### User Manual: Trace Administrator Guide

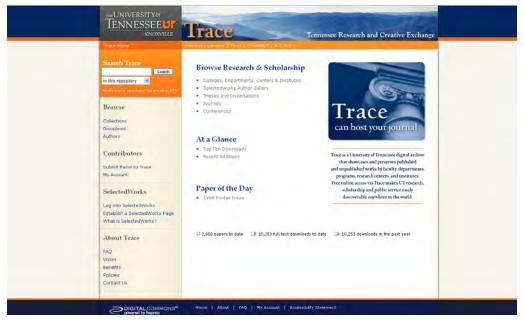
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#### INTRODUCTION

Trace is a University of Tennessee digital archive that showcases and preserves published and unpublished works by faculty, departments, programs, research centers, and institutues. Free online access to Trace makes UT research, scholarship and public service easily discoverable anywhere in the world.

Trace can be found at: http://trace.tennessee.edu/



This manual serves as a basic guide for administrative configuration and editing of Trace digital repository and the items submitted. Instructions for managing Trace are provided with illustration and step-by-step guidance. This resource is current for the spring of 2010, and images and instructional content refer to this version of the Trace repository.

Trace is hosted by Digital Commons, powered by bepress.

#### **Getting Started with Trace: Community Configuration**

Log it to Trace: http://trace.tennessee.edu/

-From the homepage, select "My Account" from the left-hand menu under the "Contributors" heading, and enter your NetID and password.

-Under "Site Administration Tools," select the "trace.tennesse.edu" link to configure items in Trace.



The next screen is the main configuration screen for the Trace repository. Access to communities, series, journals, and ETDs can be accomplished from this window. To configure a particular **community**, click "show ir communitys" option, and select the community you with to edit. Note: Communities are identified by their URL. To obtain a community's shortened URL, simply go to the front-end community page in Trace. The short name will appear after Trace's home URL (i.e. 'utk-fami' — http://trace.tennessee.edu/utk-fami/)



Once the community has been selected, the Community Configuration page will appear, with many configuration options.

#### **Community Configuration Options**

Adding a Logo: An image can be uploaded to decorate the top of a community page. The logo must be saved as a .gif, and can be only 640px wide. You then have the option to modify WIDTH and HEIGHT. If the image contains the Community name (ex. a banner), you can select the 'Only show community logo?' box. Also, if you wish to have the community title above the image, select the 'Community Title and Community Logo are stacked' option.

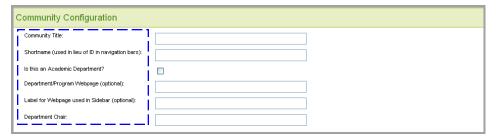
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**Community Title:** This field will set the title for this community. The title is used in the series masthead, automated emails, sitemap links, etc.

**Shortname:** This field is used to enter a shortened name of the Community for use in the bread-crumb display. The breadcrumb navigation is located a the top of each Community, Series, or Article page.

ex. Home>Engineering>Bioengineering>Faculty Publications and Other Works

**Is this an Academic Department?:** This setting can influence the sitemap displayed on the communities.html page. The pages marked as an Academic Department may be aggregated on a separate page.



**Department/Program Webpage:** This field can be used to provide an address to the Department or Program's official homepage. The link will appear in the left-hand sidebar.

**Label for Webpage used in Sidebar:** This will determine the label of the link provided above. If no text is provided, the label will default to the Community Title or Shortname.

**Department Chair:** If the community has a department chair you can enter the name here for display above the intro text on the Community page.

#### **Custom Introductory Text**

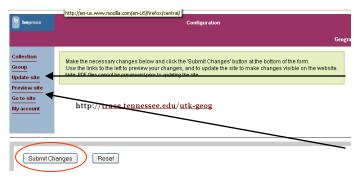
**Introductory Text:** This field allows for text to be displayed under the title and logo on the community page. Enter relevant text and information here.

