Keeping Current in Your Field of Research

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Keeping Current

- Keeping current with new ways of keeping current is a big job!
- Now more than ever new(ish) technologies, tools and services exist to help you.
- Online tools can help (blogs, podcasts, email lists…)
- Alerting services, both by email and RSS feeds, can keep you up-to-date with research in your field.

Today's Session

- Social Tools – Blogging, Twitter
- Social Networking for Researchers
- Other methods (Podcasts, Preprint, Email discussion lists)
- Alerts
  - Email
  - RSS

Before your start

Before signing up:

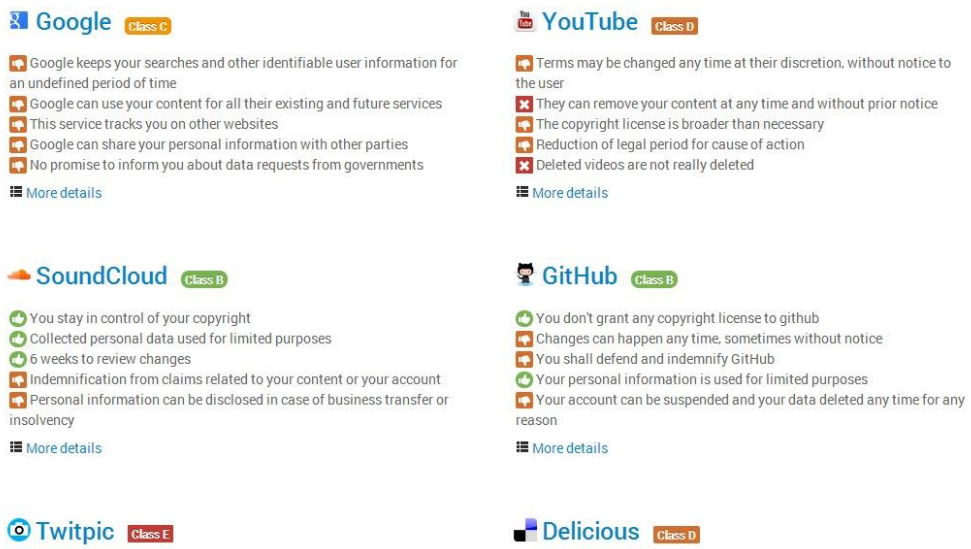
- Be aware that your profile is public
- Read the small print
- Who owns the data?
- Third party services can close down; they can be sold

Before your start

Terms of Service Didn't Read

http://tosdr.org

"I have read and agree to the Terms" is the biggest lie on the web.



Google Class C

- Google keeps your searches and other identifiable user information for an undefined period of time
- Google can use your content for all their existing and future services
- This service tracks you on other websites
- Google can share your personal information with other parties
- No promise to inform you about data requests from governments

More details

YouTube Class D

- Terms may be changed any time at their discretion, without notice to the user
- They can remove your content at any time and without prior notice
- The copyright license is broader than necessary
- Reduction of legal period for cause of action
- Deleted videos are not really deleted

More details

SoundCloud Class B

- You stay in control of your copyright
- Collected personal data used for limited purposes
- 6 weeks to review changes
- Indemnification from claims related to your content or your account
- Personal information can be disclosed in case of business transfer or insolvency

More details

GitHub Class B

- You don't grant any copyright license to github
- Changes can happen any time, sometimes without notice
- You shall defend and indemnify GitHub
- Your personal information is used for limited purposes
- Your account can be suspended and your data deleted any time for any reason

More details

Twitpic Class E

Delicious Class D

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Blogs

http://wordpress.com/

http://www.blogger.com/

http://www.typepad.com/

- **Academic blogs can be interesting sources of new and cutting edge research.**
- **PhD students start blogging to put their thoughts out there – bounce ideas off others and invite comments to further enhance their journey towards their finished dissertations.**

PhD Blog (dot) Net

What is it with the dark social…?

October 19th, 2013

I can understand using the term in relation to its original and specific context of web analytics. However, I see it increasingly adopted as an alternative buzz phrase for those familiar and ubiquitous communication channels that were around before social media (such as e-mail), which seems nothing more than a rebranding exercise. If anything, this reveals a continued failure to contextualise new technologies and practices with those that are pre-existing and predominant.

Tags: social media
Posted in Posts | No Comments »

No more blurred conference slide photos

October 12th, 2013

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Yurika Sugita on Social media training: developing ecological perspectives

Neil Postman: Bullshit and the Art of Crap Detection | Delightful & Distinctive COLRS on It takes one to know one: Bullshit and the Art of Crap-Detection

Geoff Ball on Twitter Timelines and the Art of Skim

That Digital Natives Thing PhD Blog (dot) Net « New Images of Education on That Digital Natives Thing

In addition to individuals, there are blogs from respected journals and academic institutions ….

BMJ Group Blogs

Search blogs

Evidence-Based Medicine blog SUBSCRIBE NOW

Primary Care Corner with Geoff Modest MD: Lifestyle interventions to prevent heart disease

23 Oct, 13 | by Dr Richard Saitz, Editor of Evidence-Based Medicine

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the american heart association published a position paper focusing on lifestyle interventions to prevent heart disease (see http://circ.ahajournals.org/content/early/2013/10/07/01.cir.0000435173.25936.e1.citation). they note:

– there is abundant evidence that the risk of heart disease is much lower in those with better cardiovascular health metrics (nonsmoking, good diet, physical activity, normal BMI, normal BP, optimal lipids and normal fasting glucose): 78% less heart disease over 5.8 years in those with 5 or more of the above compared to those with none, with similar numbers in longer term studies

–younger adults with healthy behaviors track to having lower biological risk as they age.

–those with initially poorer health behaviors who can change them do better clinically.

–health care providers, even with brief interventions, are able to help patients quit smoking, improve their diets, and increase physical activity.

BMJ Blogs Evidence-Based MEDICINE

Evidence-Based Medicine blog
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Latest from Evidence-Based Medicine

- Online Articles: Antibiotics are not beneficial for patients with clinically diagnosed uncomplicated acute rhinosinusitis (19 Sep 2013)
- Online Articles: Exenatide may improve maintenance of HbA1c targets, with less hypoglycaemia, but more early adverse effects when compared with low-dose glimepiride (19 Sep 2013)
- Online Articles: Vaccination of older adults against herpes zoster is safe and effective (19 Sep 2013)
- Online Articles: Screening for type 2 diabetes does not reduce mortality over 10 years (19 Sep 2013)
- Online Articles: Currently available smartphone apps for asthma have worrying deficiencies (19 Sep 2013)

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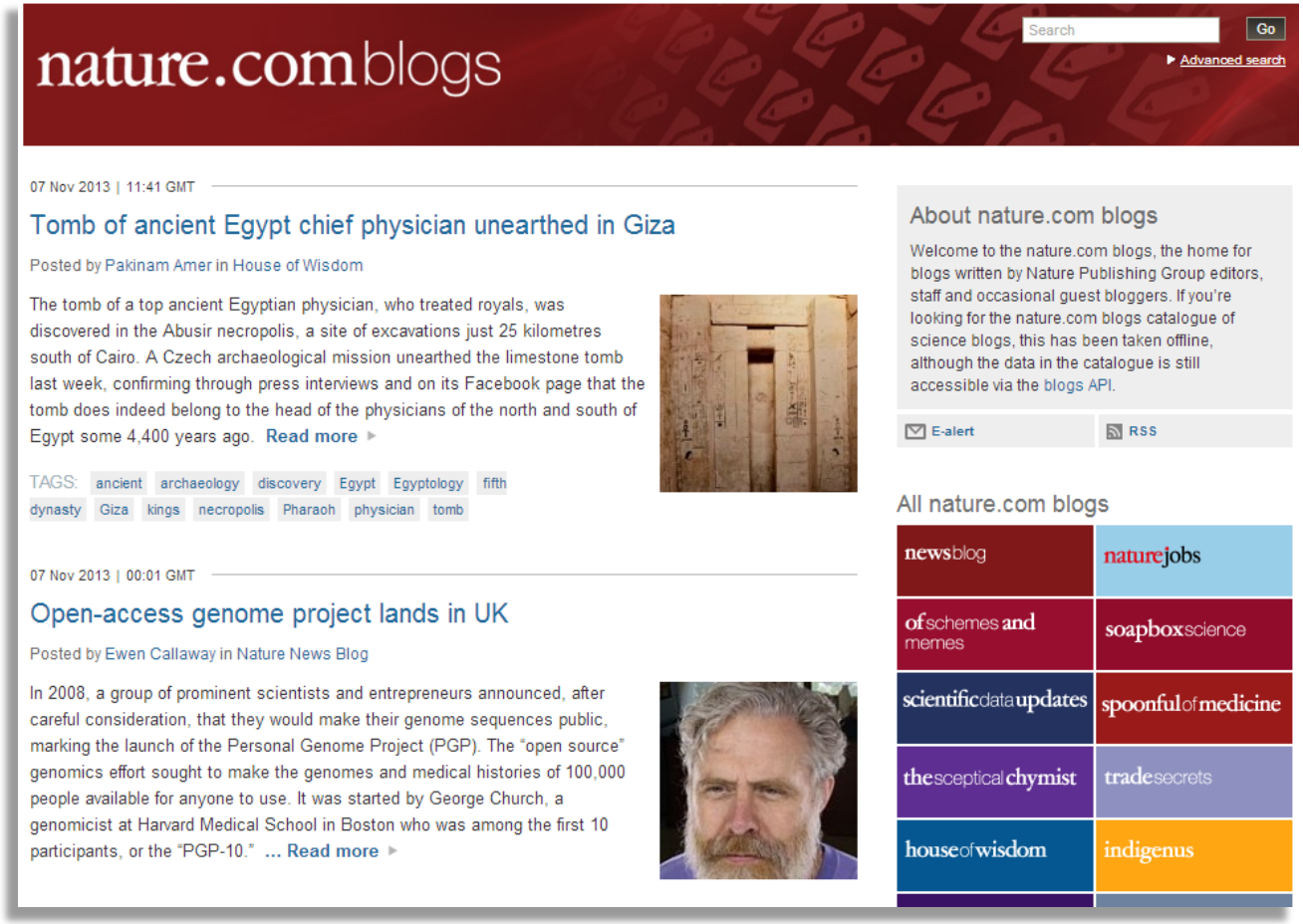

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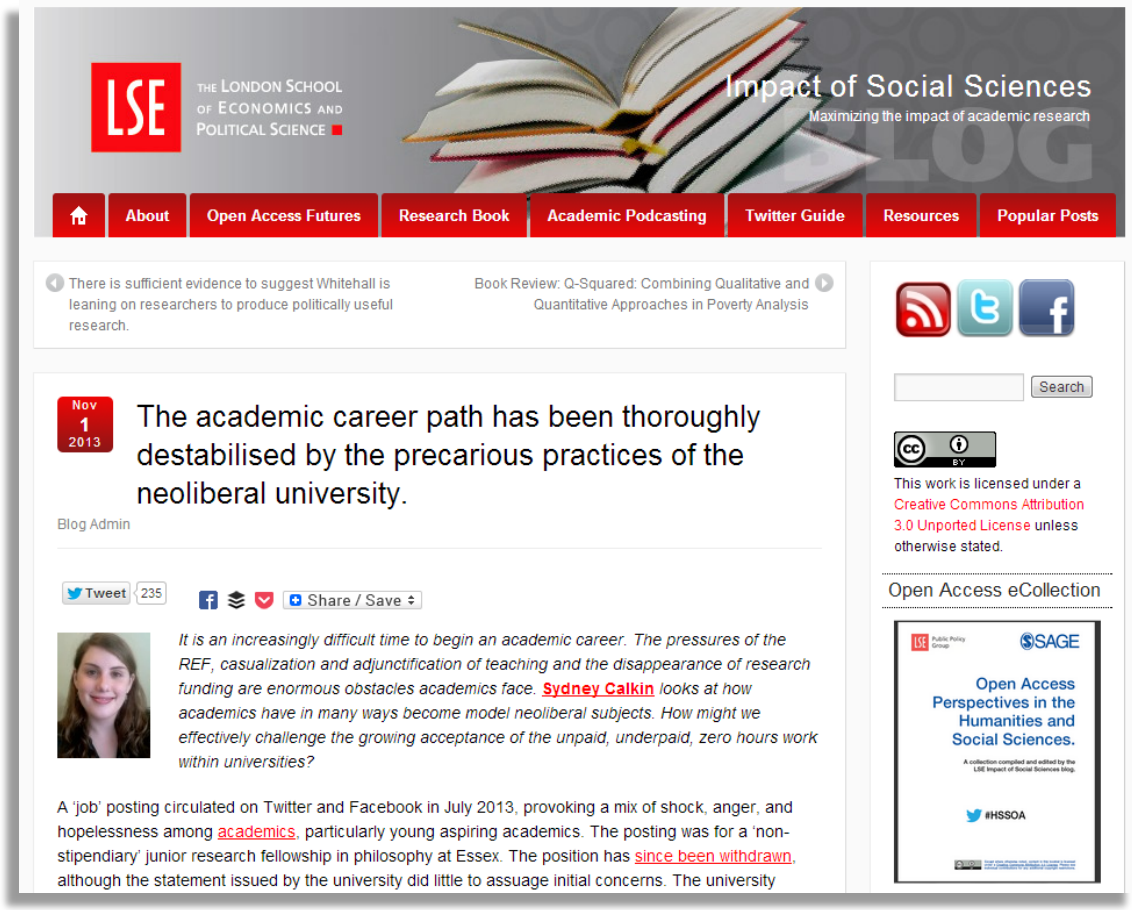

http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/impactofsocialsciences/ /

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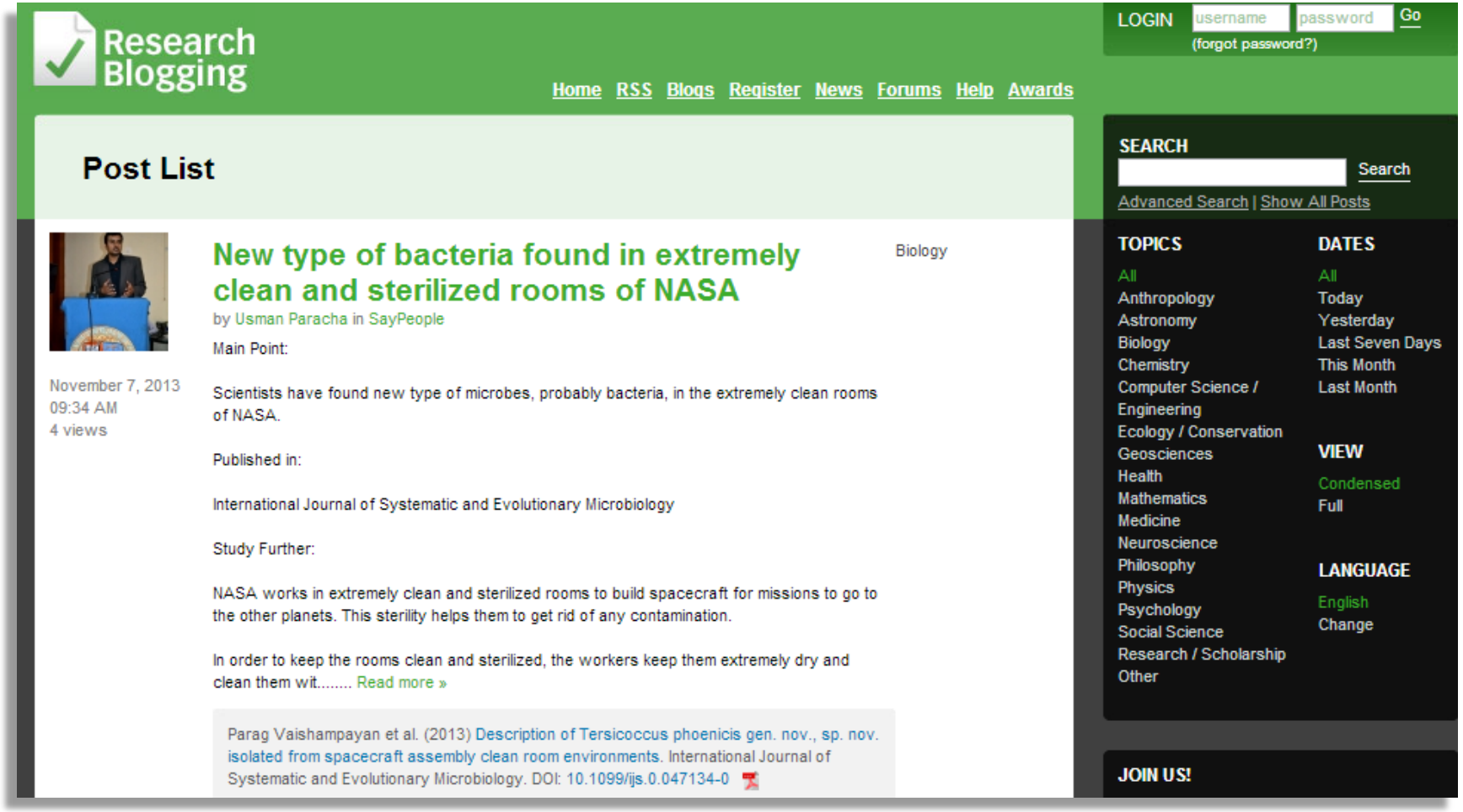
Looking for blogs of interest?



