

## Unbound: Open-Access Column Launched

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Science Editor is pleased to initiate a column on open access, Unbound. The column is coordinated by Editorial Board member Elizabeth L Fleischer, editor of *MRS Bulletin*, the monthly publication of the Materials Research Society.

The column is expected to cover a broad array of open-access topics. It will be geared to help those involved in the scientific literature to understand the forces of change related to open access and implications of the changes. "The issue of open access has triggered hot discussion and has the potential to cause sweeping changes in how scientific literature is handled",

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Fleischer said. "Many changes are already happening."

Fleischer said that the new column will build on what already has been debated and present information in a streamlined format. It will review how models of open access affect management of the review process, editing, and copyright. The first column, which appears on pages 103-104, provides an overview of open access and some of the issues it poses for science editors. It also lists some examples of open access and some resources for more information.



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"We hope to explore differences across geographic borders, disciplines, and institutions", Fleischer said. Although the column is aimed mainly at science editors, effects on vendors, publishers, libraries, the public, and others will also be covered.

Fleischer received her BSE degree in materials science and engineering from the University of Pennsylvania in 1985. She received her MS and PhD degrees in materials science and engineering with a minor in biomechanics from Cornell University in 1988 and 1991, respectively. As editor of *MRS Bulletin*, she is responsible for establishing content, soliciting and editing contributions from researchers, maintaining technical quality of contributions, and performing related tasks. 