

TITLE ScholarWorks@GVSU Policies

INTRODUCTION

ScholarWorks@GVSU is an open-access repository maintained by the GVSU Libraries that showcases and maintains works by GVSU scholars. The mission of ScholarWorks@GVSU is to collect and preserve scholarly and creative works by GVSU faculty, staff and students. Materials in ScholarWorks@GVSU may be viewed by anyone.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

All Grand Valley State University faculty, staff and students are encouraged to add their scholarly and creative works into ScholarWorks@GVSU. Researchers affiliated with GVSU may also place their works into ScholarWorks@GVSU via the appropriate GVSU unit or department, with permission from the author/rights-holder(s).

DEFINITION OF SCHOLARLY AND CREATIVE WORK

The Libraries welcome scholarly, educational, or research-oriented submissions, which support the intellectual life of the University and have enduring value. Submissions should be complete works that are in, or can be converted to, a technically feasible file format, and should be able to meet any guidelines for scholarly work deemed appropriate by the sponsoring unit. The author(s) must be willing and able to grant the right to preserve and distribute the work.

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REMOVING OR UPDATING WORK

ScholarWorks@GVSU is intended to be a permanent scholarly repository. Under special circumstances an author may request to have an item removed. It may also be necessary in certain circumstances to remove an item from the repository, such as when a work violates copyright law. However, once a work is deposited in the repository, a citation to the work will always remain.

Authors are allowed to post updated versions of their work, but these updates do not need to replace previous versions. Posting updated versions alongside original versions is one way that the repository can allow authors to show the progress of their work.

PERSISTENT ACCESS AND MIGRATION

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