NOTE: If there is more than one paragraph, or stylized formatting is needed, HTML is required. For multiple paragraphs, insert at the beginning of each paragraph, and to

Custom Site Text (HTML Allowed)

Students majoring in food and agricultural business are prepared for a wide variety of career opportunities. The focus of their studies is on the functioning of the aggi-food sector of the global economic system and economic principles for decision making by business managers, consumers, policymakers and others within that sector. Students complete a curriculum designed to provide them with a broad-based deutacinion and the specialized skills necessary for a successful career in the aggi-food industry or with a related organization or public agency.

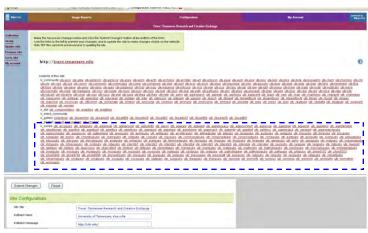
signify the end of each paragraph. A list of other common HTML tags can be found at the end of this guide.



- -To make changes in Trace, select the *Submit Changes* button at the top or bottom of the page.
- -To make these changes visible in Trace, you must also click the *Update site* option on the left-hand menu at the top of the screen.
- -To preview what the changes will look like on the community page, you can select the *Preview site* option, and a new window will open to show you the Trace page.

#### **Series Configuration and Management**

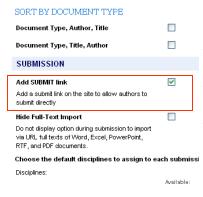
The Series are also listed on the main configuration page, below the Communities listings. Click on the series you wish to configure, and the page will be very similar to the Communities Configuration page.



#### **Series Configuration Options**

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Many of the same configuration options are available for the Series page. These include **Series Title, Abbreviation, External Link, External Link Label, and Introductory Text**. For a more complete discussion of these, see page 4 of this manual.



There are a number of additional options available from the main configuration page for a series, though many of the default settings will be sufficient for Trace and many are fairly explanatory. One important option, though, is found under the 'Submission' heading, titled 'Add SUBMIT link.' This allows you to determine whether individuals can submit directly from the front end of Trace, or whether they must first receive approval.

#### **Management**

The majority of work done with a series will be using two tools: *Upload* and *Manage Submissions* 

#### Uploading for an Author

To submit:

- 1. Go to your My Account page and log in.
- 2. From the Site Administration Tools section, choose the community you wish to add to, and click Upload.



3. Fill in the values for the metadata and full text. The basic fields are described here, but it is possible that your submission form may have different fields. These fields include:

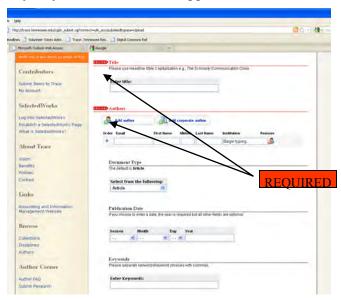
**Title:** enter the title of the submission exactly as you would like it to appear.

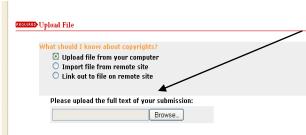
**Author:** Enter the name(s) as it appears on the publication.

**Publication Date:** If you know the year of publication, you may enter it here. If you series is sorted by publication date, t his will affect where on the index page t he document will show.

**Abstract:** Enter abstracts by pasting or type them into the form. Make sure you choose the appropriate option to describe the format of your abstract so that it will display correctly in Trace. If there is more than one paragraph, HTML tags will be needed.

NOTE: Those fields designated with a Required arrow must be filled out!





4. Upload the file or document. If you select upload a file, you will be given a browse box option to locate the file on your computer or network. PDF is the default format for text documents. If you select provide a link to the full text on a remote site, you will be given a box to paste the link into. When the document is posted, the article page will display a link to the URL you enter here.

