University of KwaZulu-Natal Library is celebrating International Open Access (OA) week. The library has planned to host events across all campuses. The focus for this year is to enlighten the University community on where to publish and the process to follow. The library events include Displays, Webinar and other marketing activities. Part of Celebrating OA week is the Acknowledgement of UKZN Authors who are publishing on OA platforms by showcasing the downloads of their articles or book chapters. This will include statistics generated from UKZN Open Journals System (OJS) https://journals.ukzn.ac.za/. One of the highlights of OJS is the accreditation of the African Journal Of Governance & Development. The African Journal of Governance & Development has recently been indexed by IBSS and the Editor-in-Chief is Professor Betty Mubangizi from the School of Management, IT and Governance School of Management.

In addition to various activities of the week, UKZN Library will be hosting a Virtual presentation with Mr Josh Bolick. He is the Scholarly Communication Librarian at the University of Kansas Libraries’ David Shulenburger Office of Scholarly Communication & Copyright in Lawrence KS, USA. Josh holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of North Carolina, Wilmington and a Masters in Library and Information Studies from Florida State University. In his role at KU, Josh advocates for Open Access, author’s rights, and Open Education. He is a presenter for the Open Textbook Network and an OER Research Fellow with the Open Education Group. He is also a co-principal investigator on two Institute of Museum and Libraries Services, administering grants totalling almost $300,000 to explore the potential of OER as a vehicle for expanding scholarly communication expertise. He has published in the Journal of Librarianship and Scholarly Communication, the Journal of Wildlife Management, and most recently in the Journal of Copyright in Education and Librarianship, as well as other venues. He enjoys good food and bicycles, and may be reached on Twitter at @joshbolick.

The first event will be held on the 23rd of October and the venue is virtual, the time is 2:30-3:30pm. Event registration: http://bit.ly/2BiSk5s.

The event url: https://kansas.zoom.us/j/895236309

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