Title: Bibliometric Research for New Information Science Scholars

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Summary: For those who are close to or have recently received their Ph.D., publishing research is a rite of passage. Scholars cross an invisible threshold when they grow from being consumers to producers of scientific knowledge. Information science scholars have myriad research methodologies and techniques from which to choose. Yet, few methods are as central to the field and provide such robust outcomes as scientometrics. Furthermore, bibliometric data is readily accessible for collection and there are plenty of free computer applications available online for analysis. The research process, however, is far from straightforward and can be overwhelming for those who have not already been through the gauntlet.

Join Dr. Olijnyk for a presentation on bibliometric research for new information science scholars. The goal of Dr. Olijnyk’s discussion is to share, in easy to understand terms, the experiences he gained while performing his recently published scientometric research. In particular, the presentation will cover many of the essential steps involved in using bibliometric resources, tools, and techniques. Most importantly, attendees will come away with practical knowledge of the technical nuances required to perform their own high quality research. Bring a pen and paper, for what you learn could lead to a John Garino Memorial Award and/or your first research publication!

Biography: Nicholas Olijnyk received his PhD in Information Studies from Long Island University (LIU) in 2014, where he also won the John Garino Memorial Award for Outstanding Student Research Paper for his paper, “Library Hi Tech: Understanding Information and Computer Security.” Dr. Olijnyk’s research interests can broadly be described as security informatics. His doctoral dissertation investigated various aspects of the information security research domain using the scientometric methodology. Moreover, Dr. Olijnyk has expanded on his dissertation research with a recently published article on the information security research domain and, in another research publication, quantitatively mapped the historical evolution of Ebola virus research.

Dr. Olijnyk currently serves as an adjunct professor for graduate-level cyber security courses with LIU’s Homeland Security and Terrorism Institute, where he also received cyber security education and training. In addition, he teaches an undergraduate course on computer systems for health care and public policy at LIU Post. His full-time employment is with a Nassau County Public Library, for which he has been given substantial information technology training over the last several years. His positions include the Head of the Information Technology Department and Systems Librarian. Dr. Olijnyk’s ultimate professional goal is to apply information science to problems of national/homeland security.