- 5. Determine the publication status of the item, and use the yes/no buttons provided to indicate whether the submission was published in a journal. If "yes," the system will automatically generate an OpenURL and post it on the article page. The OpenURL is helpful if a document is online (e.g, a publisher's website), and for copyright reasons, the author cannot upload it to the repository.
- 6. If you have supplemental files to post, check the box next to Pleasecheck this if you would like to add additional files. After submission, you will have the option to upload them.
- 7. After all the information has been entered, click **Submit**.

Note: If you selected the option to upload additional files you will be taken to a new browse screen to locate and add descriptive text to each file. The descriptive text will be published on the site along with the file. Once all files have been uploaded and labeled click Continue.

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#### **Managing Submissions**

After submitting a paper, you will see a confirmation screen, listing your options:

*Revise your Submission:* Returns you to the submission form where you may make any nec essary changes to your submission.

*Upload Another Submission:* If you have more content to submit before posting, you may click here to upload another submission.

Manage All Submissions: Allows you to view all submissions uploaded to the system.

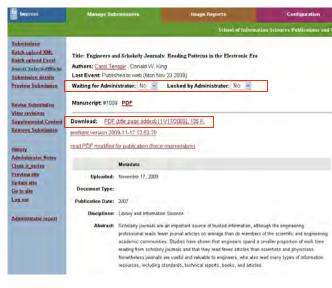
*Update Site (series):* Allow you to update the series and post any submissions.

- 1. To manage the items submitted for a particular series, select the series from the configuration page, and then select the green **Manage** Submissions tab from the top menu.
- 2. This brings you to the main submission page, where the unpublished items will be displayed by default. Additionally, you can use the drop down boxes to search for specific submissions. You may also click on the underlined headings for each column to reverse the sort order.



#### 3. Submission Details Page:

- -To view the information about a specific item, click on the title. The resulting Submission details page shows information about the submission, as well as links to download the electronic files, if any.
- -Much of this information will be self-explanatory, but there are a few headings that are important to note:



Waiting for Administrator: On the green Manage Submissions tab, the system automatically displays a red "waiting for administrator" dot beside submissions that may require administrator attention (e.g., the author uploaded a revision, a reviewer posted a review, etc.). You may override that designation by changing the menu from "Yes" to "No," or vice versa, at anytime.

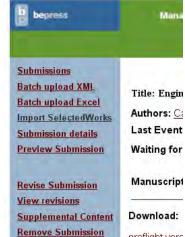
**Locked by Administrator**: If you change this menu to "Yes," the author will be immediately unable to use the Revise submission link.

**Download:** Clicking this will allow you to view the most recent PDF version of the item, including the system-generated title page and header/footer.

#### 4. Sidebar Options:

-From the Submission Details page shown above, you may find the folling links in the left-hand sidebar. Some links are visible only after certain actions have been completed, and some links correspond with optional features enabled for your series.

#### -The options include:



**-Submissions**: This link returns you to the main Manage Submissions page.

-Preview Submission: This link displays the submission as it would appear in Trace.

Authors: Catast Event -Revise Submission: To make a change to a submission, you may submit a revision by clicking this link. A new window will appear with all of the fields that may be edited. Change the necessary elements on the Manuscript form and enter a brief description of the changes in the "reason for update" field. When you are ready to make the updates visible in Trace, Download: click 'Submit,' and then select the *Update Site* option on the left-hand

preflight vers toolbar.

-View Revisions: The Revisions History table is displayed when this link is selected, and allows you to see who made the submission, as well as any subsequent revisions. It also allows you to select which version will be accessible in Trace by selecting the button to the left of the file desired, and clicking the 'Save Changes' button.



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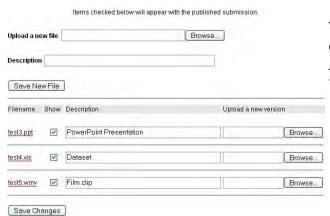
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**-Supplemental Content**: You may submit these supplemental files at the time you make the original submission or add them at a later date.