http://researchblogging.com/

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https://twitter.com/

Basics…

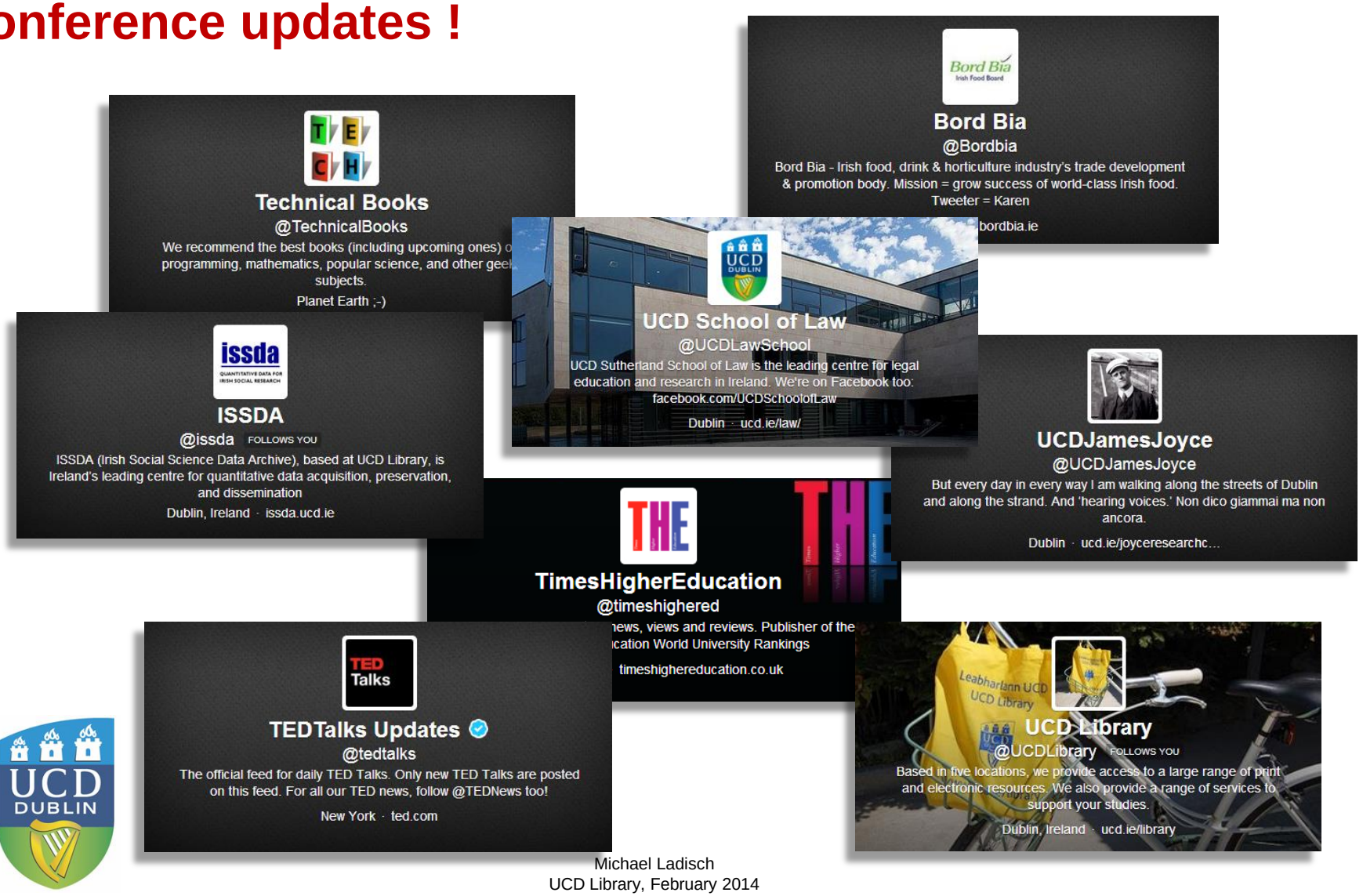
- Communications are called “tweets”
- 140 characters or less!
- Subjects referred to by using a hashtag “#”
- Refer to someone by using “@” before their username
- Can “retweet” – send on tweets from others to your followers

https://twitter.com/

- Get updates on school activities, events, guest speakers …
- Get updates from conferences, seminars …
- Tweet about new publications
- Get feedback on ideas …
- Great for reaching external audiences

- Remember…all tweets are public!

Twitter feeds can be useful for up to the minute updates on topics of interest, including real time conference updates !



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https://twitter.com/

Lists of academic tweeters by LSE (by discipline):
http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/impactofsocialsciences/2011/09/02/academic-tweeters-your-suggestions-in-full/

Twitter guide
http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/impactofsocialsciences/2011/09/29/twitter-guide/

Follow or tweet from conferences

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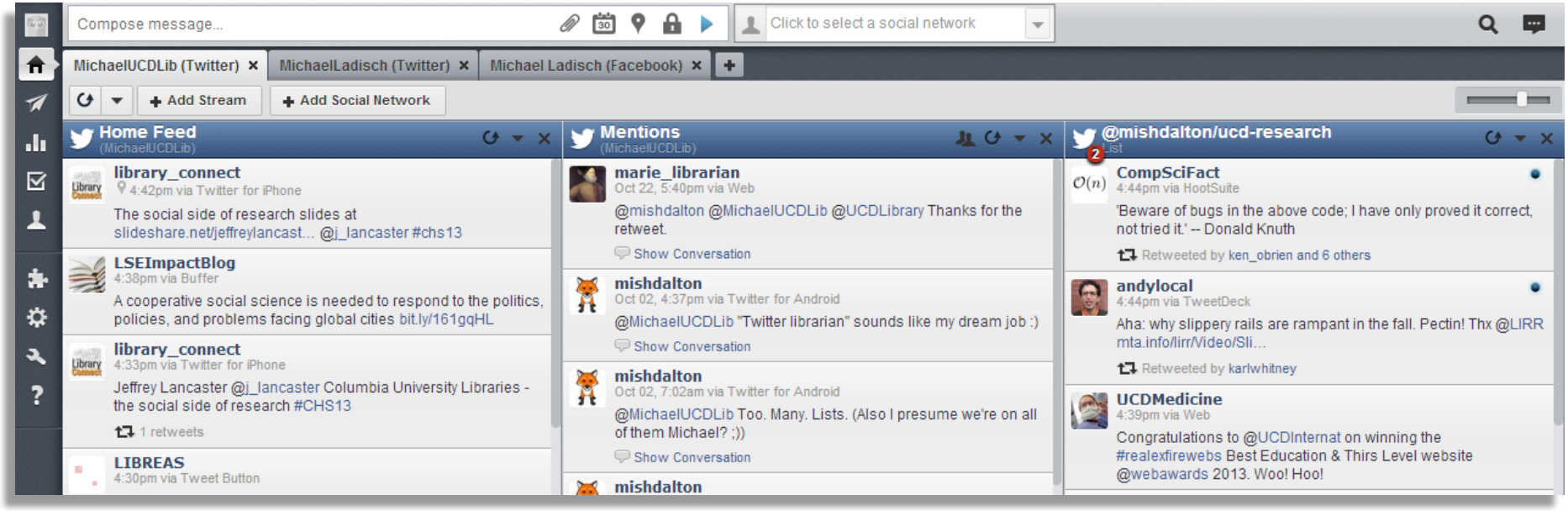
hootsuite
Social Media Dashboard



Manage multiple social media accounts

https://hootsuite.com/

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Scholarly Social Networks

General Social Networks

http://ie.linkedin.com/

http://www.academia.edu/

http://twitter.com/

https://www.researchgate.net/

https://www.facebook.com/

http://www.ssrn.com/

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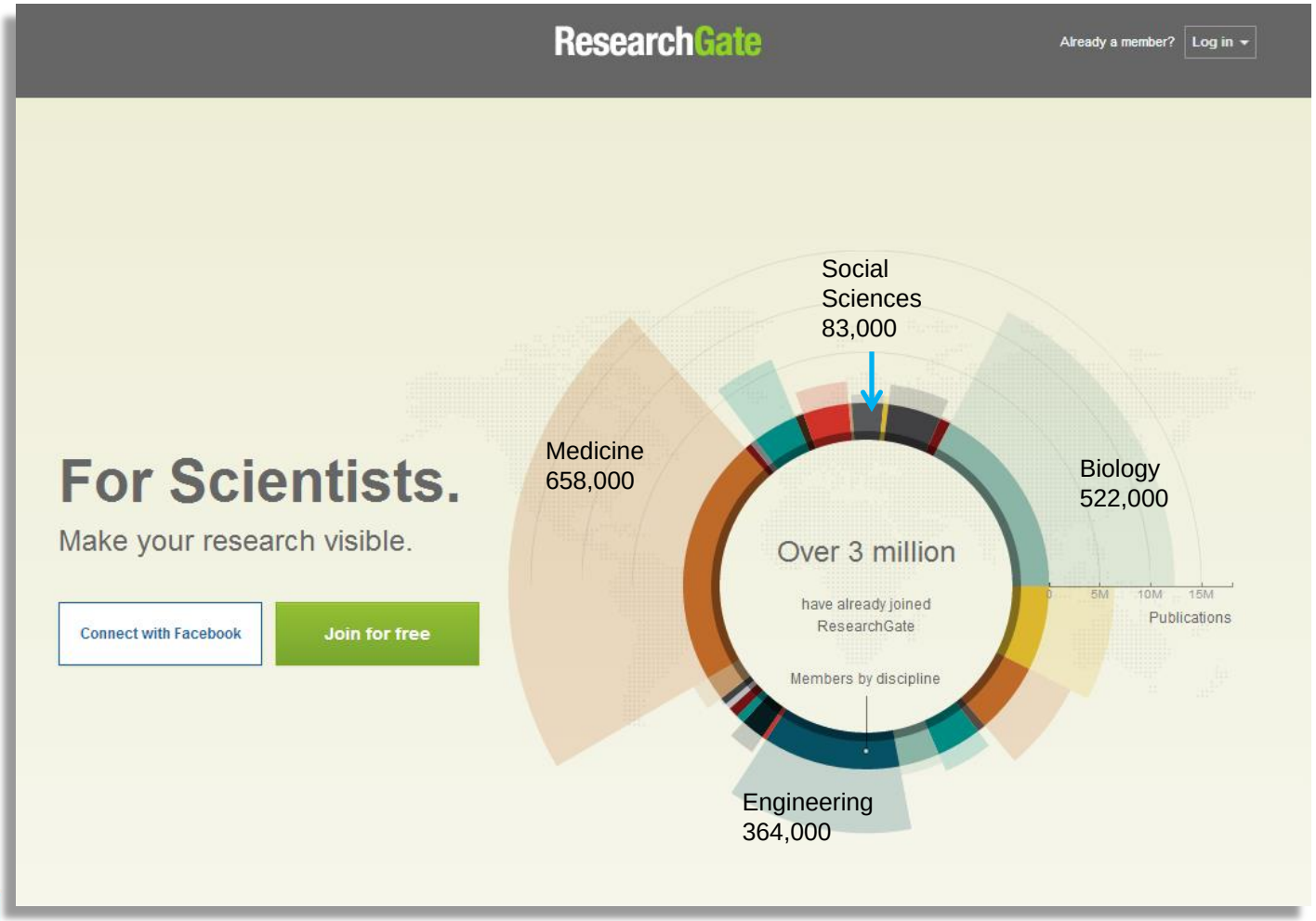
ResearchGate



http://www.researchgate.net/

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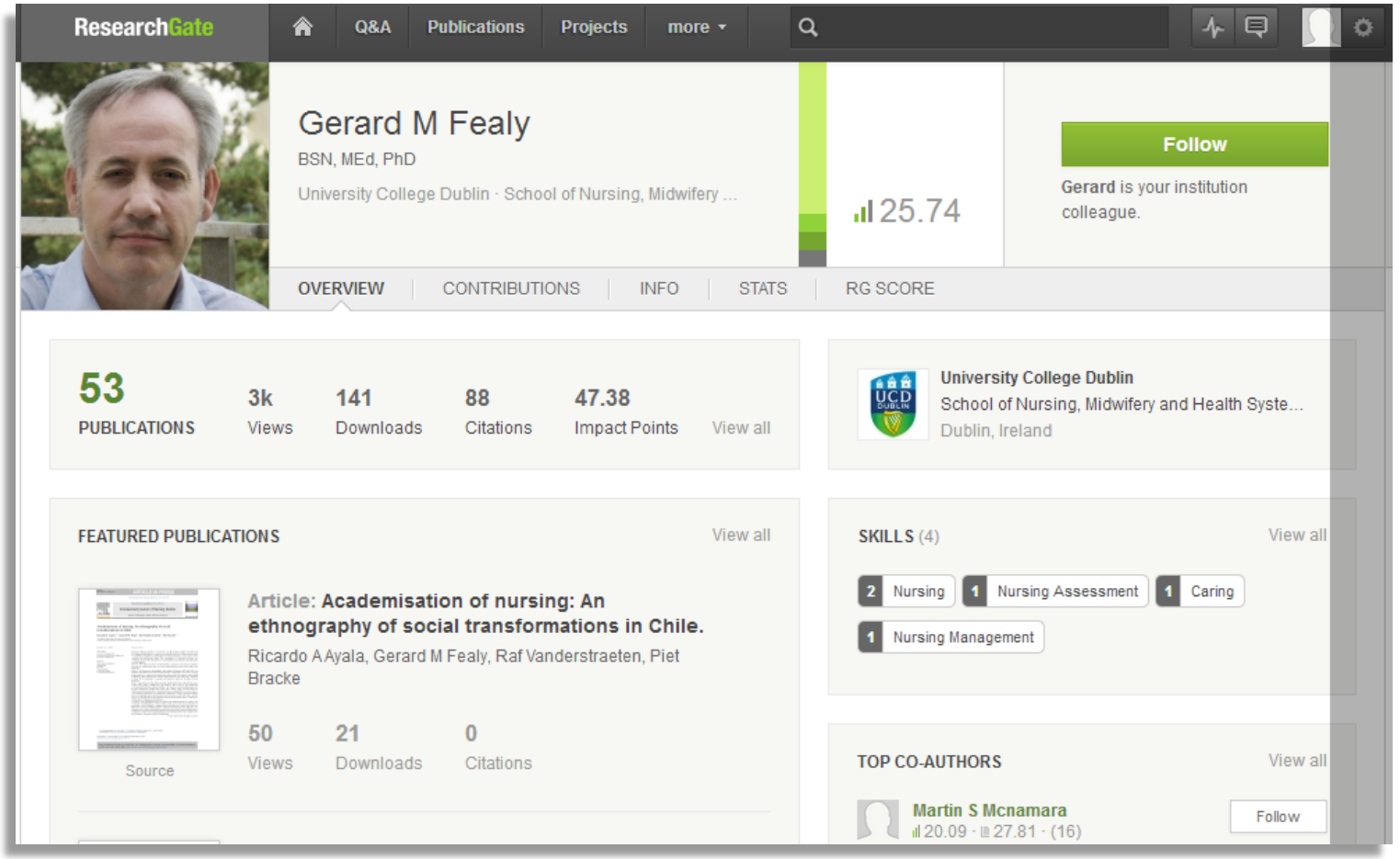
ResearchGate

Fact sheet:

- Started in 2008
- Membership is free
- 3 million members (Nov. 2013)
- More than 11 million papers (= 50 million abstracts)
- More than 15,000 job listings
- 1,626 members from UCD (with 7,844 publications)

