DISPATCHES FROM BLOG PURGATORY

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2009-2011
SCHOLAR BLOGGERS (ACTIVE)

Found that active scholar bloggers’ perceive their blogs as positively impacting their scholarly lives, and contributing to invitations to publish, present and collaborate …
SCHOLARLY LIFE

- Promotion: Improved 50%, Neither 60%, Impaired 10%
- Greater Visibility: Improved 80%, Neither 20%
- Work Enjoyment: Improved 45%, Neither 55%
- Teaching Quality: Improved 70%, Neither 30%
- Sharing Pre-Pubs: Improved 90%, Neither 10%
- Writing Efficiency: Improved 65%, Neither 35%
- Writing Quality: Improved 85%, Neither 15%
- Research Quality: Improved 75%, Neither 25%
- Research Creativity: Improved 70%, Neither 30%
- Research Productivity: Improved 60%, Neither 40%
Further, most viewed their blogs as part of their scholarly record, with an interest in preserving their blogs. Most took some action to save their blog, in whole or in part.
SCHOLARSHIP

- Public 100%
- Allows use and exchange 94%
- Subject to critical review 68%

66% agree with all three criteria

Scholarly record 80%

Association of Research Libraries (1986)
Braxton, Luckey, & Helland (2002)
PRESERVATION

80%

preservation for public access & use into the indefinite future
SAVING

Subscription services
Export tools
Personal back-ups
Document/text files
Via syndication services

46%

Purposefully save entire blog via an archiving service or independently

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SERVICES

Subscription to web or blog archiving or back-up service

examples:
BACKUPIFY
BLOGBACKUPR
BACKUPMYBLOG
INTERNET ARCHIVE
LOC’s LEGAL BLAWGS ARCHIVE
but...
What about those blogs that are no longer published to but still publicly available?
BLOG ELIGIBILITY (644)

- PUBLICLY AVAILABLE = 570 (86%)
- PUBLISHED IN ENGLISH = 544 (84%)
- KNOWLEDGE OR PERSONAL BLOG = 498 (77%)
- TIME-STAMPED POSTS = 496 (77%)
- ACTIVELY PUBLISHED TO = 271 (42%)
- AT LEAST 1 YEAR OLD = 231 (36%)
- IDENTIFIERS (RE: AUTHORSHIP) = 208 (32%)
2009-2011
SCHOLAR BLOGGERS (ACTIVE)

69% left no message behind on where they went or if they will be back etc.

INELIGIBLE BLOG ... Available but not actively published to in previous 3 months (n=156)
2012-PRESENT

SCHOLAR BLOGGERS (INACTIVE)

556 (61%)  
ACTIVE BLOGS  
currently published

353 (39%)  
INACTIVE BLOGS  
no new posts

“a note tacked to the door?”

230 (65%)  
NONE

77 (22%)  
LAST POST ONLY

46 (13%)  
2ND OR 3RD

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THE END IS HERE ...

“This blog has completed its mission.”

“I will leave the blog up for whatever value it has. And I thank those of you who have commented and sent encouraging support. Now, it is my aim to have more time to paint and write.”
I’M STILL HERE ...

“... at any rate, I'm not ready to throw in the towel, despite a year of not blogging here. I've gotten too much out of it - great friends, even my current job - to quit just yet. The question is: How do I get the motivation back?”
[AUG 2012] “I’m shocked by how long it’s been since I’ve posted on here. I’ve put up a few posts over at ... since I stopped posting here, but not many. I’m posting this to say that I’ll soon be back!”

(2nd to most recent post: June 15, 2010)

“This site is under construction and will be until I stop being lazy.”
“I’ve begun to feel like this blog is less and less suited to my day-to-day activities. Rather than try to force it to fit, I’ve decided to build something new.”
APPRECIATION ... or not

“And, of course, my schedule will be a bit more flexible once I am free of this aged blog, this paltry thing.”

[COMMENT]: “Where are you man, why you are not writing anymore”
“There may still be some activity on this site as I back-fill some old and (for inactive blogs) posts from other blogging platforms. My goal is to eventually have this as a (more or less) complete archive of my personal blogging from early 1998 to this year.”

“I want to keep the site up. I would be sad if the archives disappeared. Lots of good stuff. But keeping the place up? ... well, we’ll see.”
2012-PRESENT
BIBLIOBLOGGERS (IN/ACTIVE)

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