- 1. To upload a new file, click the *Browse* button to browse your hard drive or network. Choose the file to upload and add a description (this description will be shown on the site).
- 2. To prevent access to a supplemental file, deselect the box in the *Show* column.
- 3. To revise, click the *Browse* link to the right of a saved file, and select a replacement file.
- 4. To change the description, edit the description box.



When the edits are complete, click the *Save Changes* button to preserve your modifications. Again, to reflect the changes in Trace, click the 'Update Site' option on the left-hand toolbar.

- -Register Decision: Click this to either accept/reject/request revisions to a submission. Though an author may submit an article, the article must then be approved before it will be published in Trace. From the drop-down menu, choose you option. Choosing an option will prompt a preformatted Decision Letter to generate. Note: It is optional to send the decision letter. Select the *Do not email the decision letter* box to the right of the drop-down menu. The options include:
  - 1. Accept: choose this letter for submission you intend to publish as-is
  - 2. Accept with Minor Revisions: Choose this letter for submissions

you intend to publish but need some minor changes before you can do so.

- 3. <u>Major Revisions Required for Acceptance</u>: Choose this letter for submissions you are considering but require significant changes.
- 4. <u>Reject:</u> Rejected submissions can be neither revised nor accepted afterwards so this deci sion should be used with caution.

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Do not email the decision letter

Congratulations! After careful review, your article "The Phoenix, Winter 1977" has been accepted into Phoenix. We look forward to publishing your article as soon as possible.

When you are satisfied that your paper meets the journal's formatting requirements and is ready to publish, please upload your revision and be sure to also include a cover letter detailing the changes you have made. If you are satisfied with the article as it is, let me know that as well.

[Insert changes here or delete if not required]

Browse...

- -Change any of the text as needed and click *Register Decision* on the right-hand side of the page to send the letter. Remember: To make the changes visible on the site, always click 'Update site' on the left-hand menu!
- **-Remove Decision**: This link allows you to withdraw an entire submission on behalf of an author. This is helpful if the author has made duplicate submissions. Once removed, it cannot be posted, so this option should be used with caution.



-Click the Remove submission link.

- —Click *Remove, no notification* to confirm your selection without sending the letter suggested on the screen.
- —Click the *Remove* button to confirm you selection and to send the letter displayed to the author.
- -Click the *Update* link if you are removing a submission that has been posted. NOTE: Once the

series has been updated, the submission's metadata will still be present at its current URL, but the link to download the file will be replaced by a notice that the document has been withdrawn.

- **-Delete Submission**: This differs from the *Remove Decision* option in that it allows administrators to permanently delete a submission. It will leave no record of the submission in the system and cannot be reversed.
- 1. Click the Delete submission link
- 2. Click the Delete submission button to confirm your selection. Immediately, the submission will no longer be visible within the system, including the author's My Account page, and no

- notification email will be sent to the author.
- 3. Click the Update link, if you are deleting a submission that has been posted. Once the series has been updated, the URL where the submission existed will show an error message, as if the submission had not been posted.

Like the **Community and Series configuration** pages, the left hand menu also has the *Preview site* and *Update site* options.

- -Preview Site: Allows you to view the series homepage before changes are live.
- **-Update Site:** If you have posted submissions, or submitted revisions to posted submissions, use *Update* to have those changes carried through to the site. You will receive an email when the update has completed.

#### **Batch Upload via Excel**

Digital Commons allows administrators to upload multiple records at one time by using the Batch Upload option found on the Manage Submissions page of a series. An Excel spreadsheet is downloaded that can be used to enter multiple records' data and subsequently uploaded to the particular series in Trace.



To upload content using an Excel format:

- 1. Each series has a unique Excel spreadsheet. From the Manage Submissions page for any series, click on the sidebar link "Batch Upload Excel."
- 2. Click "Download" to download the spreadsheet to your computer.
- 3. A spreadsheet with preconfigured fields will be downloaded, and will look similar to the one below.



4. Complete the spreadsheet, one record per row, with the metadata you with to upload. The fields in red are required for each record. You can hover over the column headers for information on each field.