ResearchGate



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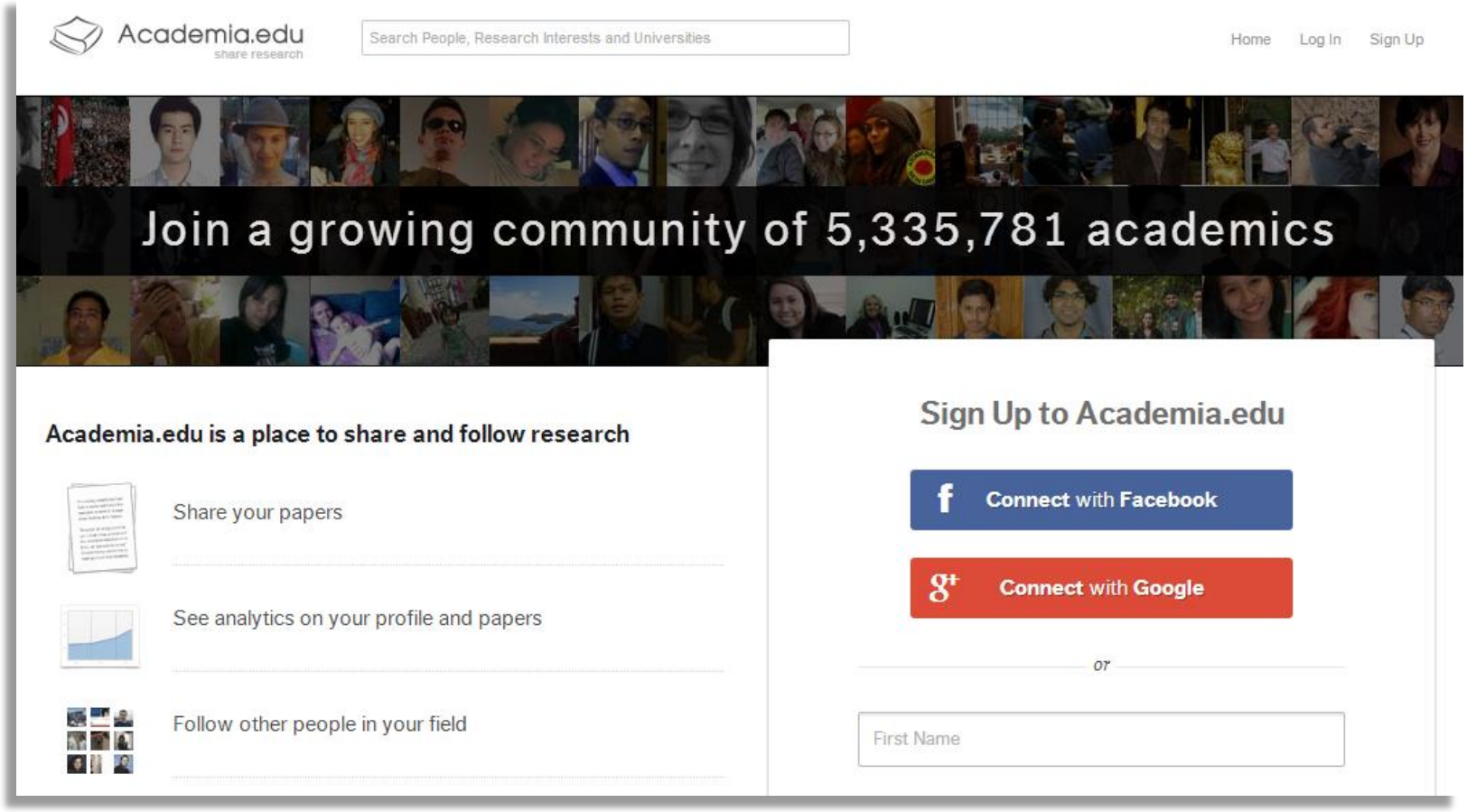

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- 5.4 million members (Nov. 2013)
- More than 1.6 million papers
- 5 million unique visitors per month
- 1,060 members from UCD

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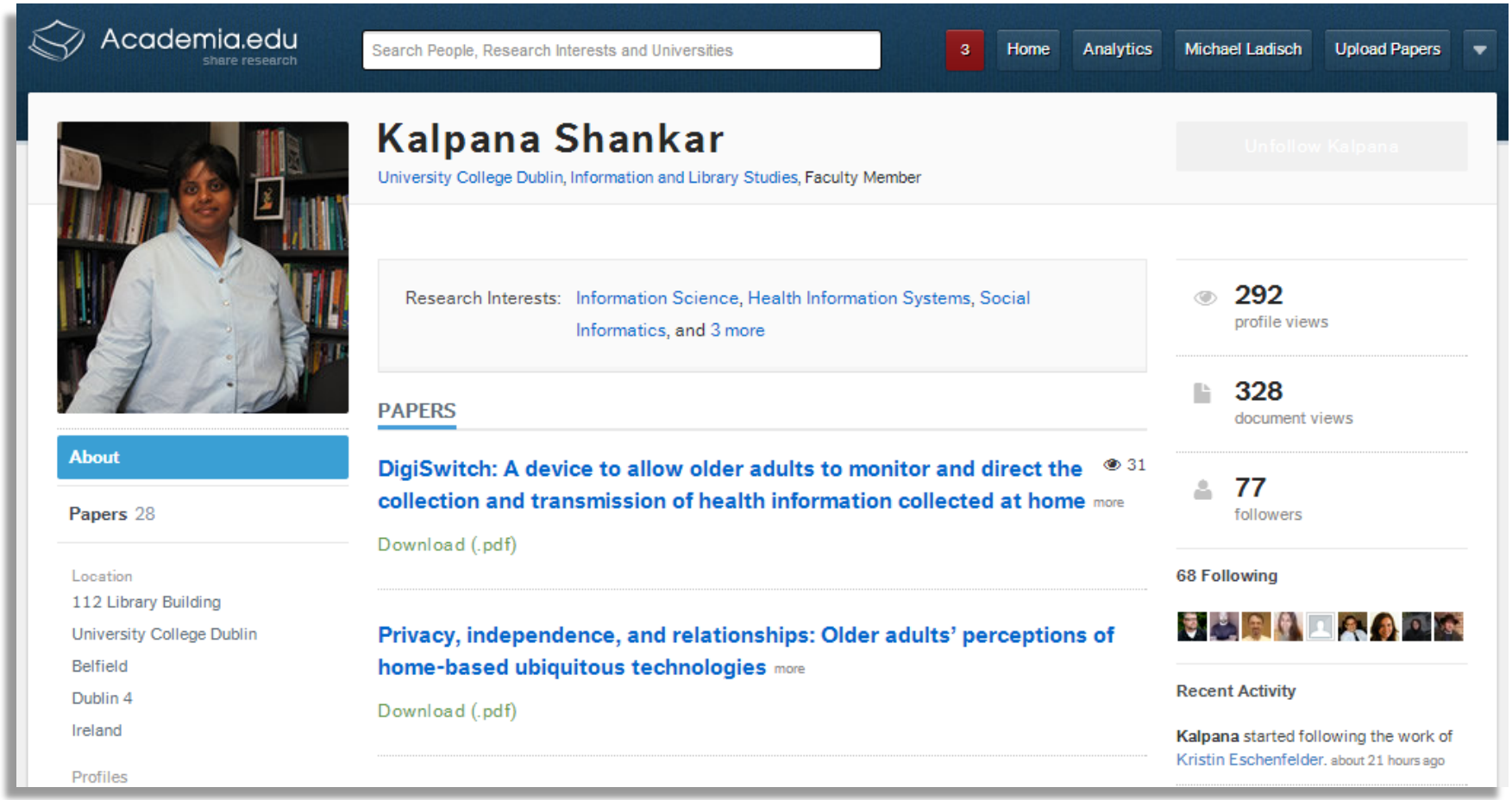

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Other Networks

- LinkedIn – multidisciplinary (& commercial) - https://ie.linkedin.com/
- VIVO – multidisciplinary - http://vivoweb.org/
- Social Science Research Network - http://www.ssrn.com/
- Kudos – multidisciplinary - http://www.growkudos.com/
- Epernicus – Science - https://www.epernicus.com/network

Podcasts

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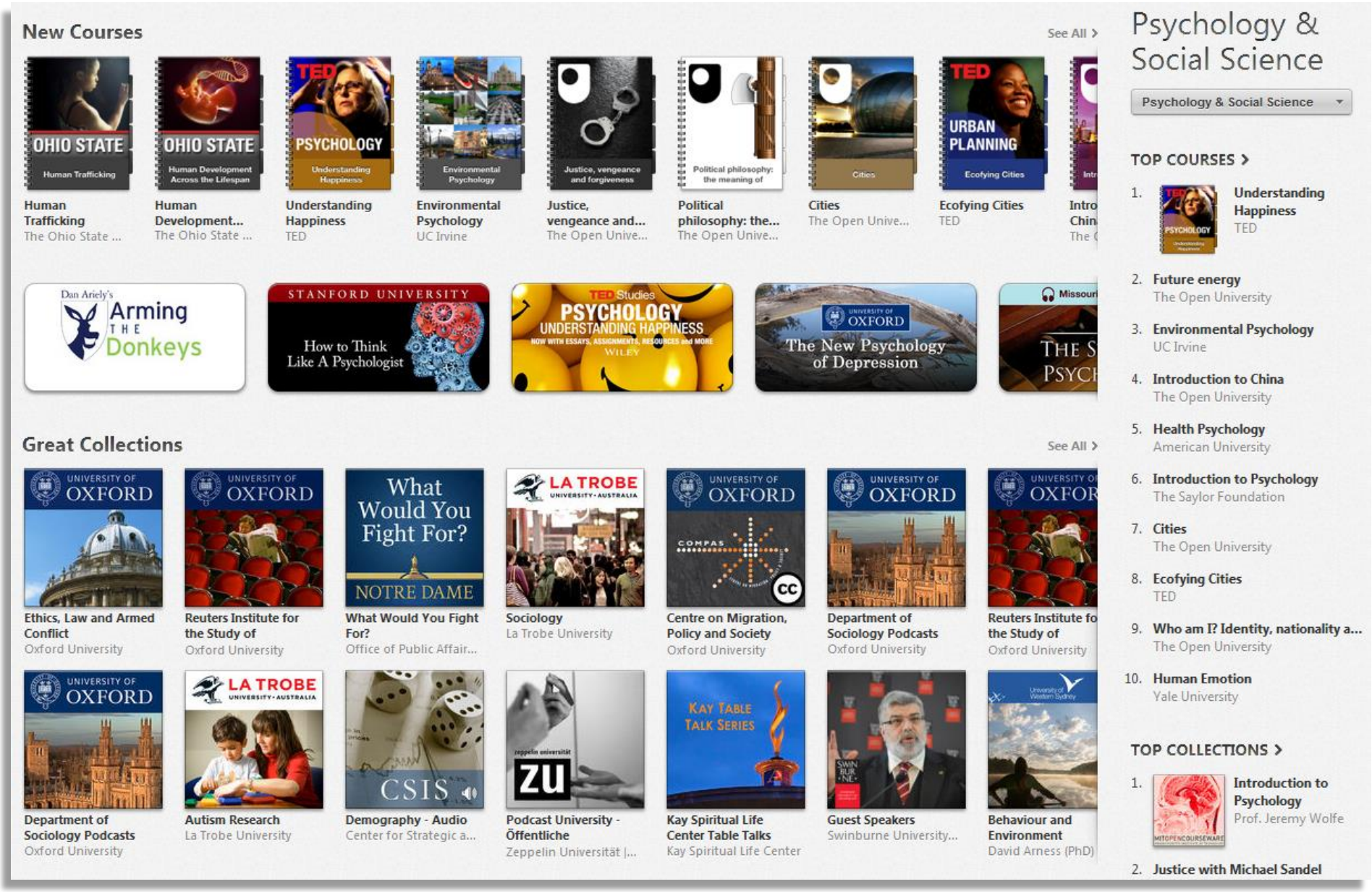
Podcasts - iTunes



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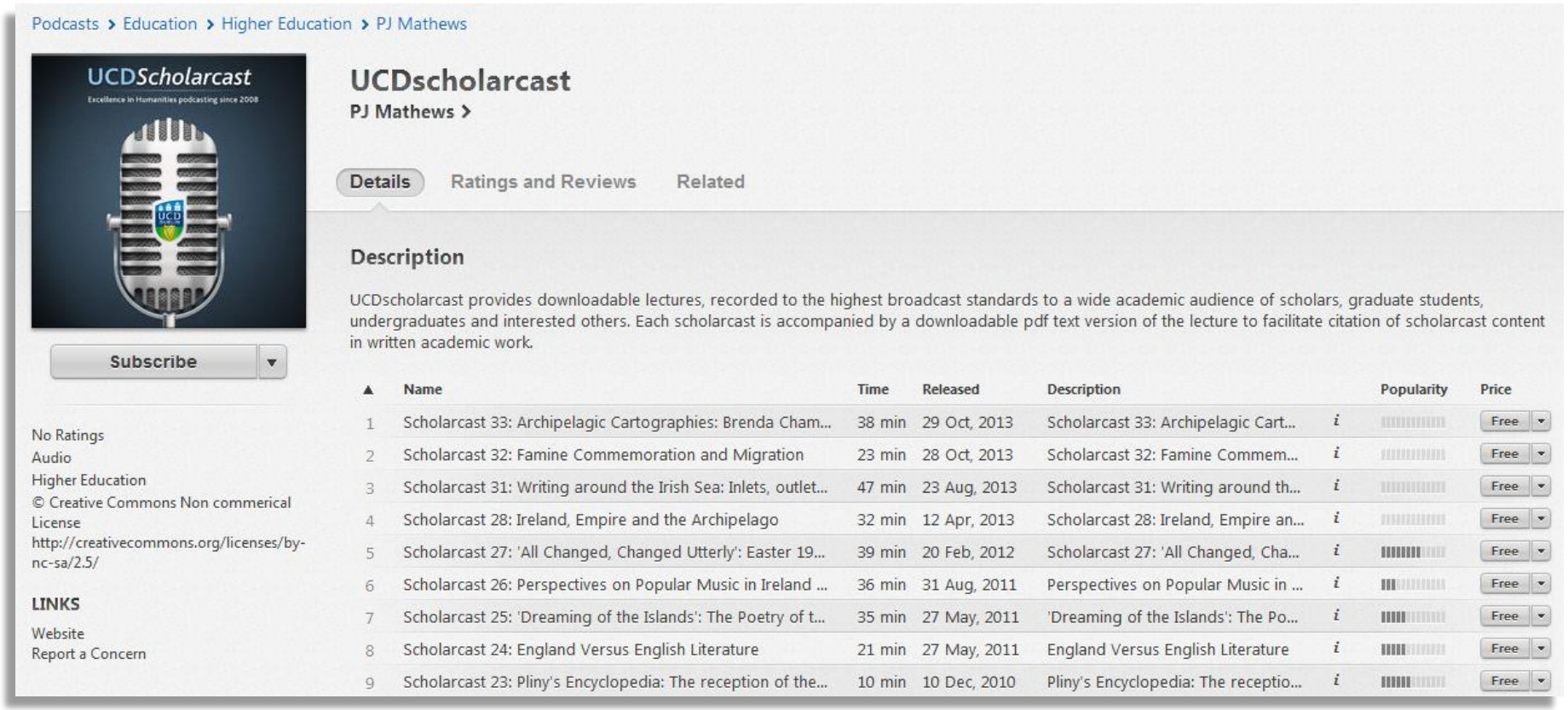

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Podcasts – Apps for mobile devices

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Podcasts

Pocket Casts

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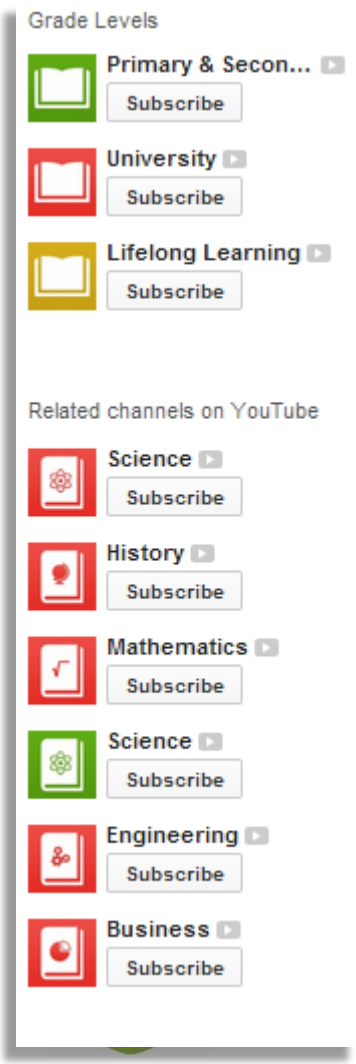

