


New Brochure Offers Pointers on Publishing Careers

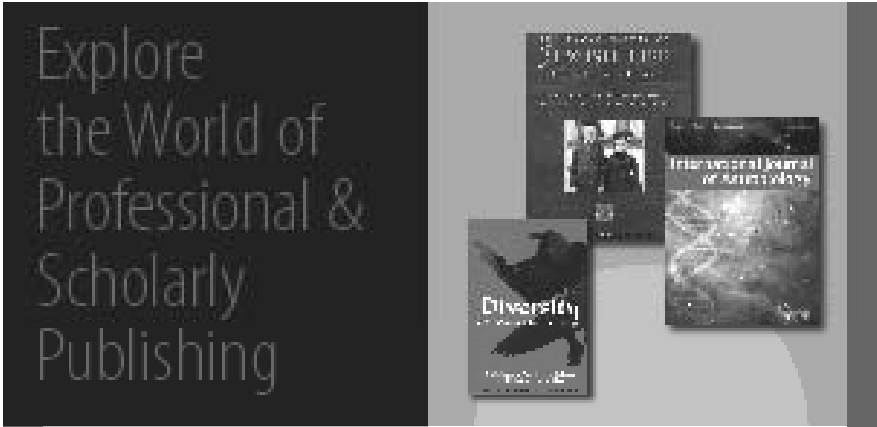
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A new brochure by former CSE President Barbara Meyers offers advice and resources for students and professionals interested in entering science editing and related fields. Titled *Explore the World of Professional and Scholarly Publishing*, the 16-page brochure includes

- Reasons to enter professional and scholarly publishing, descriptions of positions available, and checklists for determining suitability for such careers and skills needed for success in them.
- A list of publication types and settings and examples of “prestigious journals” and major books.
- Pointers on applying for jobs and information on job-search resources.
- Information on sources of education and training, including university programs, internships, and membership organizations in the field.
- An excellent list of Web sites, periodicals, articles, white papers, and books and directories.

Meyers notes that publishing has been called an “accidental profession” because people from varied backgrounds just seem to stumble into careers in it. Her brochure seeks to remove some of the serendipity.

The booklet was commissioned by the Professional and Scholarly Publishing Division of the Association of American Publishers with the Society for Scholarly Publishing and the Association of American University Presses. It can be accessed online at www.pspcentral.org. Paper copies can be obtained by e-mailing sbrandwein@publishers.org. 



Explore the World of Professional & Scholarly Publishing

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Looking for a dynamic, satisfying career? Then look to scholarly publishing!

From the first writing on papyrus in 3400 BC to the 21st century with more than 100 million domains now registered on the World Wide Web, people in all the professions — arts and humanities, the natural and social sciences, engineering, and health care — have relied on publishers to help them communicate with their peers.

Publishing has been called one of the “accidental” professions because often, without any set plan, people from diverse disciplines nonetheless find their way there, many of them having started out in pursuit of some other profession. Perhaps it was because they love to read or want to be near the cutting edge of research.

I did not set out from school to be a publisher.
John H. Morgan, Publisher, Thomas Aron Press

No matter what your reason for exploring professional and scholarly publishing, we invite you to take a close look. In this booklet you can explore the possibilities that await someone with your unique talent.

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