#### **Common Fields for Batch Upload**

- -abstract: the abstract/description for the article.
- -abstract format: the default is One Paragraph (onep). The options are:
  - -cr- multiple paragraphs, as indicated by carriage returns

-onep— one paragraph

**-blanks**— multiple paragraphs, as indicated by blank lines

**-html**– paragraphs formatted with HTML tags

-author1 fname: first author/creator's first name

-author1 lname: first author/creator's last name

-author1 email: first author/creator's email address

-author1 institution: first author/creator's institution

NOTE: Additional author/creators can be entered as author2 fname, author2 lname, etc. Four authors can be included.

-create openurl: Default to FALSE which does not create an OpenURL for the article. To create an OpenURL for an article, place TRUE in this section.

-custom citation: used when the series needs a specific, custom citation rather than a default.

-document type: the document type for each record.

-fulltext url: The URL of the main document.

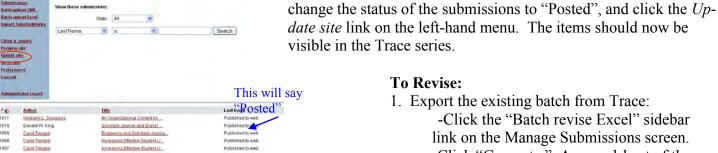
-publication date: the publication date of the record.

Use MM/DD/YYYY format.

5. When you have completed the spreadsheet, save the file, return to the "Batch Upload Excel" screen, and upload the file.

6. If the upload is successful, you will receive a confirmation email. If there were any problems, you will get an error message with instructions for re-

vising the spreadsheet. 7. To make the items visible in Trace, return to the Manage Submissions screen,





To Revise:

1. Export the existing batch from Trace:

-Click the "Batch revise Excel" sidebar link on the Manage Submissions screen. -Click "Generate." A spreadsheet of the current metadata for the series will appear at the top of the Spreadsheet History.

2. Revise the batch and resubmit:

-Using the spreadsheet from your batch export, enter the changes and new submissions.

-When you have finished, return to the "Batch Revise Excel" in Step 1 of the instructions, and upload the revised file.



#### **Journal Configuration and Management**

The Journals are also listed on the main configuration page, below the Communities listings. Click on the journal you wish to configure, and the page will be very similar to the Communities/Series Configuration pages.

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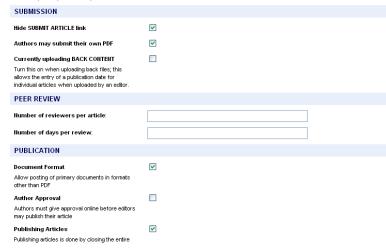
#### **Journal Configuration Options**

**Presentation:** There are two options. The *Show latest SPECIAL ISSUE link* should only be used if you have specifically created a 'Special Issue.' This setting will create a link to the most recent special issue in the sidebar. The *Hide MOST POPULAR PAPERS link* will disable the default setting that lists the ten most popular papers for a journal, and will eliminate the option from the sidebar.

**Submission:** The *Hide SUBMIT ARTICLE link* allows only administrators and editors of a journal to submit papers to the journal. The *Currently uploading BACK CONTENT* option allows an editor to enter a publication date for each individual article instead of by issue.

**Peer Review:** An administrator or editor has the option to specify the number of reviewers per journal article and the number of days per review, if desired.

**Publication:** The *Document Format* option allows for uploading items saved in formats other than PDFs. The *Author Approval* option requires that



the original article creator approve publication within Trace. The *Publishing Articles* option controls the publication style of the journal. Selecting this box will require that articles be placed inside an issue once they are ready, but will NOT be published to Trace until the entire issue has been closed. NOTE: When an issue is closed, it cannot be revised or modified.

**Custom Site Text:** The fields for this section are very similar to those for the Commmunities and Series configuration pages. *The Cover Text* box allows you to enter text regarding the purpose of the journal that will appear on the Journal homepage above the article list. The *About Page* allows text that will appear on a separate 'About' page, and allows the entry of more in-depth information about the journal.