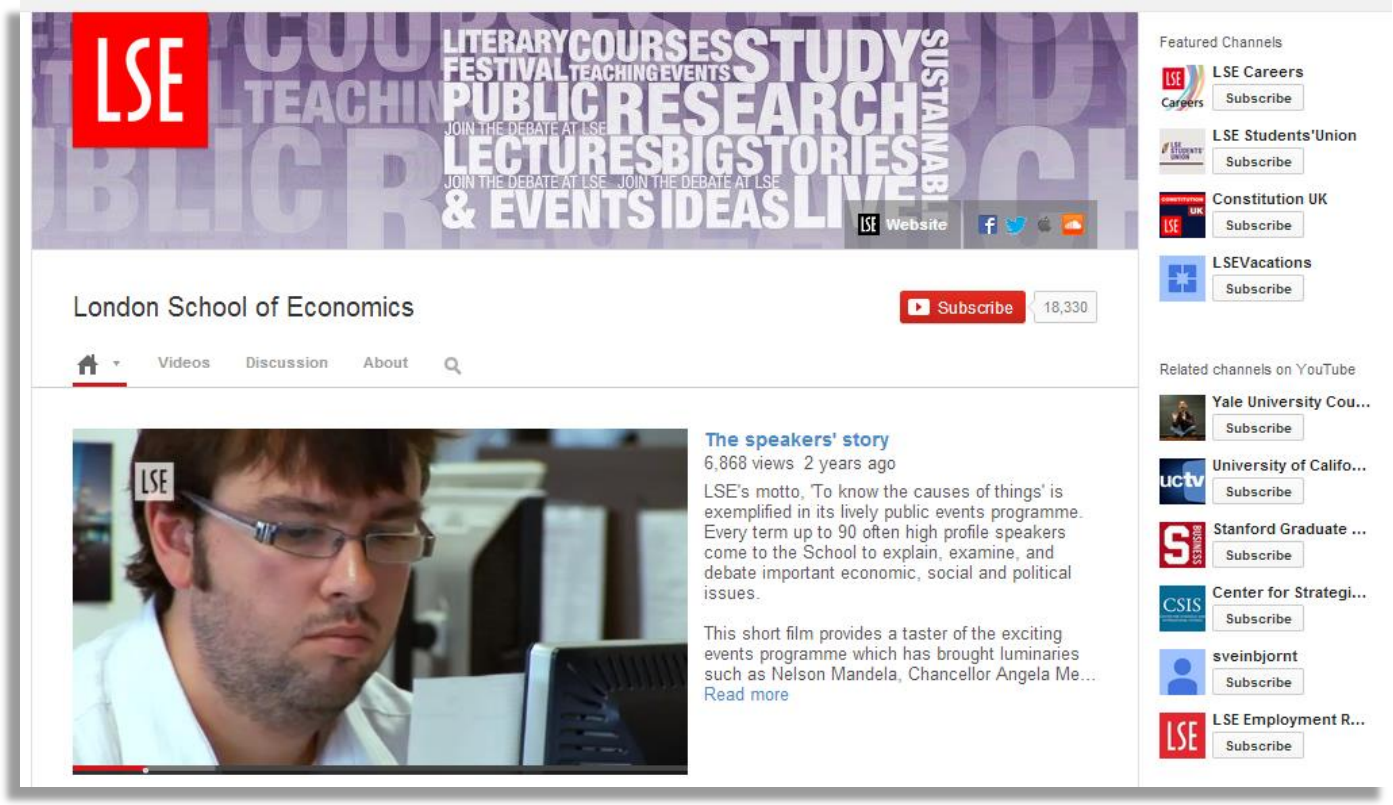

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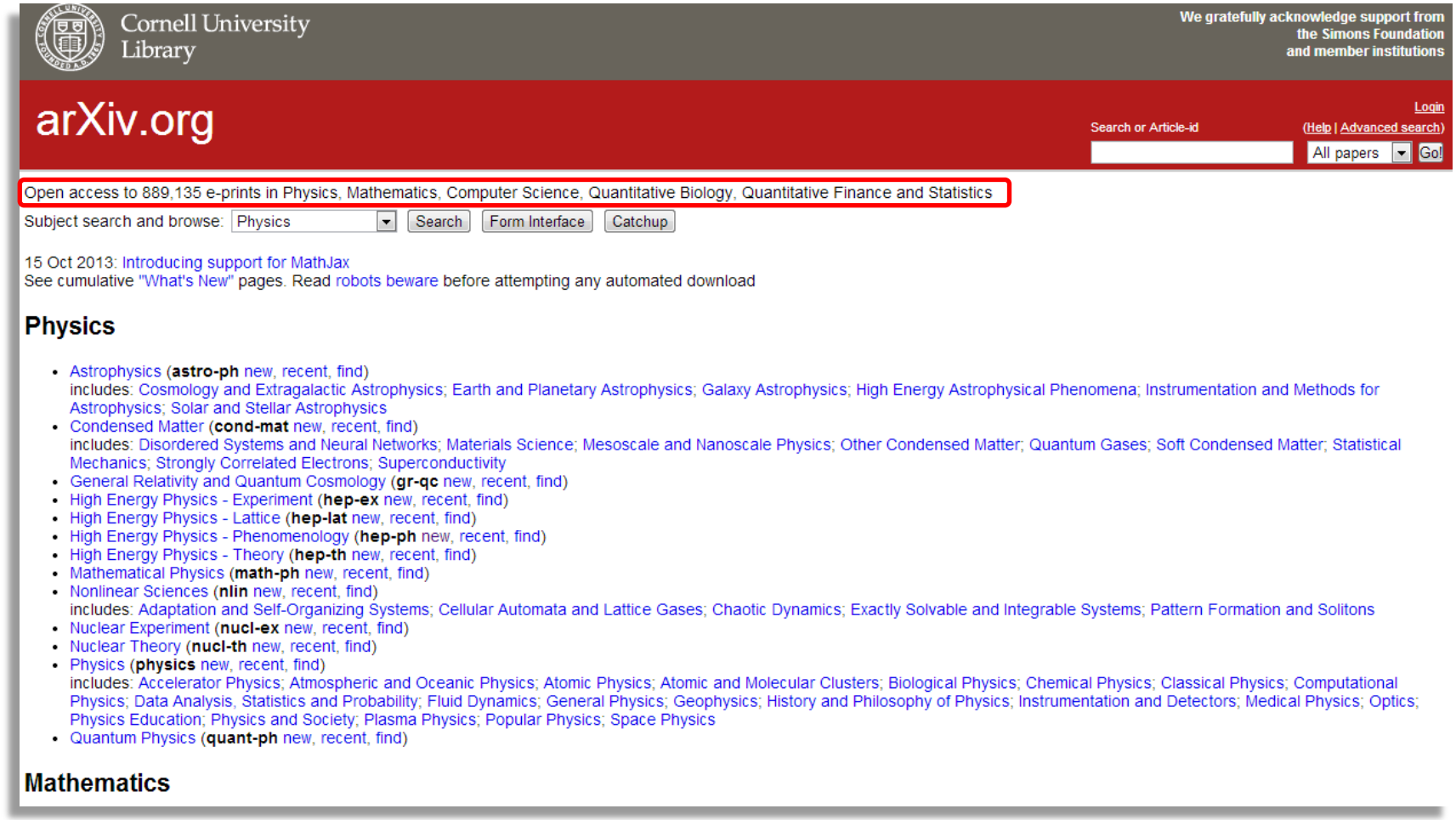

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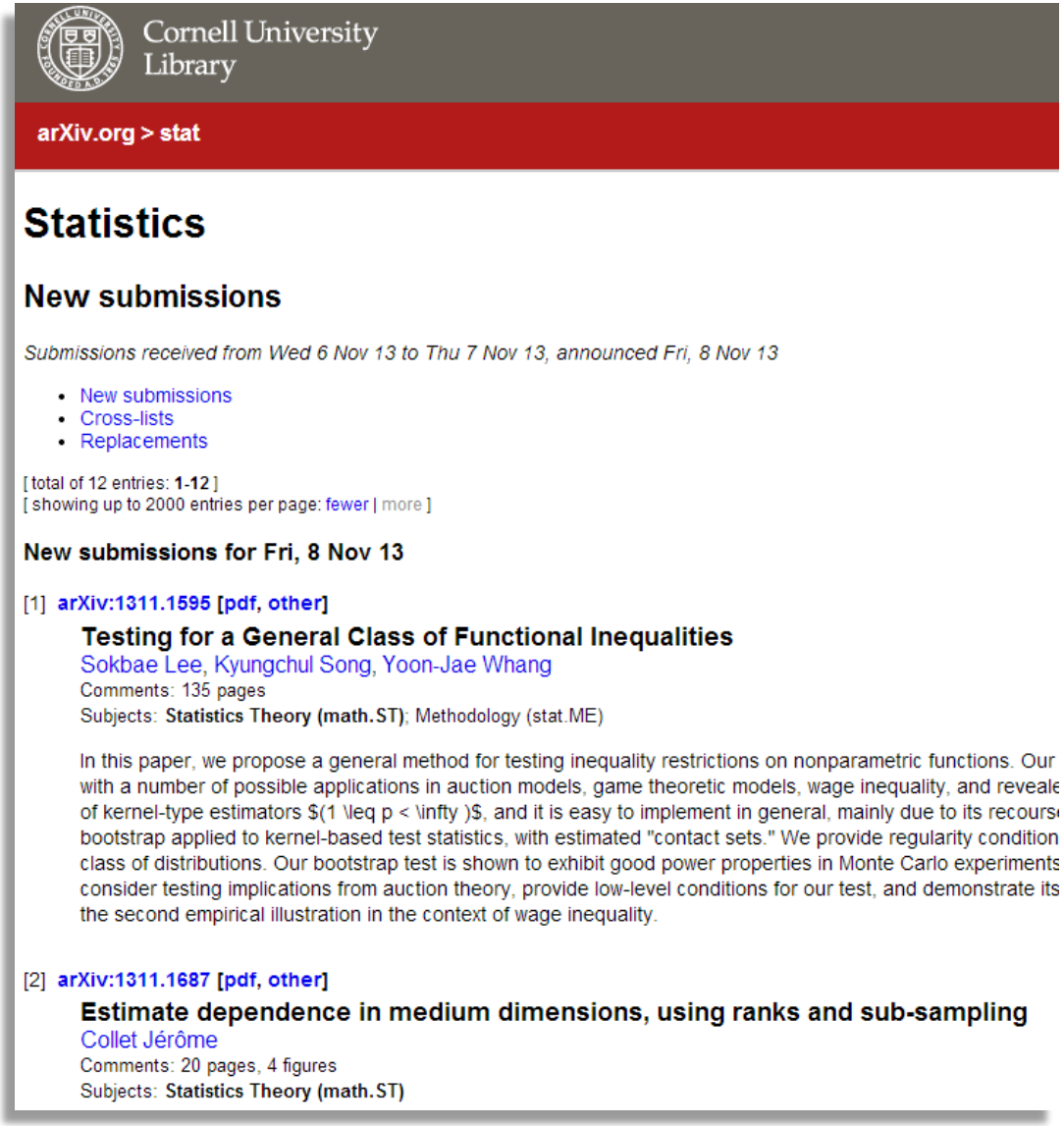

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Statistics

New submissions

Submissions received from Wed 6 Nov 13 to Thu 7 Nov 13, announced Fri, 8 Nov 13

- New submissions
- Cross-lists
- Replacements

[total of 12 entries: **1-12**]
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New submissions for Fri, 8 Nov 13

[1] **arXiv:1311.1595 [pdf, other]**

Testing for a General Class of Functional Inequalities
Sokbae Lee, Kyungchul Song, Yoon-Jae Whang
Comments: 135 pages
Subjects: **Statistics Theory (math.ST)**; Methodology (stat.ME)

In this paper, we propose a general method for testing inequality restrictions on nonparametric functions. Our with a number of possible applications in auction models, game theoretic models, wage inequality, and reveale of kernel-type estimators $(1 \leq p < \infty)$, and it is easy to implement in general, mainly due to its recours bootstrap applied to kernel-based test statistics, with estimated "contact sets." We provide regularity condition class of distributions. Our bootstrap test is shown to exhibit good power properties in Monte Carlo experiments consider testing implications from auction theory, provide low-level conditions for our test, and demonstrate its the second empirical illustration in the context of wage inequality.

[2] **arXiv:1311.1687 [pdf, other]**

Estimate dependence in medium dimensions, using ranks and sub-sampling
Collet Jérôme
Comments: 20 pages, 4 figures
Subjects: **Statistics Theory (math.ST)**

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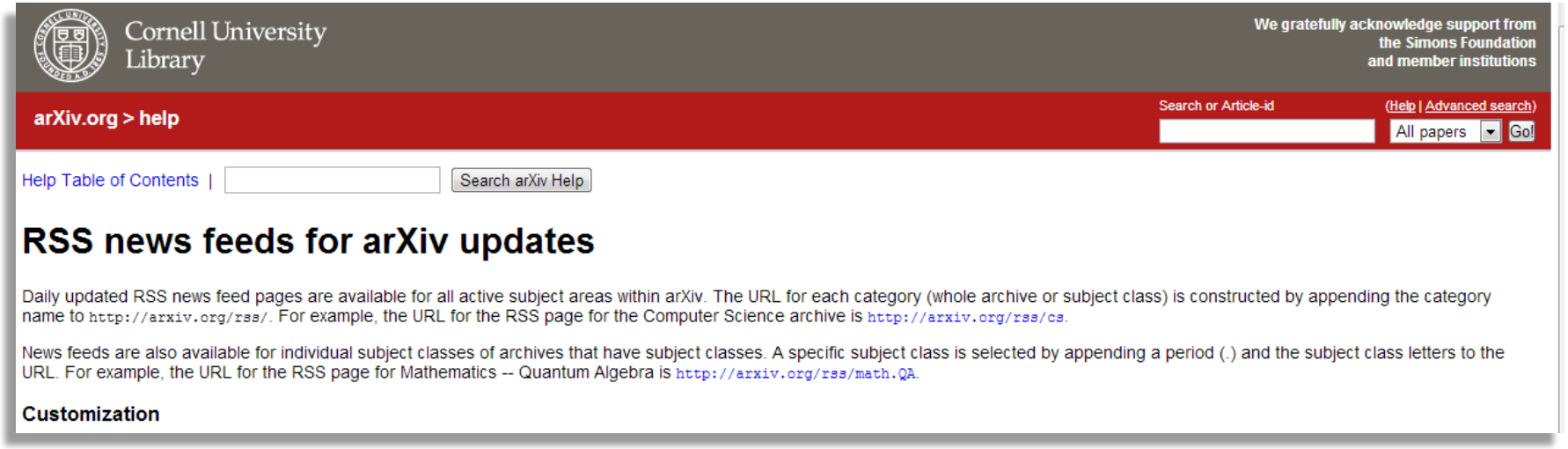

Setting up a RSS feed

http://arxiv.org/help/rss

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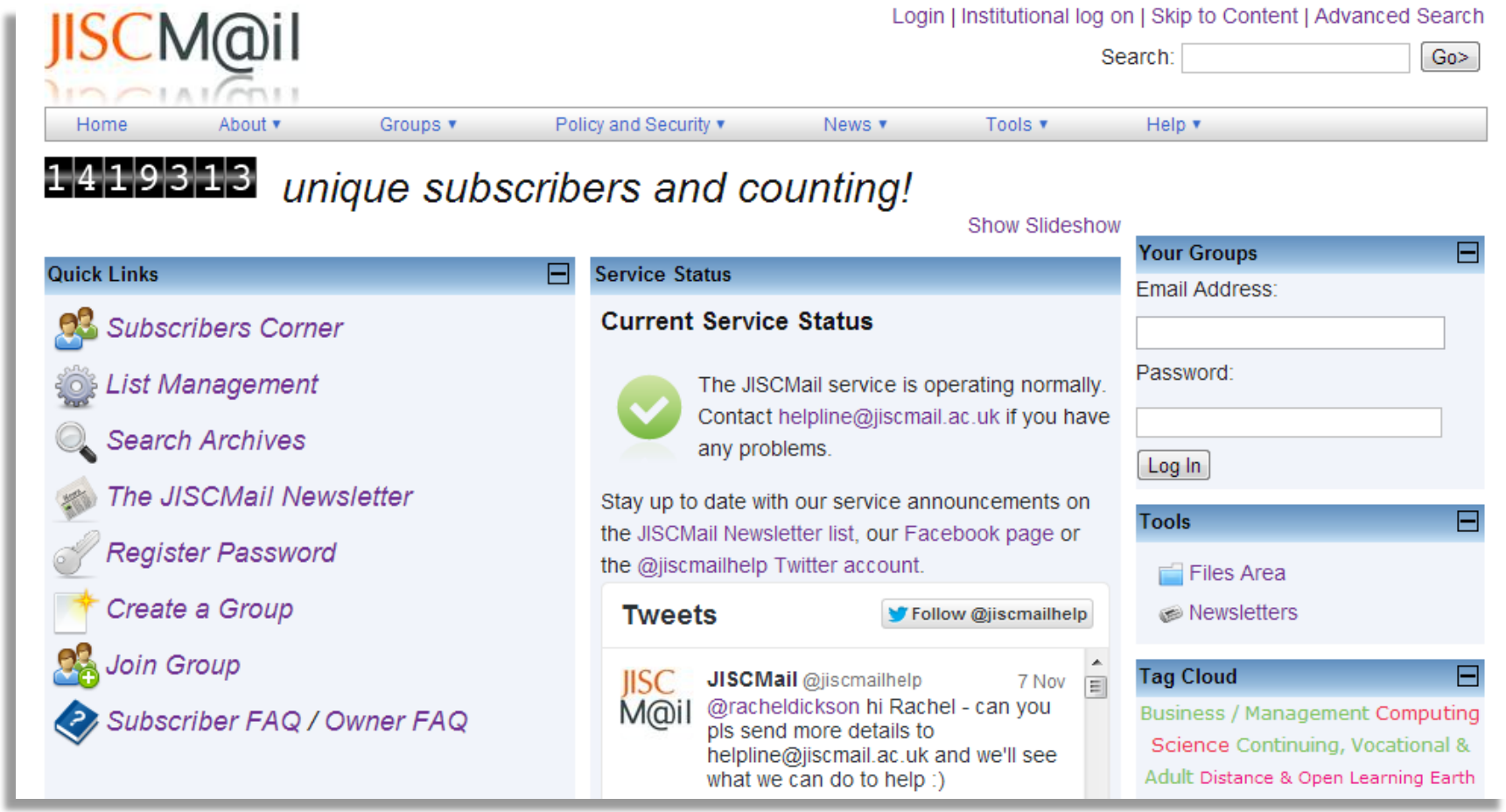
Email Discussion Lists

- Good method for keeping informed about particular areas of research
- Discussion of topics can be quite specialised
- Options for how often you receive emails from the group

