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# I'D LIKE TO CHANGE DIRECTIONS



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# ME! : AN EXAMPLE



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## A Personal Open Access Plan



Watching the momentum swirl in academia in response to RWA and the increasing verbal acknowledgement by faculty that the closed access publishing system isn't working has been exciting. I've talked to a number of students and faculty who are very interested in what's happening. The students, particularly, are horrified at the status quo (whether their horror outlasts their need to publish in the future remains to be seen).

Thinking about this and the efforts at [Cost of Knowledge](#) and the [blog posts](#) of very smart colleagues, an idea started forming in my head that I wanted to share with you—mostly to keep myself accountable, partially so I can give you updates as it happens, and finally so I think through this a little more.

I am making a public commitment to try to get tenure at UIC only publishing in Open Access journals.

Why is this scary? I'm at a R1 institution and a huge portion of my tenure evaluation is my ability to publish. I'm absolutely in a publish or perish situation for the next four years and that's a big red flashing deadline at the top of the really long to do list.

What are the opportunities? There are a number of new(er) peer reviewed OA journals in the library field that will be good fits for me. Most of the ALA Journals have gone OA. I have friends and colleagues who have expressed interest in writing with me and who think

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