Rapid Community Reports
Webinar

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Why Rapid Community Reports

Quickly evolving, interdisciplinary fields like cyberlearning need ways to rapidly share findings and insights

- Journal publication appear late in the project lifecycle
- Cyberlearning researchers attend different conferences
- PI meetings are attended only by PIs

*Want something complementary to these*
Step 1: Conducted Community Survey

1. Pre-print series (Arxiv.org)

2. Agile synthesis (CIRCL Primers)

3. Blogs / Social Media

https://circlcenter.org/primers/
Step 2: Organized Advisory Group

Members:
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Katie Headrick Taylor, University of Washington
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Wei Wu, Fresno State
Step 3: Engaged Int. Society Learning Sciences

Board is currently considering a pilot. If successful, ISLS would provide archival home and sustainability.
What is a Rapid Community Report

- Brief
- Peer reviewed
- Citable
- Open access (Creative Commons)
- Web-first (not print oriented)

Initial Types

1. Primers (introduce a key topic)
2. Workshop Reports
3. Design Reflection

Could be others genres, later....
For each type, drafted a call for submissions

Draft is here: https://tinyurl.com/CIRCL-RCR-Draft

We’ll go there now, and look at the example of Primers, noting it defines:

- What a primer is
- How it should be organized
- Review criteria
How will Rapid Community Reports Work

Invite an editorial board (if ISLS participates, with their input)

Release call, which will NOT be limited to cyberlearning (recruit submissions from related areas, too)

Quarterly Deadline for Submissions

Peer review will be at a Review Meeting, similar to proposal review, but via Zoom -- and multiple submissions will be considered in each meeting

Pending acceptance or completion of recommended revisions, publish to d-space repository with DOI

Use social media to publicize

CIRCL will initiate, a society (we hope) will sustain
Timeline

2018
Finalize Call
Pilot Repository

Early 2019
Initial reviewers
“Soft” call
Beta test review & publication

Summer conferences
Show pilot
Launch call
We’re up and running!

- Iterate
- Expand
- Sustain
Discussion

Questions? Feedback? Ideas?

Want to write a primer, workshop report, or design reflection?

Willing to serve as reviewer?