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### The Scholarly Kitchen. What's Hot and Cooking in Scholarly Publishing

<https://scholarlykitchen.sspnet.org/>

If you have always thought that blogs were a waste of time, since most of them have pretty ordinary and recycled information, then “The Scholarly Kitchen. What’s Hot and Cooking In Scholarly Publishing” can make you change your mind.

Born officially in 2008 from an idea by Kent Anderson (currently CEO of RedLink and RedLink Network), the Scholarly Kitchen aims to bring together differing opinions, commentary and ideas concerning scholarly communication and presenting them openly.

It is the official blog of the Society for Scholarly Publishing whose mission is to advance scholarly publishing and communication and the professional development of its members through education, collaboration and networking. The blog’s odd, but certainly memorable, title was intentionally chosen to give the idea of welcoming and socialising within the STM publishing community. In Anderson’s words “if anything is welcoming it’s the kitchen [:] It’s perhaps the most functional space in any busy home. And this is intended to be a busy space for scholarly publishers”.

And indeed it is a socialising place. Discussion among readers, available as comments at the bottom of each published article, are sometimes as interesting as the article itself, being an open source of exchange among the community of STM information experts. Also researches can sometimes be presented in a provocative way to further stimulate discussion between readers.

The blog covers a great number of topics, from metrics and analytics to publishing business models, and can rely on the cooperation of many experts in the publishing field (the so-called “chefs” according to the blog’s terminology). Browsing by categories you can access the collection of articles about the most common topics of interest, such as on open access, peer review or ethics in publishing. But you may also be attracted by stranger keywords such as “Nostalgia”, where you can discover what things such as the blockbuster movie Ghostbusters or Shelley’s Ozymandias can have in common with STM publishing, or “World of Tomorrow” that can give you a glimpse into the future of publishing.

For editors, the blog is an excellent source of information and stimuli. Just to give some examples, the blog can answer some intriguing questions such as why publishers and editors are wasting their time formatting citations, or whether we can measure the value of professional editors or finally, when a journal sinks, whether the editor should go down with the ship. So you can browse the blog looking for a specific topic such as “Archives”, “Collections” or searching for a single term, or you can just surf the website, stopping when a recipe/article boosts your cooking/publishing creativity.

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The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Scholarly Kitchen website. It includes social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, and RSS, along with a search bar and a magnifying glass icon. The main header features the logo "THE SCHOLARLY kitchen" and a navigation menu with links for "ABOUT", "ARCHIVES", "COLLECTIONS", "CHEFS", "PODCAST", and "FOLLOW". Below the navigation is a large banner image with the text "What's Hot and Cooking In Scholarly Publishing".

The featured article preview shows a dark, artistic image of a person's torso and arms, overlaid with a grid of text. The article title is "Publishing in a Time of Information Warfare – A Wakeup Call". The byline reads "By KENT ANDERSON | APR 3, 2017 | LEAVE A COMMENT".