Email Discussion Lists



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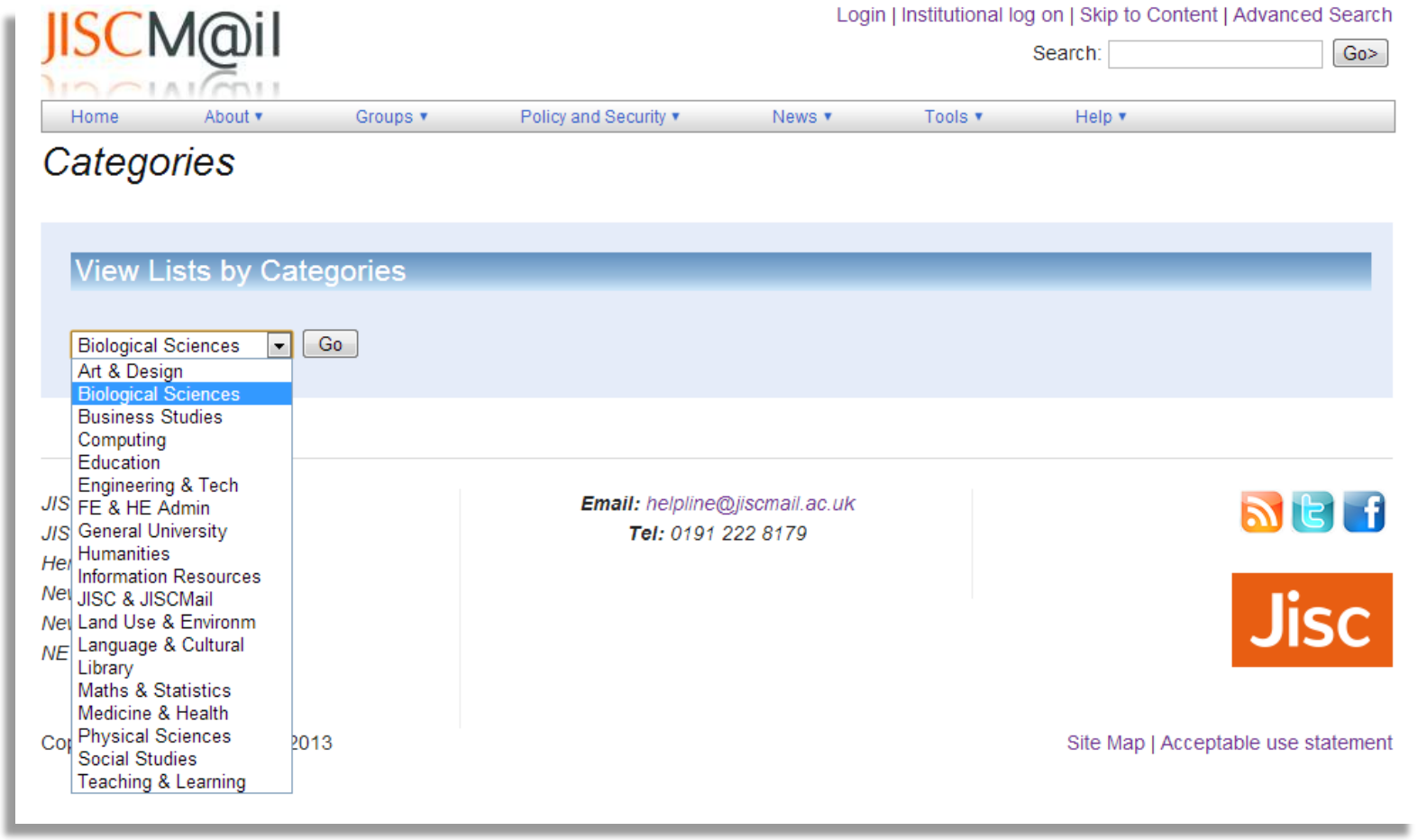

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Email Discussion Lists

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List information

- Search for a mailing list of interest
- View lists by host country
- View lists with 10,000 subscribers or more
- View lists with 1,000 subscribers or more

Site information

- Search for a LISTSERV site of interest

http://www.lsoft.com/catalist.html

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Email alerts

- Setup is usually simple
- Available for new contents, search histories, citations, etc.
- Sometimes requires you to sign up first

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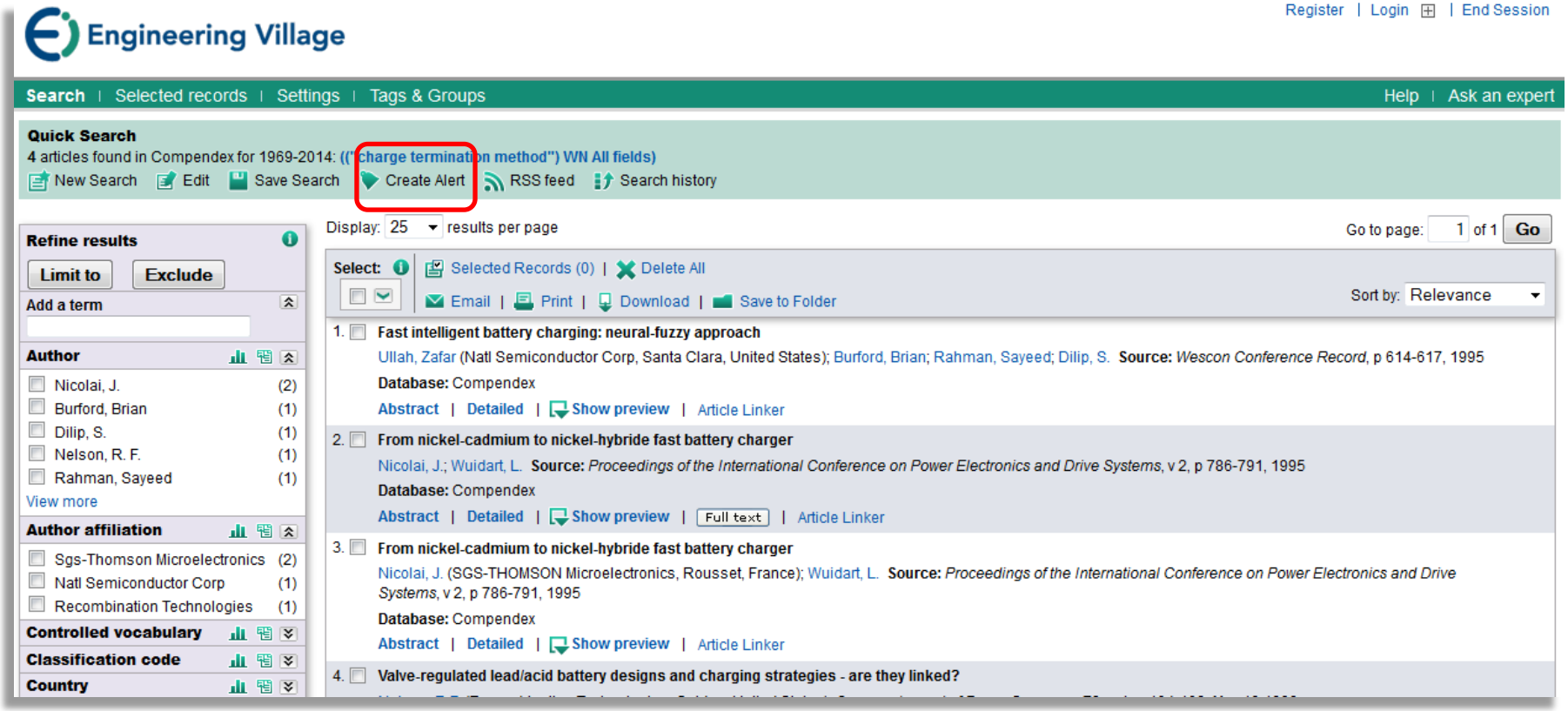

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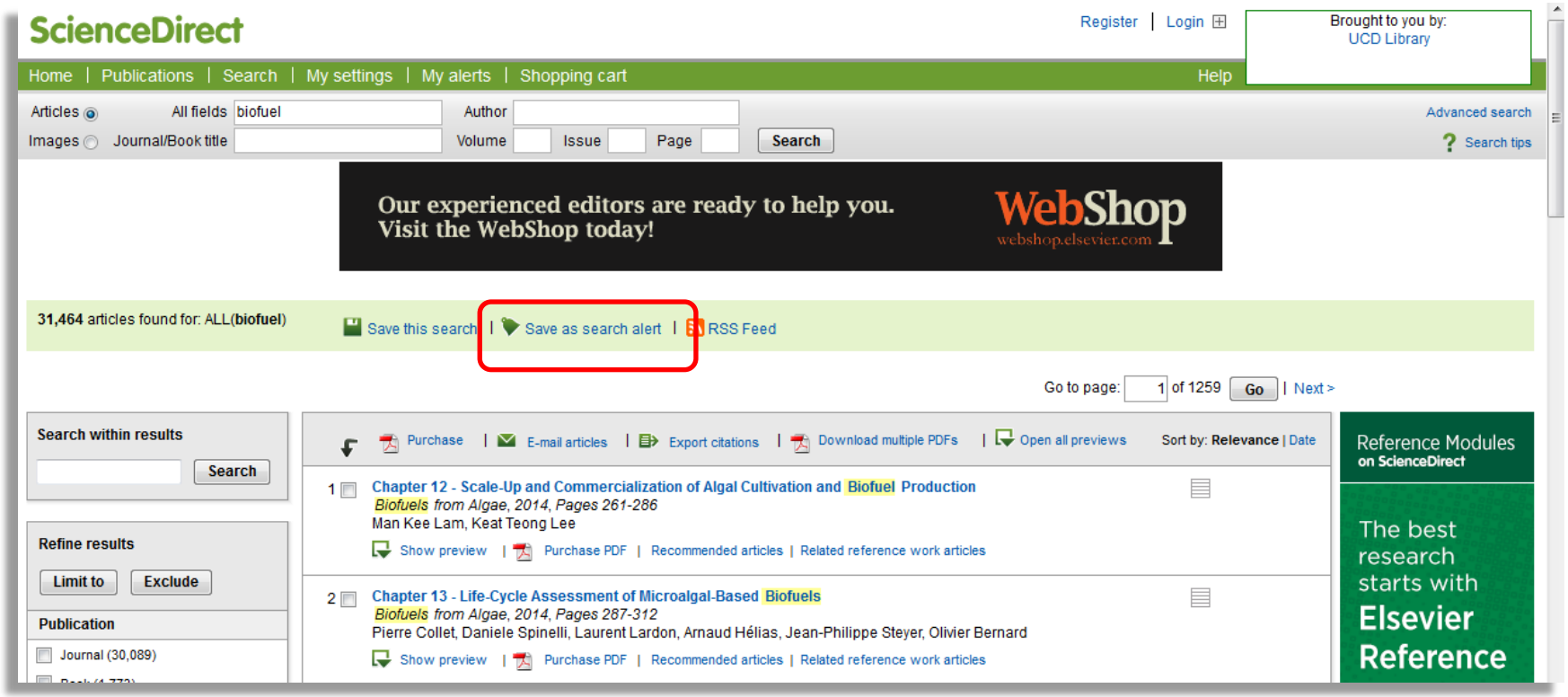

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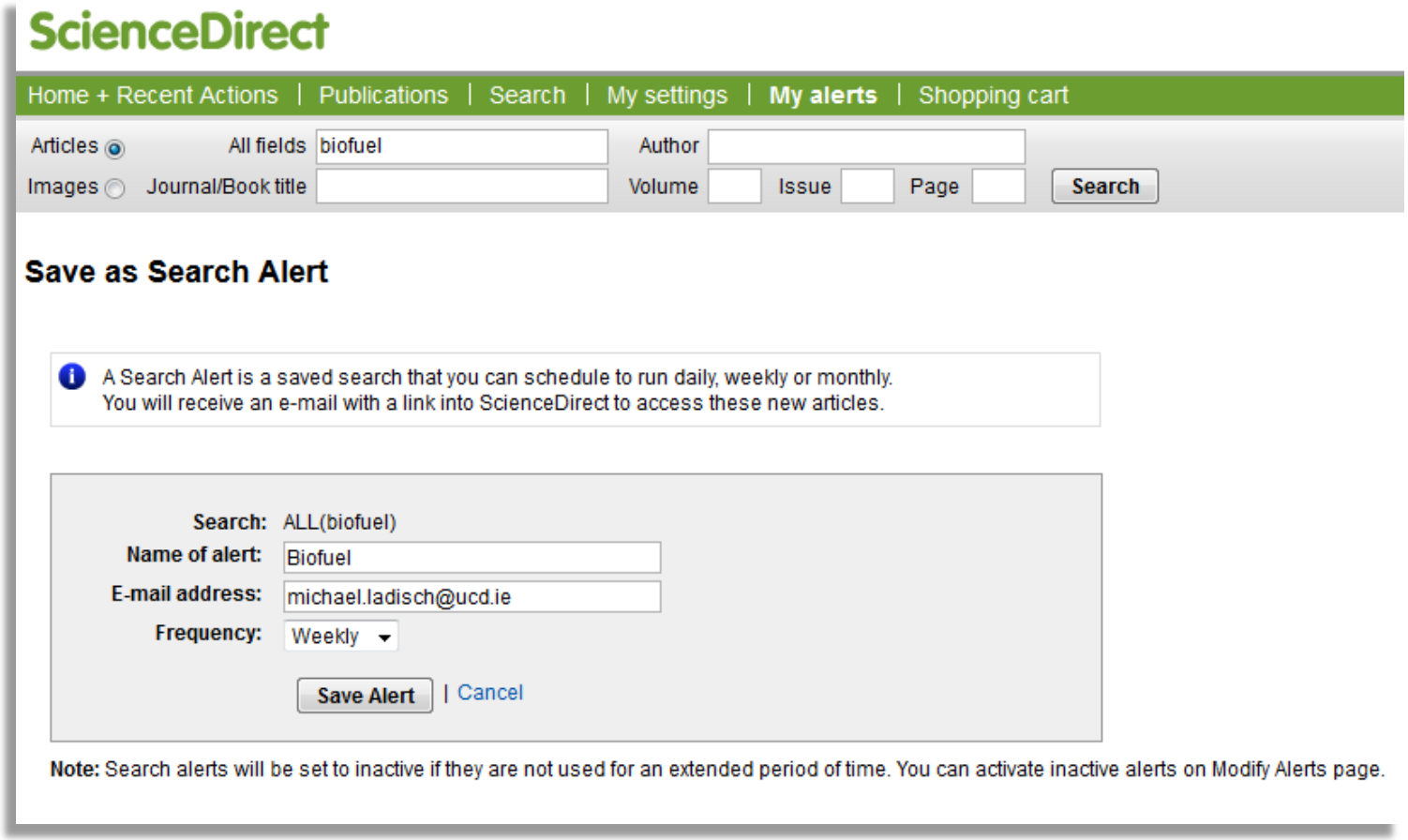

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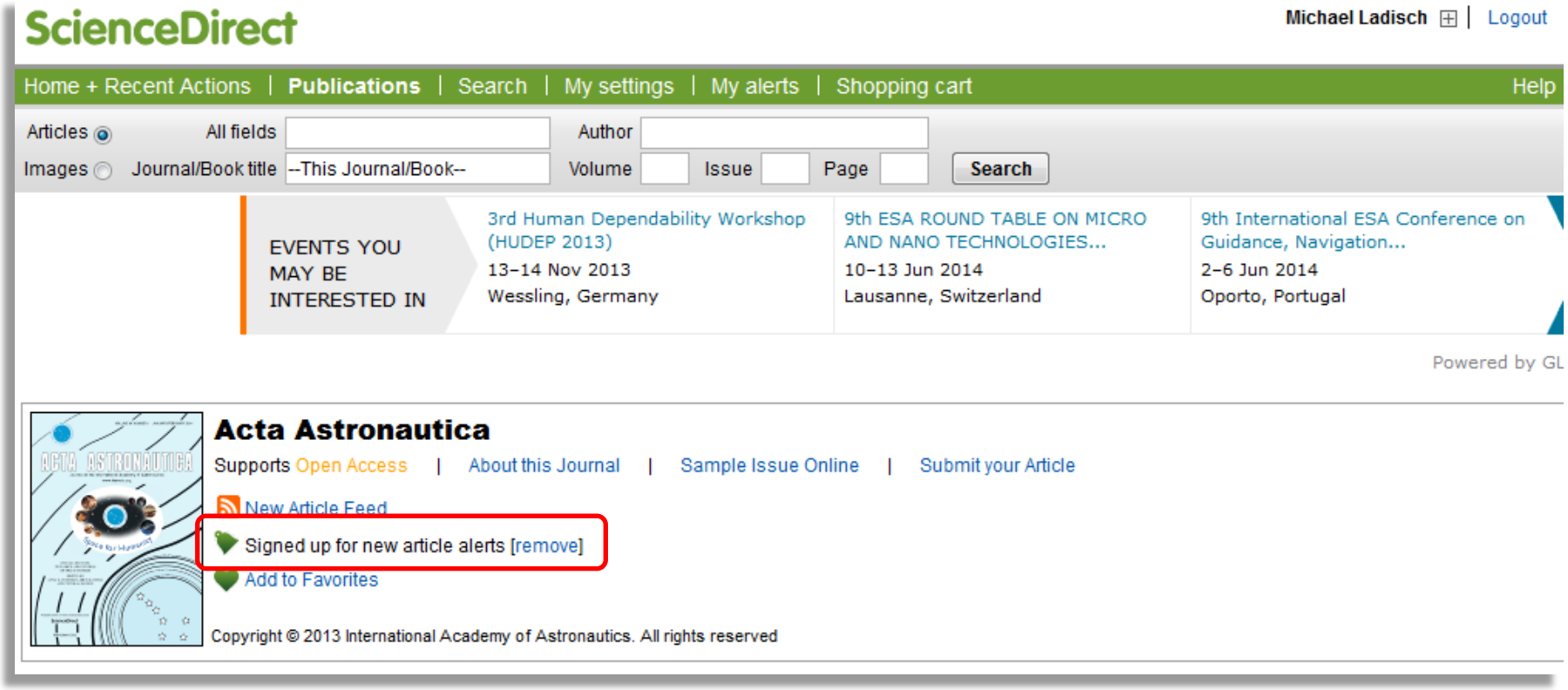

