

2009 Biomedical Research Integrity Program

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Characterizing Publication Integrity



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UW: Noon-1:00 p.m.
Coffee 11:30-11:55
Hogness Auditorium
A420, Health Sciences
Building

FHCRC: 2:00-3:00 p.m.,
Pelton Auditorium

In his presentation, Dr. Garner will describe the Déjà vu project, which aims to exploit new text analysis and comparison techniques to identify, document and study potential problems within the biomedical and related research literatures. Specifically, the project couples extensive computer-based text similarity comparisons of Medline citations with manual (human) inspection of full text articles whose citations have high similarity. Such research can be used by responsible bodies to establish or refine guidelines for scientific writing, as a teaching tool by example, and as a deterrent by providing not only a plurality of examples but also by providing a free pro-active on-line tool, eTBLAST (etblast.org), for editors and reviewers to identify similar citations. By introducing this tool and relevant examples, Dr. Garner will engage the audience in meaningful consideration of implications for Research Integrity.

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