Title: Puzzling out Transformative Agreements: A good deal or not?

**Abstract**:

Transformative agreements have become extremely popular. Over the last several years, the University of Kentucky Libraries has reviewed a wide variety of proposals from several publishers. As a result of the differing models offered, we have been gathering open access publication data by the University of Kentucky authors to get a better sense of where our faculty are publishing open access research. We have also been using this data to see where we compare with our peer institutions within the SEC and to our benchmark and aspirational institutions. This table talk will discuss the challenges and issues with transformative agreements both from an institutional perspective and within the broader scholarly publishing landscape.

**Questions:**

What experience have you had with these agreements?

What do you see as the benefits and pitfalls? Are they sustainable?

Are transformative agreements the new version of the Big Deal?

How do you see these agreements changing the library collections and scholarly publishing landscapes?

APCs and journal subscription models have proven to be barriers to getting research widely available, what are the other alternatives?

What data should be used to assess the success of transformative agreements?

How do you think the OSTP memo will impact library negotiations and agreements with publishers?