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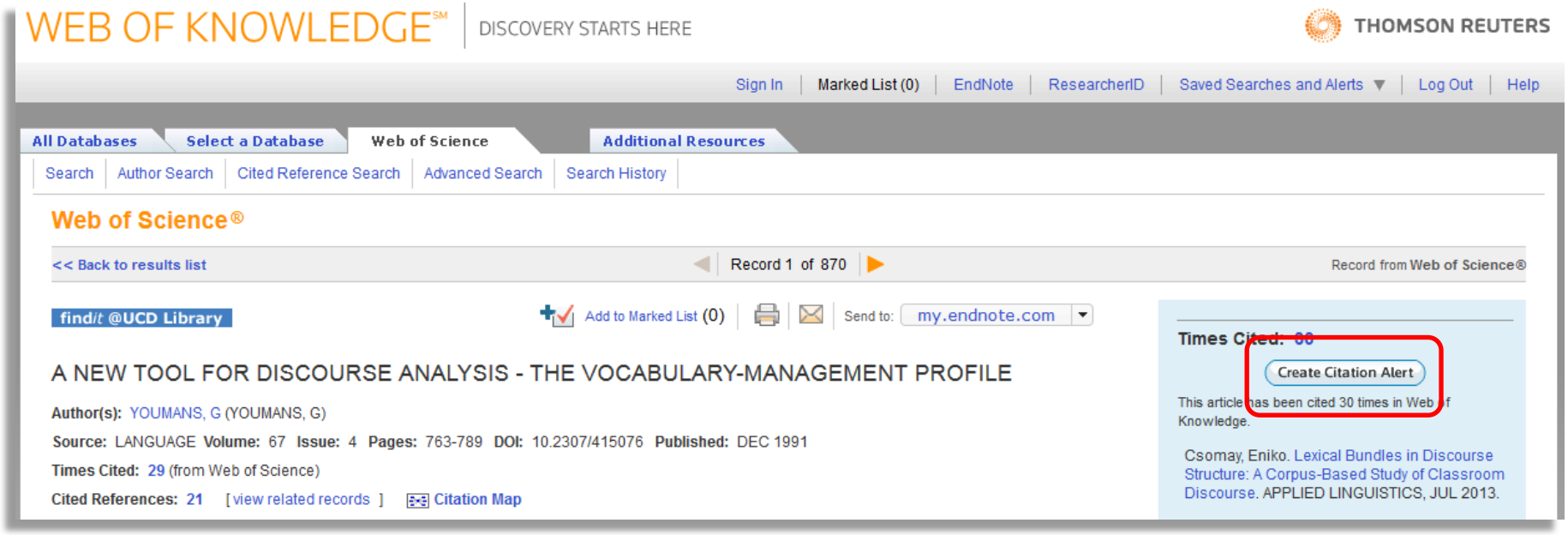

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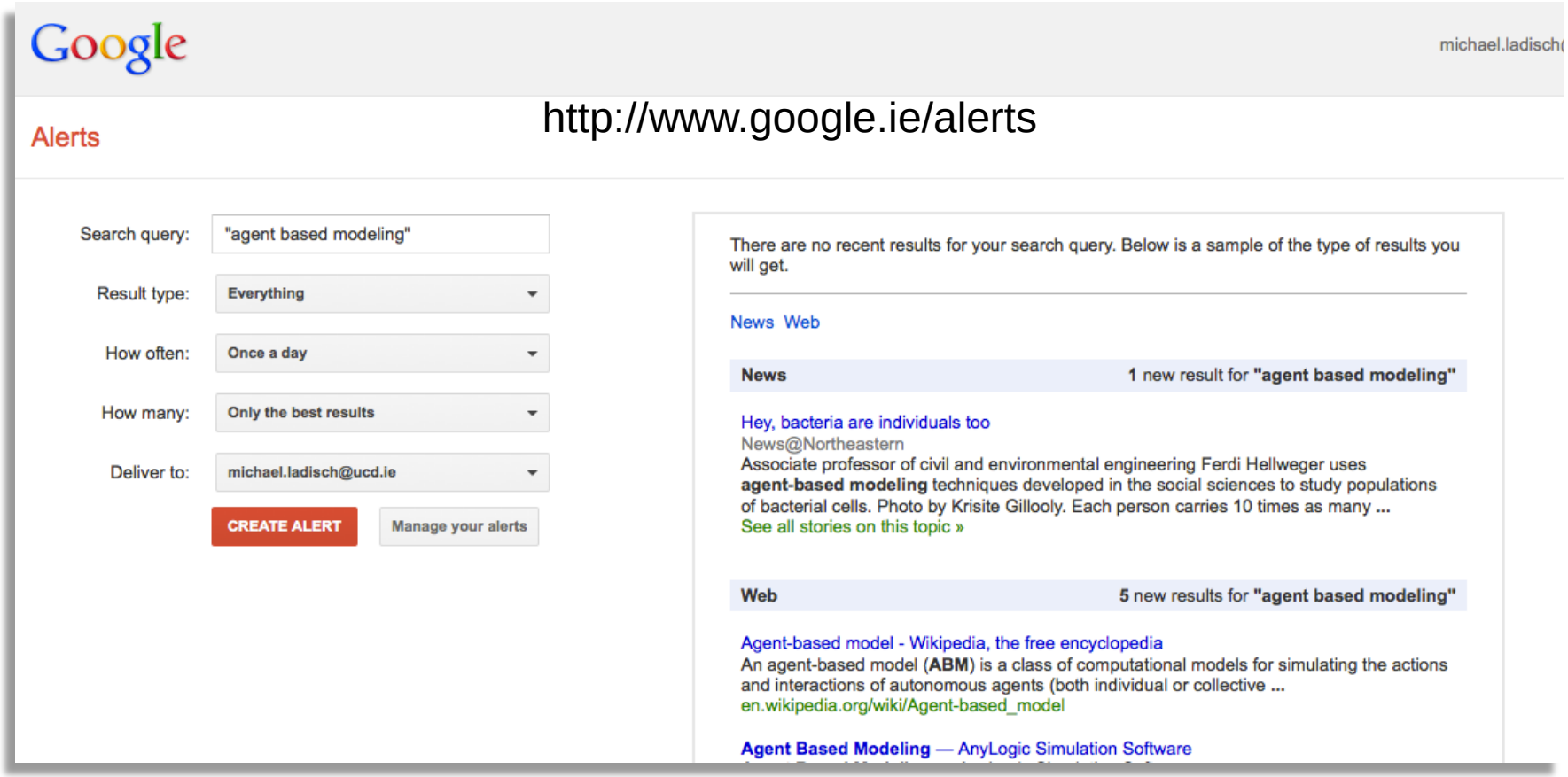

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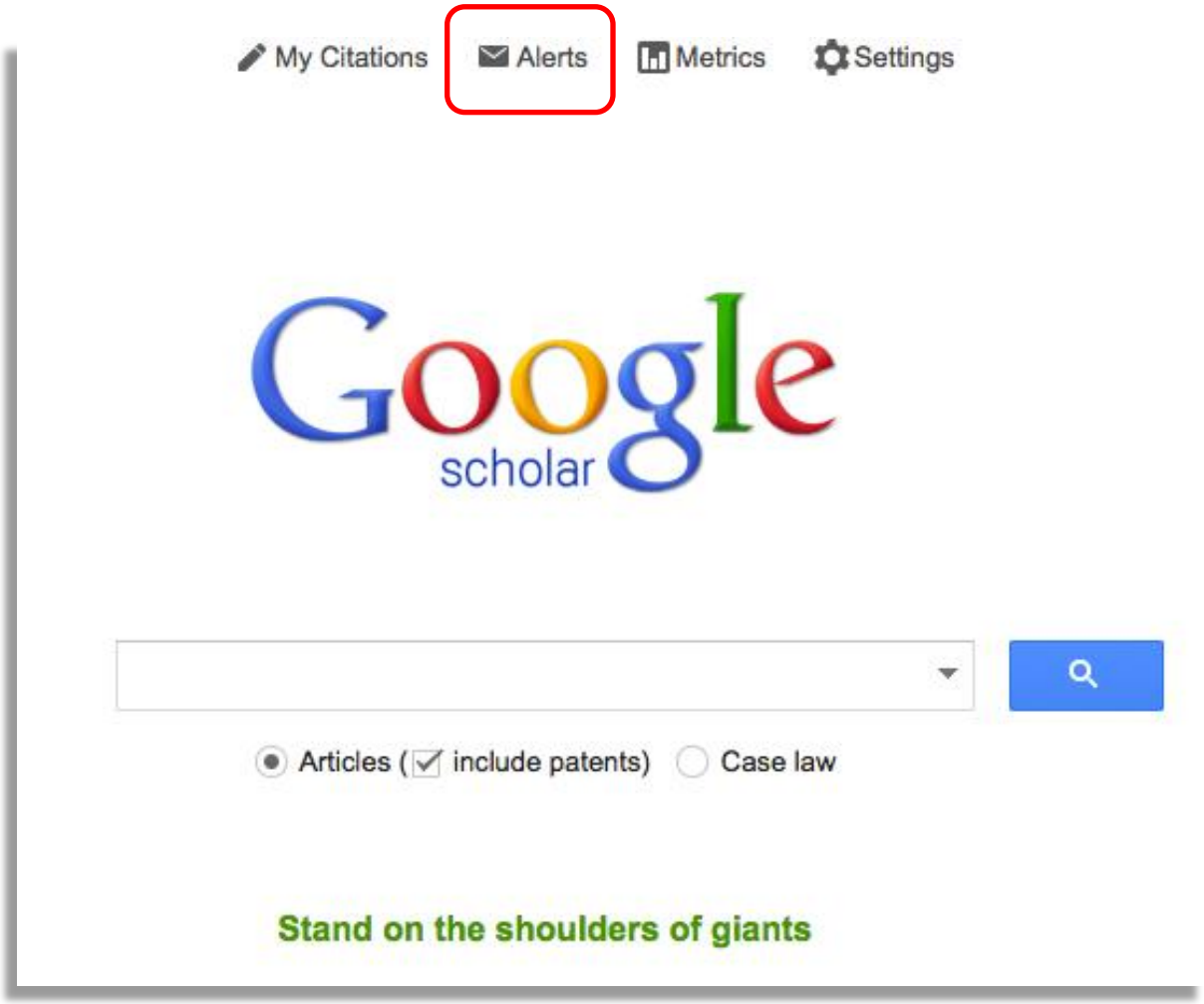

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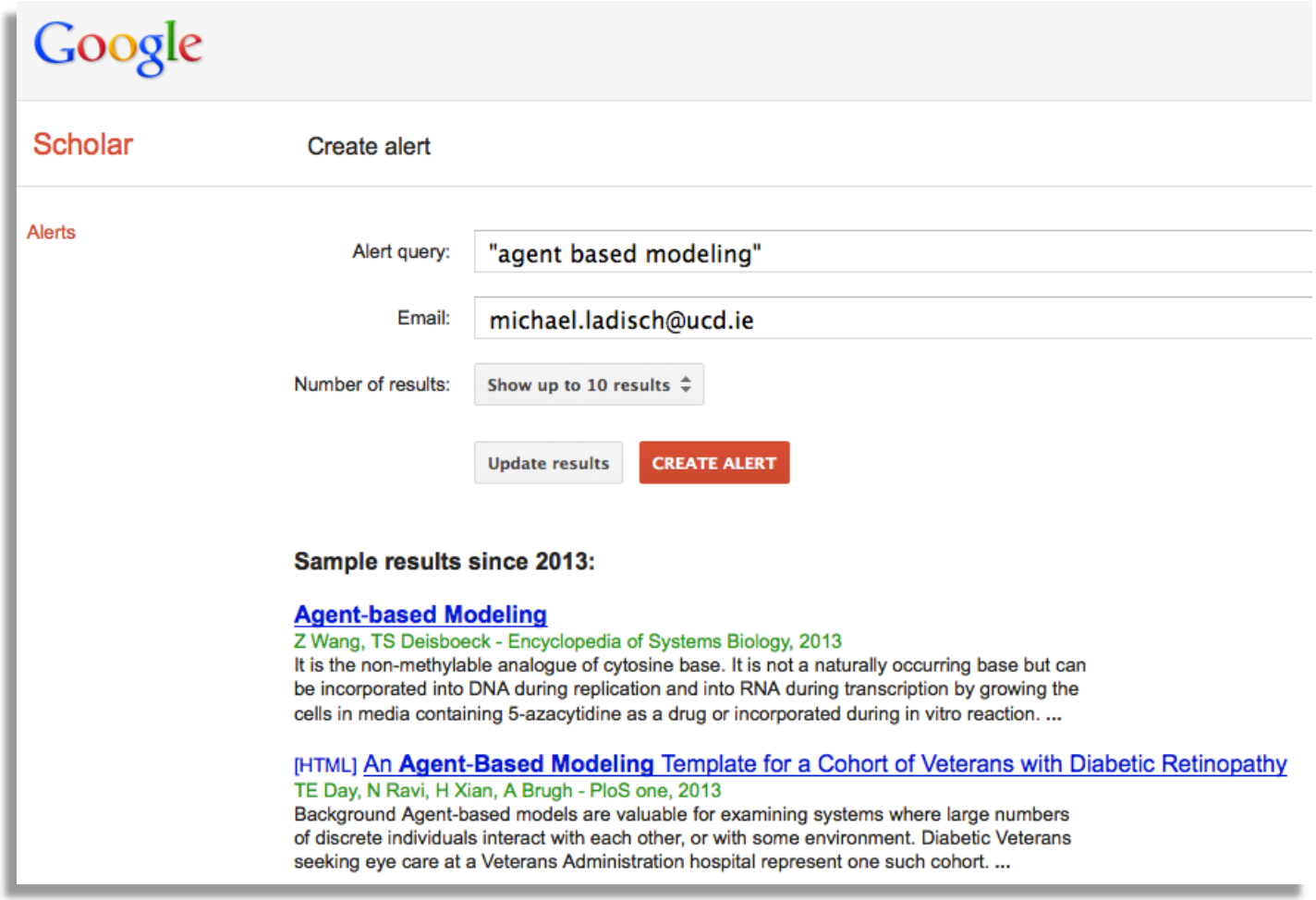