**Policies Page:** This section allows you to add supplemental information about a journal's policies, including the sections *Philosophy Statement* and *Submission Rules*.

**Editors:** The section will allow you to add or remove editors from the series by adding their email address and

#### Journal Editing and Management

This sections provides a brief overview of the basic options for a journal editor. For comprehensive instructions on the complete functionality of journal management, please see the Journal Editor's User Guide.

#### **Accessing Journal Editor's Tools**

- -From Trace, select the My Account link on the left-hand menu.
- -Once logged in, your page will appear, and all journals for which you are an editor will appear at the bottom, under the EDITOR TOOLS heading.
  -The tools listed will depend upon the authorities for each individual journal, but will likely in-

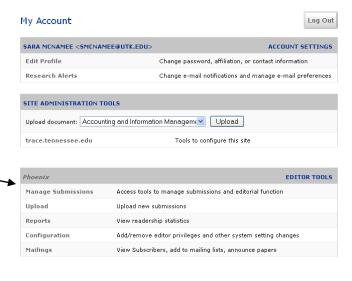
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#### **Managing Submissions**

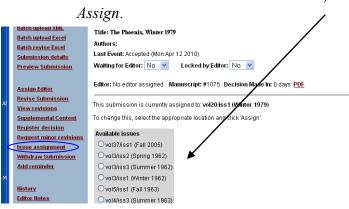
-Clicking on the Manage Submissions button on your 'My Account' page will allow you to view and revise all articles for the journal. It is configured almost exactly like a Series submission management page, with all of the options found there.

-By selecting an article, you can revise the submission, view any previous submissions, register a decision, or withdraw the submission just as you would in a series (For complete instructions on how to execute these tasks, please see the Series Management section of the guide.

-Once a decision has been registered for a submission, you must assign the article to an issue. To do this:

1. Click *Issue Assignment* on the left-hand toolbar. If there is more than one issue open, you will be given a choice of all open issues.

2. Select the correct volume and issue, and click



3. The next screen will show you the current contents of the issue. If everything is correct, select the *Submit changes* button.

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Accepted: April 12, 2010

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4. As always, for changes to be seen in Trace, click the *Update site* option on the left-hand toolbar!

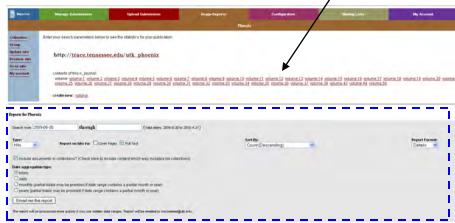
#### **Upload Articles**

- -Selecting the Upload option from your My Account page allows you to submit work for an author or upload additional content to be placed in an issue. To make a submission:
  - 1. Go to My Account page, and from the Editor's Tools section click Upload.
  - 2. The submission instructions, and submission agreement screens will be skipped. You will need to enter the author information, the full text of the article (via PDF file) and any other information pertinent to the submission.
- 3. Select the Submit button at the bottom of the screen. -From here, you may return to the Manage Submissions screen to register a decision and assign the submission to an issue.

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#### **Usage Reports**

- -This option allows you to view various statistics on a journal, including which articles have been the most popular and how many articles have been downloaded in a given time period. To see the information about how readers are accessing a given journal:
  - 1. Click on the *Reports link* on your My Account page.
  - 2. The Usage Reports screen will be displayed, and allows you to customize a report based on various parameters. Additionally, if you wish to receive only usage statistics on a single issue or article, use the links for the subsections at the top of the page.



3. Select the desired parameters and click the Email me the report button. An email will be sent to the address ties to your account.

