CSC 803: Module 5 Assignment Answers

Module 5 covered some details that you may not have considered but which can affect your future. Where you publish affects who can access your work, and that can impact the extent to which your work contributes to the body of knowledge in your profession and to your reputation. And, of course, no one wants their career ruined through accidental plagiarism.

I wish you great success as you move forward in the program and achieve your doctorate!

Ethical Use of Information

2. Do the practice exercise in B3 (10 questions) and then answer the question below.

   a. Select one practice question (from the 10 practice questions in B3) that you found particularly helpful, illuminating, surprising, or interesting for some reason. Why did you select it? (Indicate which question number you selected and write a short paragraph -- 2 to 3 sentences -- explaining why you selected it).

      = The answer depends on your choice. The purpose of this question was to get you to examine the examples of plagiarism to make sure you recognize it when you see it. If you can recognize it, you can avoid accidentally plagiarizing when doing your own writing.

Author rights and selecting a publisher

1. Go to: Author rights and watch the video "Bargaining for Better Publication Agreements."

   a. What is one valuable point about author rights that you learned from the video? Provide your answer in a brief paragraph (2 or 3 sentences).

      = answer depends on your choice.

      You are in control and can choose how and where you publish. You might believe very strongly that all material should be available open access, and that would guide decisions. However, getting published in a very prestigious journal is extremely tempting for the sake of one’s reputation. If that happens, negotiating the contract is a way to preserve rights that are important to you.

3. Selecting a publisher

   d. Answer the following questions using Journal Citation Reports (JCR)

      1) What is the impact factor of the highest ranked journal?

         = 8.124

      2) Click on the title of the highest ranked journal. What is the full title (not abbreviated title) of the journal?

         = IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON EVOLUTIONARY COMPUTATION
3) Explore the information provided about the title.

4) Return to the list of journals ranked by impact factor and look at the numbers for the three (3) highest ranked journals. To learn about Eigenfactor, go here. Why is the order in which the Eigenfactor ranks the 3 journals different from the order in which the impact factor ranks the journals?

   = “The Eigenfactor Score calculation is based on the number of times articles from the journal published in the past five years have been cited in the JCR year, but it also considers which journals have contributed these citations so that highly cited journals will influence the network more than lesser cited journals. References from one article in a journal to another article from the same journal are removed, so that Eigenfactor Scores are not influenced by journal self-citation.”