

**Title of Session:** Publishing Your Work

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**BJB2:** Welcome to Publishing Your Work

**DebraSp:** What a great group!

**BJB2:** are you ready to turn up the heat on your publishing?

**MonicaW:** Yes

**TimothyPW:** I am

**BJB2:** . o O ( I brought towels and bubbles )

**DebraSp:** I like to soak in the hot tub during this session.

**BJB2** pours in some bubbles.

**SusanR** turns up the heat and sips a cool drink

**DebraSp** slips into the hot tub.

**MonicaW:** my salts, please!

**BJB2** passes around glasses of iced tea

**SusanR** is feeling quite relaxed

**DebraSp:** Hello, everyone. Should we start with introductions?

**BJB2** nods to Debbie

**BJB2:** I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania

**SusanR:** K to 8 Occasional Teacher from Ottawa, Ontario Canada

**BJB2:** . o O ( and a TI groupie )

**MonicaW:** I am an ESOL teacher in Florida

**DebraSp:** I'm a professor in Virginia.

**MonicaW:** and curriculum coordinator in an IEP

**TimothyPW:** I am a Pre-service teacher in Houston Texas at University of Houston

**LolitaLB** joined the room.

**LolitaLB:** Hello everyone

**DebraSp:** Thanks for coming, everyone. Lolita, we are doing introductions.

**DebraSp:** Has anyone attended this session before?

**MonicaW:** not me

**LolitaLB:** Thank you very much and no

**LolitaLB:** It looked interesting

**DebraSp:** Tim? Susan?

**BJB2:** if you are new to Tapped In, go to the actions menu in the top right of this chat window and click on DETACH

**DebraSp:** I like to keep things informal and see what parts of the publishing process people want information about.

**SusanR:** nope

**DebraSp:** For the past four years I have served as the editor for the Journal of Technology and Teacher Education.

**DebraSp:** I know the process from both sides, author and editor.

**DebraSp:** Is there anything specific on people's minds at this time?

**LolitaLB:** A colleague suggested I publish a lesson so I thought I'd look into it

**LolitaLB:** Totally new to it

**MonicaW:** what makes or does not make the cut?

**DebraSp:** Good, Lolita. I can give you advice on how to do that.

**MonicaW:** any tips?

**CynthiaSA** joined the room.

**LolitaLB:** Just started the lesson so I'd like to see how it goes. But what then?

**DebraSp:** Let me go through the process and then I will give you tips on how to get published.

**LolitaLB:** Sounds good

**MonicaW:** ok

**DebraSp:** The first part is to identify your audience and figure out the right journal for submitting your work.

**TimothyPW:** ok

**DebraSp:** For a lesson plan idea, I suggest Learning and Leading with Technology.

They publish articles about the use of technology in classrooms.

**DebraSp:** You can find information about L&L at

<http://www.iste.org/LL/32/3/index.cfm>

**LolitaLB:** What if the focus is not on technology? Dare I say that?

**DebraSp:** Once you identify the journal become familiar with it. See what types of articles they publish and read the guidelines.

**PamelaSB** joined the room.

**DebraSp:** It is alright if it is not on technology, the process for publishing is the same.

**DebraSp** smiles

**LolitaLB:** ok

**PamelaSB:** hello everyone

**LolitaLB:** Hi Pamela

**DebraSp:** I am afraid I do not know where to suggest you send it without additional information. Perhaps we can discuss a good journal later in the session.

**MonicaW:** what do you think of professional organization magazines?

**MonicaW:** is that a good place to start?

**DebraSp:** Every journal provides author guidelines. it is important to read these and follow them. If you don't the article can be rejected, even if the content is good.

**DebraSp:** Yes, professional organization magazines are good.

**DebraSp:** There is a difference between peer-reviewed and non-peer-reviewed journals. Such magazines are usually non-peer reviewed.

**MonicaW:** are those less credible?

**DebraSp:** This means an editor reviews the article and makes a decision. Peer-reviewed means there are several reviewers who review the articles and make recommendations to the editor.

**DebraSp:** Peer-reviewed journals carry more weight in the tenure process in higher ed.

**LolitaLB:** That makes sense

**DebraSp:** Yes, the more people who review makes the process harder to get published and provides credibility. This does not mean that you should not publish in different journals.

**DebraSp:** You should publish in non-peered review journals, just know the difference.

**MonicaW:** ok

**LolitaLB:** Can you/Have you published on-line?

**DebraSp:** Yes, I have published online. Again some are peer-reviewed and some are not.

**LolitaLB:** Why are non-peer better?

**DebraSp:** Peer-reviewed are better because more people look at the article before it is published, more people making the decision.

**LolitaLB:** I think I misunderstood before

**RenesiahaC:** Do you prefer to publish online?

**DebraSp:** Once you write the article and submit it, it has to go through a review process. That takes time.

**DebraSp:** I do not have a preference as to print-based or online. I go by the journal and the content I want to convey.