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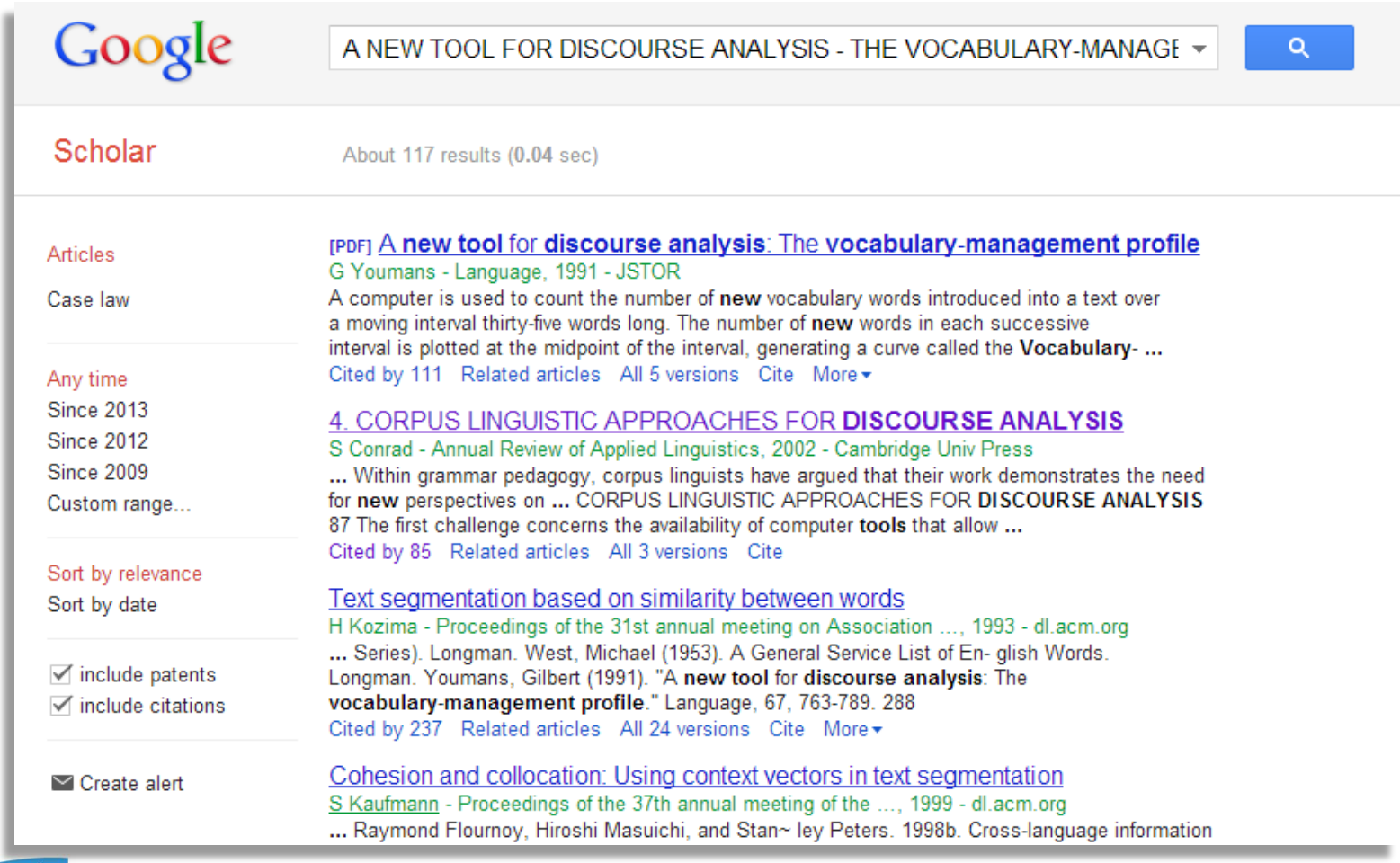

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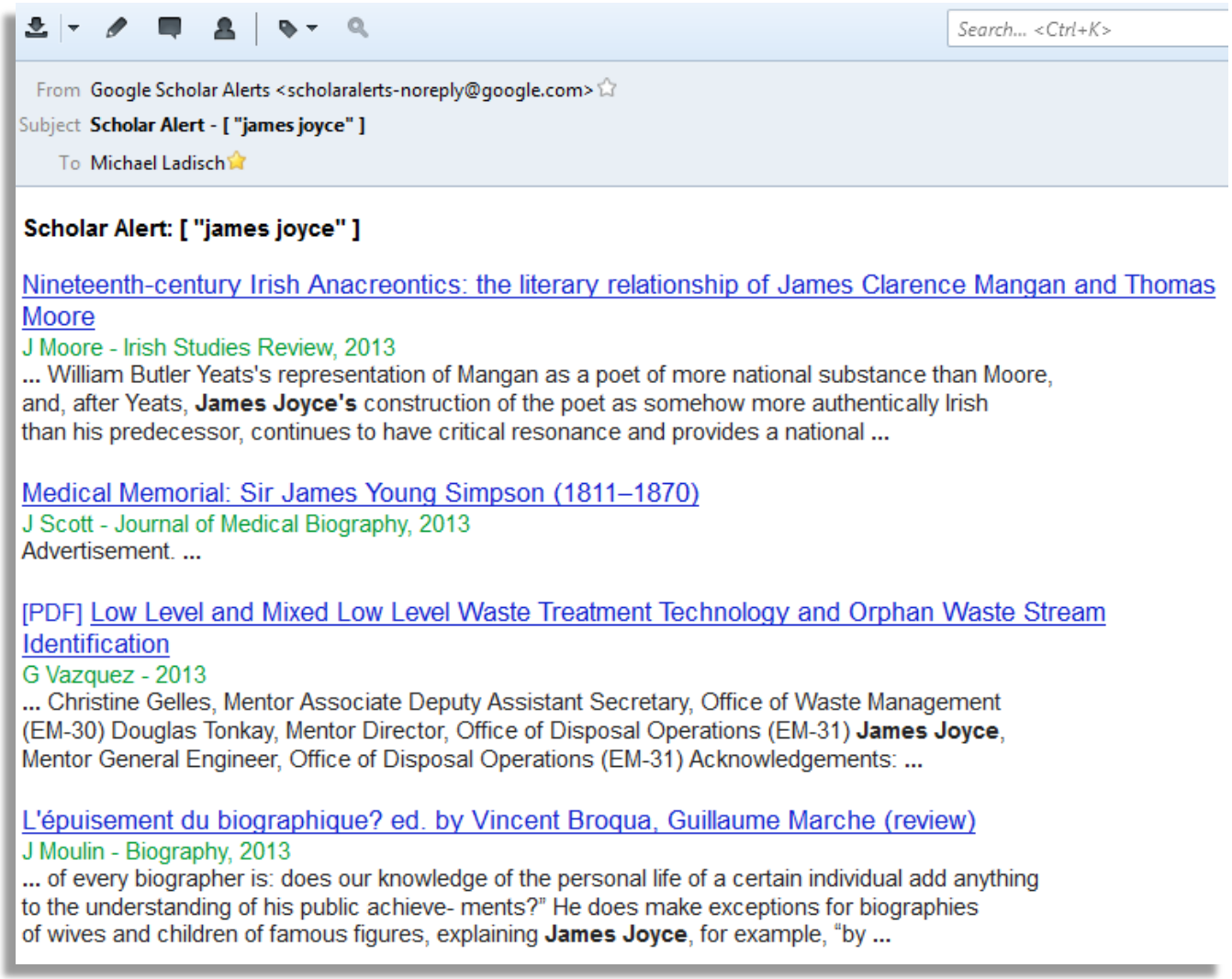

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Subject **Scholar Alert - ["james joyce"]**
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Nineteenth-century Irish Anacreontics: the literary relationship of James Clarence Mangan and Thomas Moore
J Moore - Irish Studies Review, 2013
... William Butler Yeats's representation of Mangan as a poet of more national substance than Moore, and, after Yeats, **James Joyce's** construction of the poet as somehow more authentically Irish than his predecessor, continues to have critical resonance and provides a national ...

Medical Memorial: Sir James Young Simpson (1811–1870)
J Scott - Journal of Medical Biography, 2013
Advertisement. ...

[PDF] Low Level and Mixed Low Level Waste Treatment Technology and Orphan Waste Stream Identification
G Vazquez - 2013
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L'épuisement du biographique? ed. by Vincent Broqua, Guillaume Marche (review)
J Moulin - Biography, 2013
... of every biographer is: does our knowledge of the personal life of a certain individual add anything to the understanding of his public achieve- ments?" He does make exceptions for biographies of wives and children of famous figures, explaining **James Joyce**, for example, "by ...

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Rich Site Summary =
Really Simple
Syndication
Allows web content to be syndicated.

Bottom line:
You don't have to visit a website in order to view its content.

An RSS document, or "feed", contains a *summary* of content from a website – title, description and a link to the actual content wherever it resides on the Web.

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RSS Feeds

Advantages:

- Save time
- Convenience – have all your updates come to one portal
- Keep updates separate from email (spam, blocked messages, etc.)
- Don’t have to give out personal details (well, not always at least)

In order to read these RSS feeds, you need an RSS reader.
RSS readers can be either Web-based or software you download onto your computer.
Majority are freely available!

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RSS Feeds

Wherever you see icons such as these:

It means you can subscribe to the website's RSS feed and receive updates!

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Get RSS feeds for:

- Newspaper/Magazine articles
- Scholarly journals
  - Table of Contents
  - Saved searches
  - Citation of articles
- Blogs
- Podcasts
- Websites (e.g. UCD Library)

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- Many publishers are now offering some kind of RSS option for keeping up to date with articles, citations, searches …

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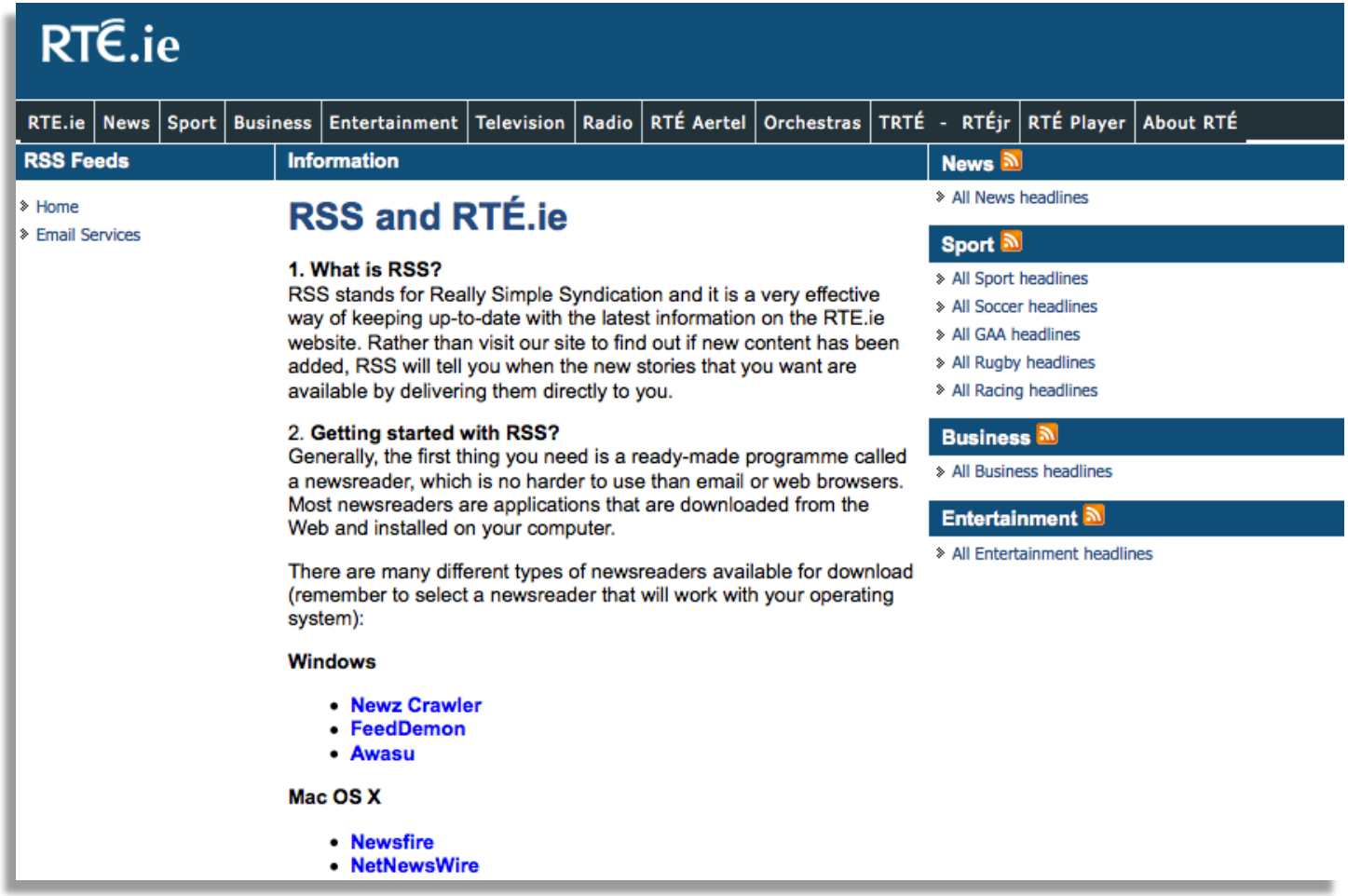

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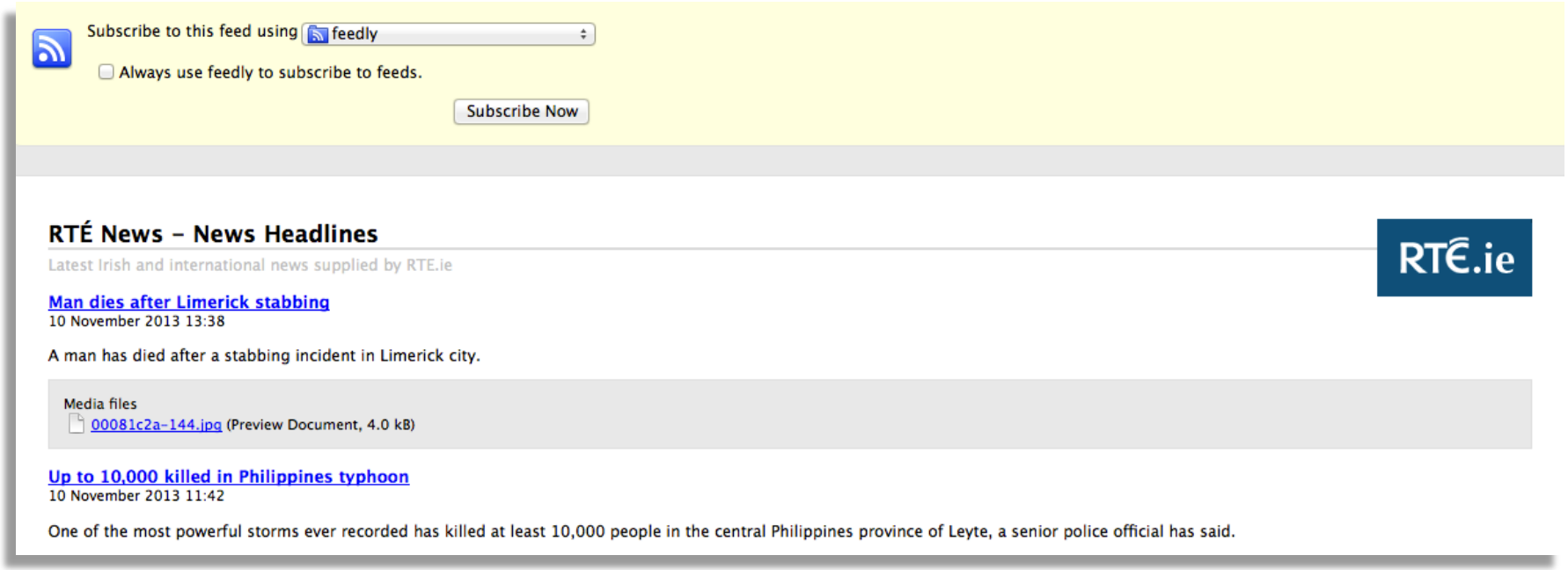

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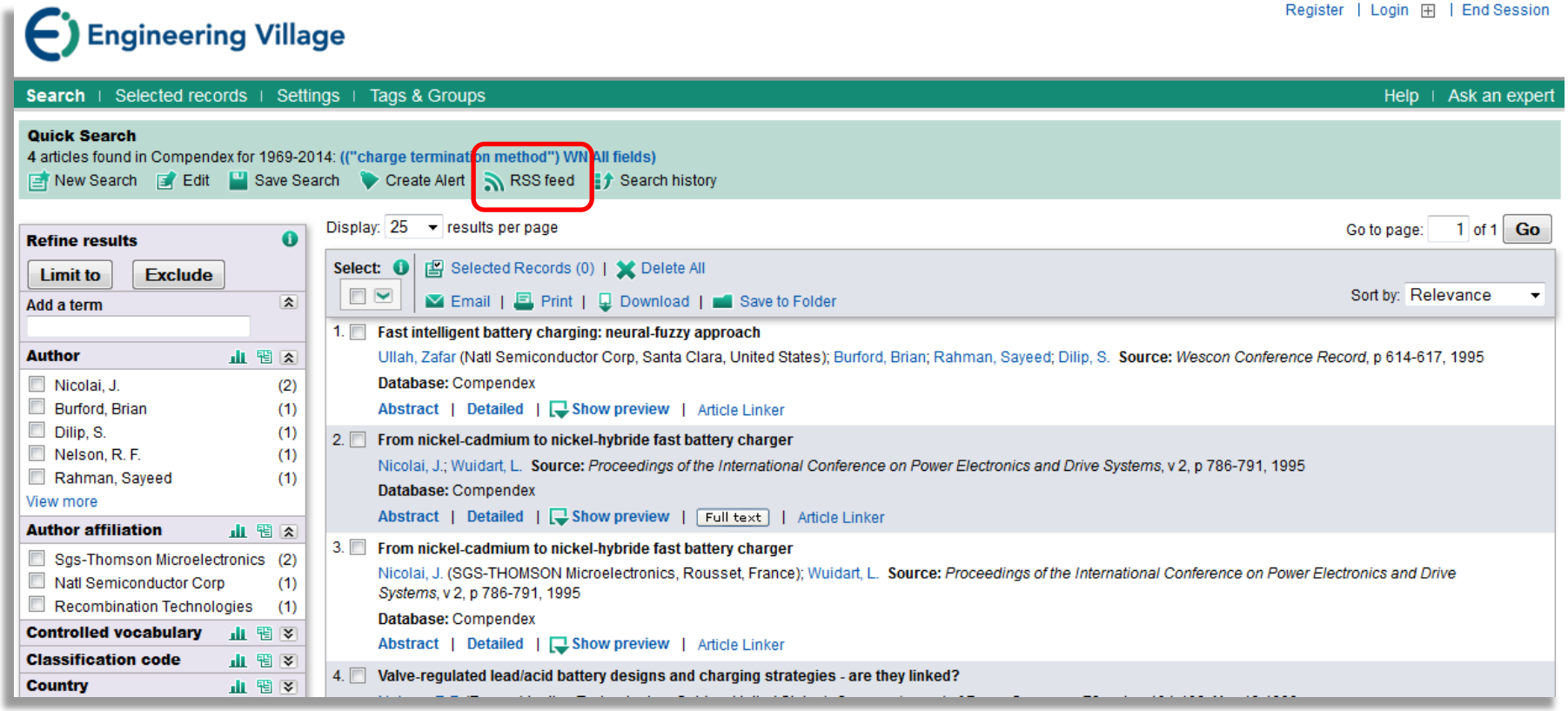

