was selected as an effective tool for this and monitors thousands of the peer reviewed journals in both the social sciences and the sciences.

We anticipated this project would identify 1600-2000 articles from OSU authors published each year. It was less clear how many of these articles would be in journals which allow the author to make deposits in the ScholarsArchive@OSU. Another unknown was the extent to which OSU authors would supply an earlier version of the article if they were unable to deposit the published version. So we began, and each week an RSS feed arrived with 20 - 50 citations for the OSU authored articles. For each of these, Deanne Bruner determines which (if any) version can be deposited in ScholarsArchive@OSU. On a monthly basis we began sending email requests to authors for permissions to make deposits on their behalf and, where needed, requesting their accepted manuscript.

On March 25th 2013 Debbie Campbell deposited our 1000th article for this project. Now in our second year, we find we are able to deposit a consistent 46-47% of the OSU affiliated content identified in the Web of Science™ database. Another 24-25% cannot be pursued because of publisher policies that are too restrictive or ill-defined concerning author archiving. Allowing for this, we have been able to deposit 58% of those articles that are “eligible” for deposit. The remaining 42% of eligible publications are those for which we have not been successful securing an author manuscript or for which we. Currently, author accepted manuscripts represent 36% of all deposits and while this is an area for improvement, we notice increased participation by authors in general in this regard.

In the past few years, the library has employed many strategies to assure that the research publications of OSU are available to the widest audience. The WoS Project is only the latest and will likely give way to something else in the future. With each new project CDSS staff applies expertise garnered from past projects, and makes the new one more effective. This has certainly been the case for the success of this project today.