**RenesiahaC:** okay.

**DebraSp:** I find the right journal for the article.

**RenesiahaC:** How long does it take to publish an article?

**DebraSp:** There are pros and cons to publish in print vs online.

**DebraSp:** An online journal can publish more frequently so the wait time is lower. Print-based takes longer and more expensive to publish.

**RenesiahaC:** Yeah, I figured that.

**LolitaLB:** Is there a standard fee?

**DebraSp:** The con is some disciplines are still reluctant to accept online publications.

**TimothyPW:** oh I did not know that

**MonicaW:** makes sense

**RenesiahaC:** So that would be a pro to publishing online.

**DebraSp:** A fee for what?

**LolitaLB:** to join/publish (remember I'm clueless about it)

**DebraSp:** It is getting easier to have online journals accepted as they become more common-place. However, many online journals are run by PhD students. That causes concern for professors trying to get tenured.

**DebraSp:** There is no fee for publishing.

**DebraSp:** There is a fee to subscribe to the journal.

**LolitaLB:** ok

**DebraSp:** However, many journals send you a copy or two if you have an article published in it.

**DebraSp:** The process for publishing can take a few months or as much as a year.

**LolitaLB:** Is that all there is to it?

**DebraSp:** No, once the reviews come back it is not unusual to have to do some revising.

**DebraSp:** Often the reviewers want changes. You as the author decided which changes you are willing to make, but keep in mind if you don't the editor may decide not to publish the article.

**LolitaLB:** You mentioned one journal. Any others that you think are really good?

**DebraSp:** There are several reasons why an article can be rejected so we should discuss that.

**MonicaW:** sure

**DebraSp:** There are several wonderful journals (not the least mine).

**DebraSp** laughs

**ReneshiaC:** If you refuse to make any changes, do you think another editor will consider you work?

**DebraSp:** Yes. If an article is rejected, you should consider the reviewers' comments and submit elsewhere.

**ReneshiaC:** okay

**DebraSp:** An article can be rejected because it may not be a good fit for the journal.

**DebraSp:** It may also be rejected because of quality. That is why it is a good idea to read the comments.

**DebraSp:** Simple things that people forget about can cause an article to be rejected. Things like not following the guidelines, not proofreading and correcting typos, not checking references carefully.

**ReneshiaC:** What are the guidelines?

**DebraSp:** You cannot submit an article to more than one journal at a time so you need to wait for the rejection before submitting it elsewhere.

**LolitaLB:** That's good info

**DebraSp:** The author guidelines that all journals publish.

**ReneshiaC:** I did not know that.

**DebraSp:** You can find them inside the cover of the journal or on the journal's website.

**DebraSp:** Did not know what, Reneshia?

**DebraSp:** My journal is at <http://www.aace.org/pubs/jtate/default.htm>

**DebraSp:** You will find submission guidelines there.

**BJB2** . o O ( click on the hyperlink to open a new window )

**ReneshiaC:** no.

**BJB2** . o O ( if you have a pop up blocker, hold down the ctrl key as you click )

**DebraSp:** Once an article is accepted (often after revisions are made), you have to wait to see it published. This is referred to as "in press."

**MonicaW:** yes, guidelines are clearly established

**ReneshiaC:** Sorry I was confused, but I did not know you could not submit your work to another publisher, until you received feed back from the first one.

**DebraSp:** The final editing is done and the article is made copypage ready.

**ReneshiaC:** I am also clueless in this area so I am learning a great bit.

**DebraSp:** You will get copies of the article in this format, called pageproofs. You check them over for any typos or errors.

**DebraSp:** Once you approve the pageproofs the article goes to the printer.

**DebraSp:** Then you have your first published article!

**LolitaLB:** This was very informative

**DebraSp:** The reason you do not send it to two journals is because the journal that publishes the article holds the copyright.

**MonicaW:** yes, thank you:-)

**DebraSp:** Two journals cannot publish the same article.

**DebraSp:** What other questions do you have?

**LolitaLB:** Thanks everyone for allowing me to join and I'll talk to you soon Dr. D

**DebraSp:** Thank you for joining, Lolita.

**LolitaLB** left the room (signed off).

**DebraSp:** Other questions? Anyone?

**RenesiahaC:** no

**RenesiahaC:** You have been extremely informative. Good job!

**SusanR:** Thank you Debra! Helpful tips and constructive ideas

**CynthiaSA:** Is there a better way than trial and error to figure out which journal to submit to?

**DebraSp:** Well, thank you for joining tonight. This will be meeting on Tuesdays next semester.

**DebraSp:** Yes, Cynthia. Get to know the journal, read it and become familiar with it.

**CynthiaSA:** thanks

**MonicaW:** good night

**DebraSp:** That is the best way. The other way is to talk to the editor.

**DebraSp:** Most editors will respond to questions.

**TimothyPW:** thank you

**DebraSp:** You are welcome, Tim. Thanks for attending.