Tools for Biomedical Researchers

**When:** Wednesday, September 9, 2009  
**Time:** 12:05pm to 1:00pm  
**Where:** Health Sciences Education Building, Room 2110  
**Who:** Alex Wade, Director for Scholarly Communication  
**What:** Library and Information Technology Forum

**Program Description**
This session highlights several freely available and open source efforts from Microsoft External Research (MER), and demonstrates how these tools can help researchers and authors enhance the process of scholarly communication. In partnership with universities, libraries, publishers, and governmental organizations, MER is developing software and services to assist researchers in the process of scholarly information capture and dissemination.

MER is committed to the development and support of efforts in open access, open tools, open technology, and interoperability. Producing next-generation documents that increase productivity and empower authors to increase the discoverability and appropriate re-use of their work is a goal of MER’s collaborative efforts. Throughout the research process, software can assist the researcher in the fields of information capture, organization, analysis, collaboration, authoring, dissemination and long-term information preservation.

**Presenter**
Alex Wade is the Director for Scholarly Communication within Microsoft’s External Research division, where he oversees several projects related to researcher productivity, semantic information capture, and the interoperability of information systems. During his career at Microsoft, Alex has managed the corporate search and taxonomy management services; and served as Program Manager for Windows Search in Windows Vista and Windows 7. Prior to joining Microsoft, Alex held Systems Librarian, Engineering Librarian, Philosophy Librarian, and technical library positions at the University of Washington, the University of Michigan, and U.C. Berkeley. Alex holds a Masters of Librarianship degree from the University of Washington.

Light refreshments will be served!
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