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Challenging Open Access Stereotypes

When scholars think about institutional repository content, they typically look to traditional scholarly content: journal articles, working papers, and select book chapters. Indeed data from [OpenDOAR](http://www.opendoar.org) supports this assertion:

![Content Types in OpenDOAR Repositories](image)

However, a recent [Chronicle article](http://chronicle.com/21stcentury/2011/03/08/when-youre-giving-a-talk-your-audience-0/) points out the value of scholars making their presentations available online:

> “When you’re giving a talk, your audience isn’t limited anymore to just the people in the room — one microblogger can transmit your ideas to the world… For this reason and several others, I think scholars should always publish their presentations.

A final choice might be your college or university’s institutional repository: check with your friendly local librarian to see if your organization has one and how you can use it to store and publish your work online.”

Presentations @ Butler Digital Commons

The following is a selection of exemplary presentations held in our Digital Commons:

- Provost Comstock has several excellent examples including a presentation that discusses current issues in higher education
- Sally Neal and others present about the development of an [online tutorial](http://www.bu.edu/digitalcommons/)
- [Amanda Gingerich](http://www.bu.edu/digitalcommons/2011/03/28/1-gingerich/) serves as a model for how the Digital Commons can be used to publish Power Point Presentations and poster sessions (be sure to click on “Related Files” at the bottom of the record)

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