#### Configuration

- -The Configuration option on the My Account page allows you to add volumes and issues to a journal. To do so:
  - 1. Click the *Configuration* option. Using the link at the top of the Configuration Tools screen, click the link for the volume that needs a new issue.
  - 2. Click the "create new: issue" link to start a new is sue. Verify the issue number, enter a title if desired, and enter a date.
  - 3. Click the button to create the issue, and remember to click the *Update site* option on the left-hand toolbar to make the changes visible in Trace.



#### **Selected Works—Quick Guide**

This is intended to be a quick reference guide for back-end administrative tasks associated with UT's SelectedWorks Authors. For more comprehensive instructions on how to use Selected Works, please see the full SelectedWorks User Manual.

#### **Automatic Collection**

-This feature can be used to manually import items from individual SelectedWorks pages into the corresponding series in Trace. To do so:

Collect Authors

Status:

Elizabeth

Bartges, Joe

Veterinary Medicine

Show these authors:

- 1. Log in to Trace, and select the series in which you wish to import items.
- 2. Click the *Manage Submissions* tab at the top of the screen.
- 3. From the left-hand menu, select *Import SelectedWorks*. A page will appear listing the authors currently associated with UTK in Selected Works.

NOTE: Make sure that the 'Status' box says "All." Otherwise, some authors may be missing from the list

4. Select the Include button next to the au thor's that you wish to include in this par ticular series. Usually this will be the au

thors affiliated with the department or program that the series represents. Once you have identified all the authors you wish to include, press the Continue button.



- 5. Any items on the SelectedWorks pages that have not been included in the particular series will then be listed. Click the Post button for all you wish to import, and click *Save*. Additionally, if you wish to remove, or hide any items from a series page, click the Remove button.
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#### **Appendix**

#### I. BePress/Trace Standards and Best Practices

#### -Why use standards?

Although much non-standard HTML will appear fine in a browser, using standard HTML formatting will benefit Trace by:

- -Ensuring that the site remain up-to-date and be easier to keep up-to-date in the future. This ensures that the standard code used will be supported by future browsers.
- -Making the site faster. The amount of actual code being sent to the visitor is significantly re duced, making load time shorter for users.
- -Making the site more versatile to work on non-traditional browsers like cell phones, mobile handheld devices, and other portable technologies.

#### -Best Practices

Tag Structure

In XHTML every tag must be opened AND closed. This applies even to self-contained tags such as line breaks, horizontal rules, and images. This is done by inserting a backslash in to the self-contained tag itself. A few examples:

The line break tag should be written as:

```
<br />
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The image tag should be written as:

```
<img />
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All links and images should include a description. For links this would use the title property. For images this would use the alt property. This is important for accessibility standards as this will provide a description for disabled users who use text-to-speech screen readers.

```
<a href="http://www.youlinkhere.com/" title="Link Description">This is my link
text.</a>
<img href="http://www.image_url.com/" alt="Image Description" />
```

#### Text Formatting

*All* text must be formatted within an appropriate tag. For most text this would fall under paragraph tags.

```
This is a normal paragraph of text.
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The  $\langle b \rangle$ ,  $\langle i \rangle$ , and  $\langle u \rangle$  tags are deprecated as of HTML 4.01. In accordance with XHTML Standards, the following tags should be used in their place:

Bold text should be wrapped in <strong> tags.

<strong>This text would appear bold!</strong>

Italicized text should be wrapped in <em> tags.

<em>This text would appear italicized!</em>

As a general rule, underlined text should almost never be used. Most users confuse this text with a hyperlink. In an underline is absolutely necessary, please apply a <style> tag as follows:

<style="text-decoration:underline">This text would appear underlined!</style>

#### -XHTML Examples

This is the first paragraph
This is the first paragraph
This is the second paragraph

This is the second paragraph

This is a line of text with a linebreak

Here <br/>
This is a line of text with a linebreak here

This is a line of text with a linebreak here

Here. **<br/>br** /> This is the text after linebreak here. This is the text after

<strong>bold text</strong>
bold text

<em>italicized text</em> italicized text

Text with <sub>subscript</sub>

Text with subscript

Text with <sup>superscript</sup>
Text with superscript