

# OUTREACH STRATEGIES FOR CAMPUS CONVERSATIONS ON ACCESS TO FEDERALLY FUNDED RESEARCH

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AFFECTING RESEARCH LIBRARIES STEERING COMMITTEE

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## Convener:

Winston Tabb, Sheridan Dean of University Libraries and Vice-Provost for  
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## Presenters:

Sarah Michalak, University Librarian and Associate Provost, University of  
North Carolina at Chapel Hill

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## Background

Over the past several years, members of the research and education communities have actively explored and implemented new models for the publication, dissemination and access to research results. Federal agencies are also examining new models for public access to federally funded research and in 2005, the National Institutes of Health instituted a new "Policy on Enhancing Public Access to Archived Publications Resulting from NIH-Funded Research." Several pieces of legislation and the NIH policy would make federally funded research publicly available under certain circumstances.

Many academic leaders have signaled strong support for policies that promote public access to federally funded research, open access to peer-reviewed articles and the open sharing of data. Despite this support, understanding and support for these policies is not widespread in many disciplines. These policies offer new opportunities to accelerate research and broaden access within the research community making it important that we advance their discussion at our institutions.

The panelists will explore how to engage members of the research community on new public access policies to federally funded research. The discussions will identify tools and resources that would be helpful to assist ARL directors and their staffs in effective outreach strategies to the research community.