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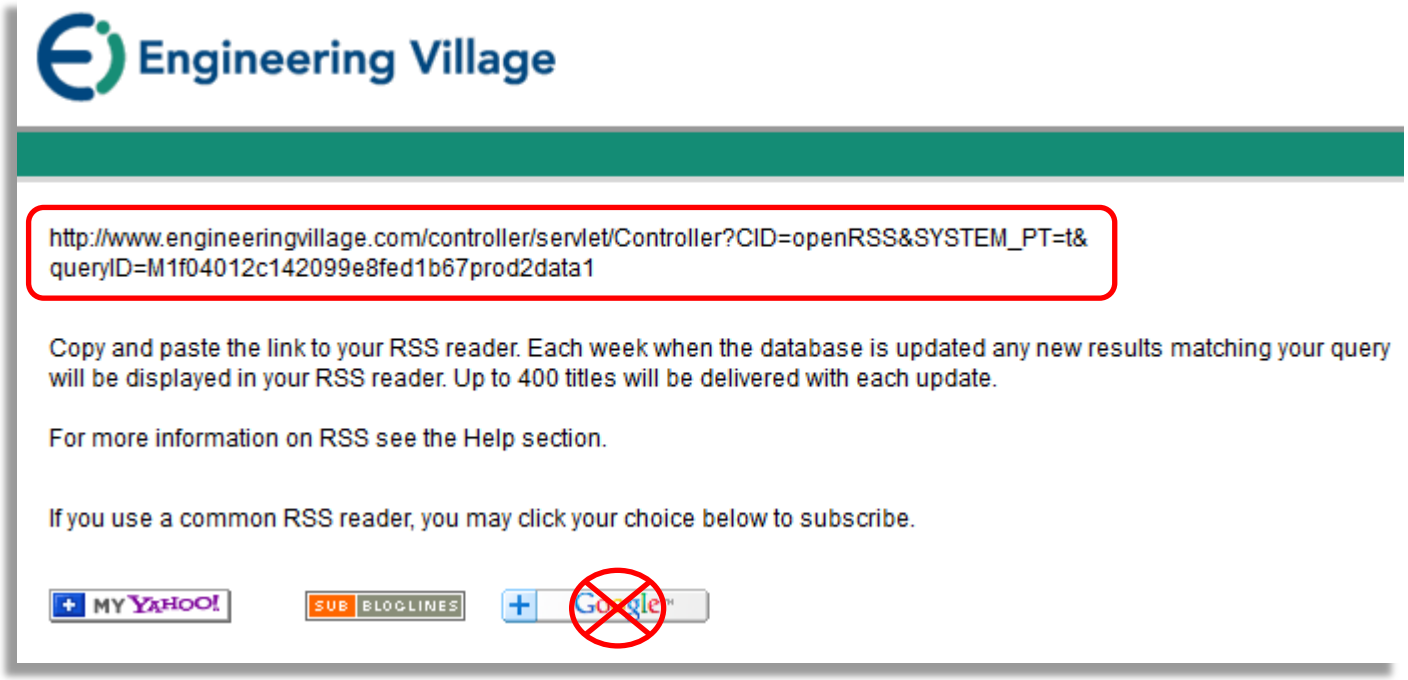

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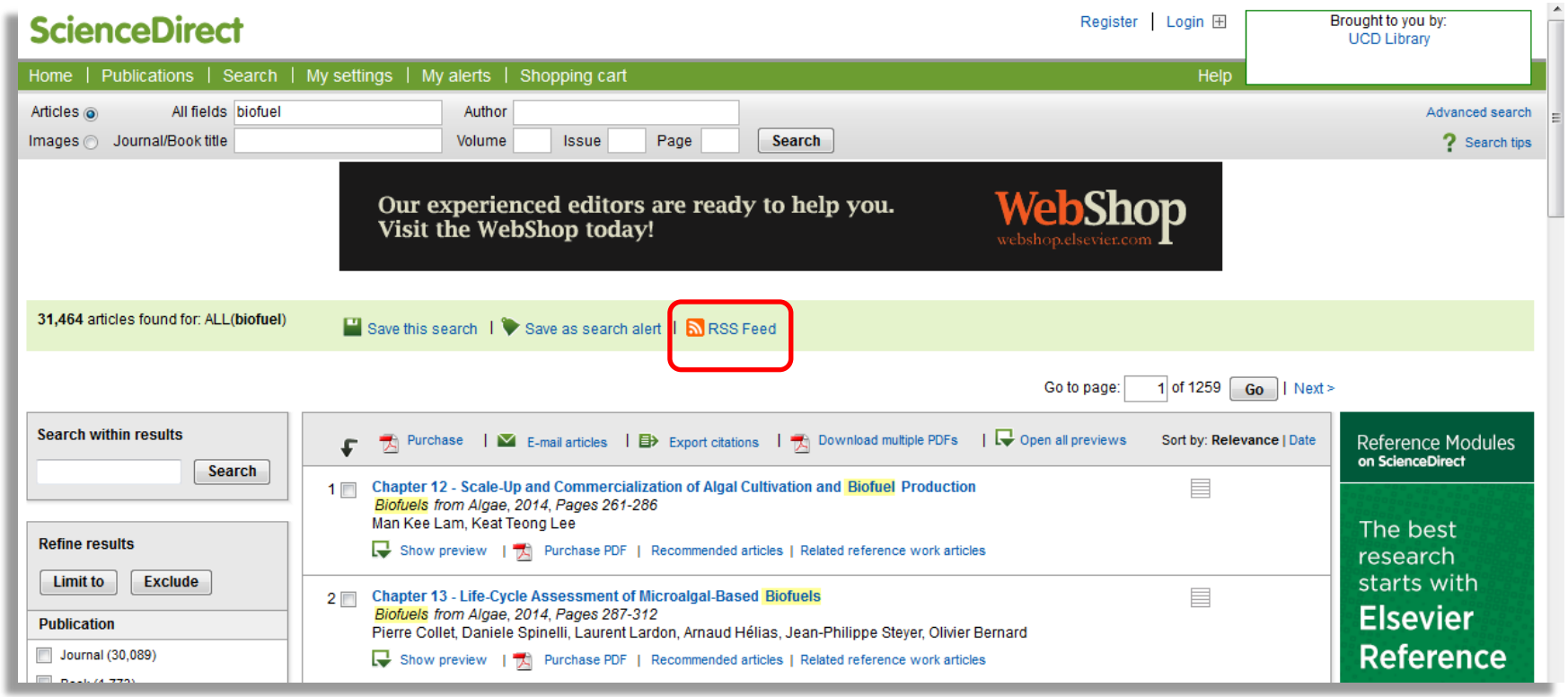

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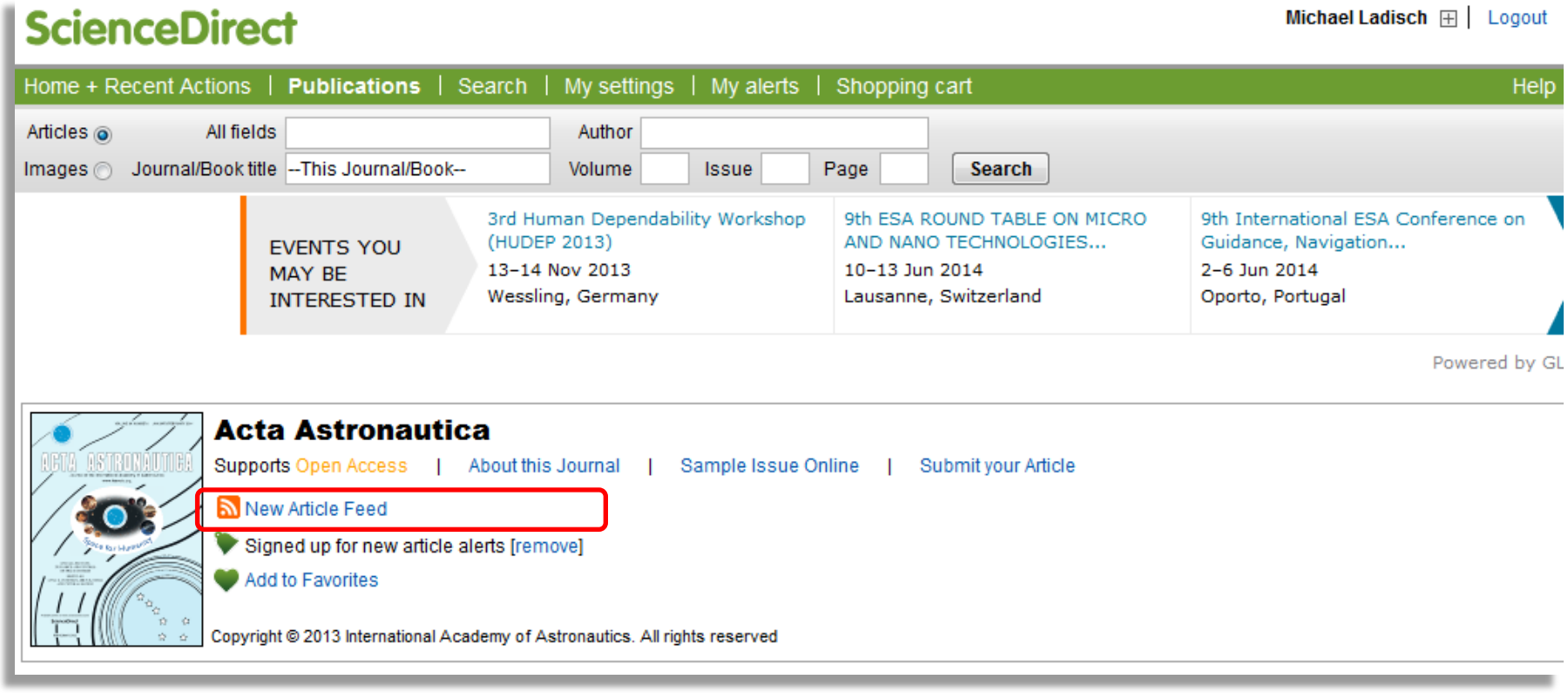
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What are RSS feeds?

RSS stands for "RDF Site Summary" or "Really Simple Syndication". It provides a mechanism to subscribe to "headlines" from a web site. RSS can be used as an alternative to electronic tables of contents for receipt of up-to-date TOC and Abstract information, or as a way of syndicating information from this website on another site.

What information is available via RSS?

The RSS feeds provide TOC and Abstract information for recent and current issues of each journal. Two feeds are available for this journal:

RSS Contributions to Political Economy - RSS feed of current issue

RSS Contributions to Political Economy - RSS feed of recent issues (covers the latest 3 issues, including the current issue)

RSS Advance Access - RSS feed of articles published online ahead of print

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RSS Most Frequently Cited Articles

As with an electronic table of contents, if you wish to view the full text of any article listed in the RSS feed, simply click on the article's link to the online journal site.

How do I use an RSS feed?

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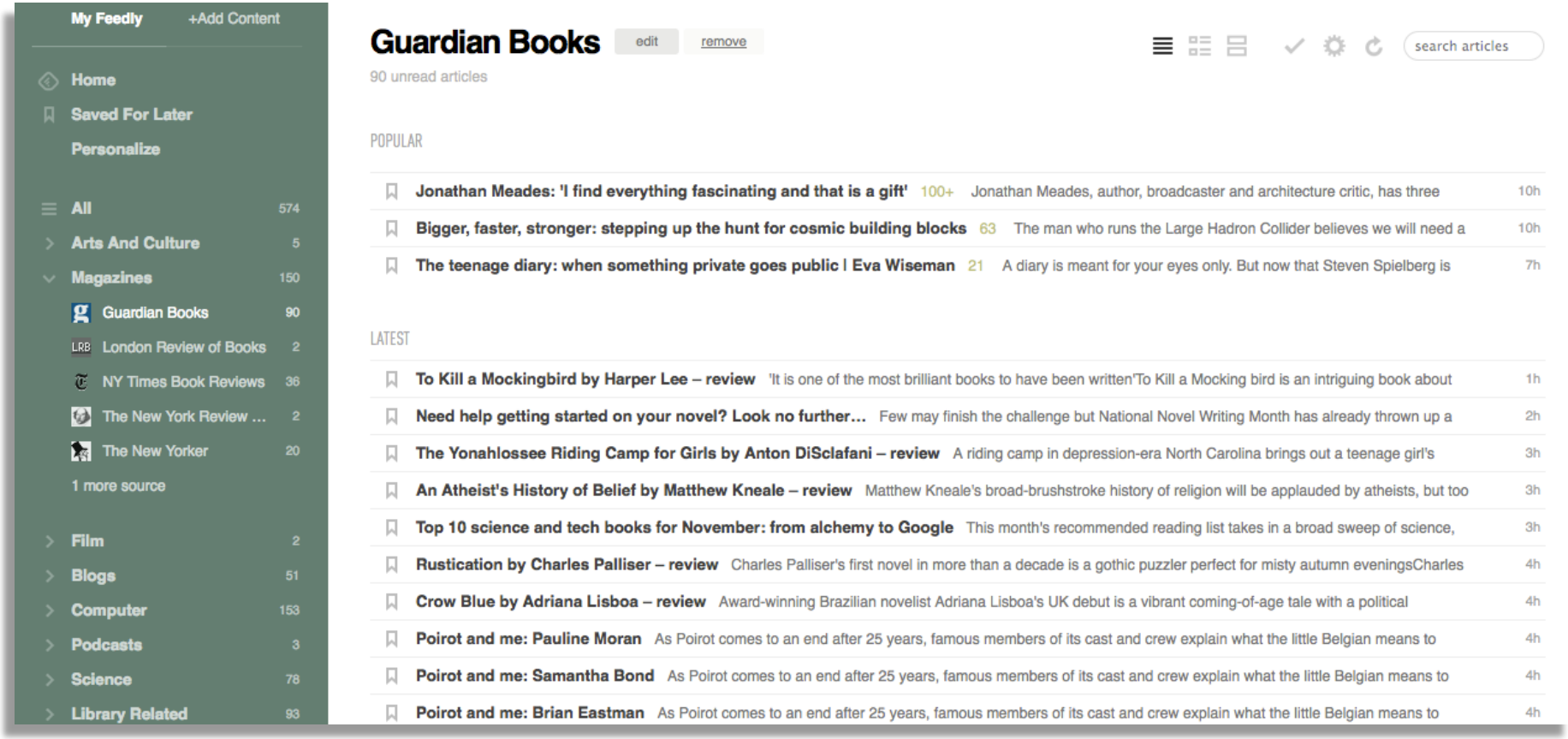

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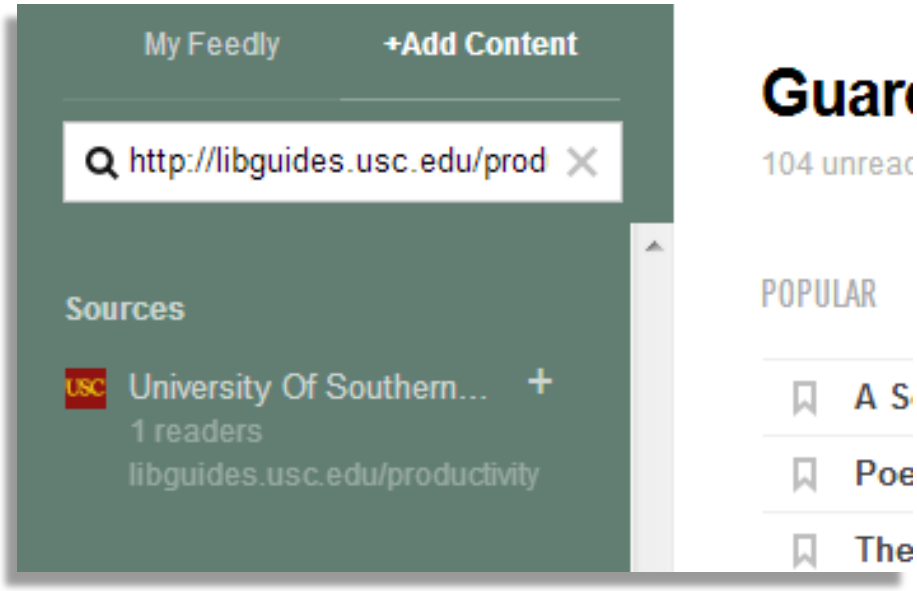

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