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Critical Analysis of Jeffery Beall's Blog Open Access Publishing

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Predatory Blogger Academic terrorist Jeffrey Beall

Beall doubles down.. Predatory blog shutdown

Jeffrey Beall will be criminally prosecuted in USA for fraud, extortion, bribery and money laundering

https://scholarlyoa.com/ shutdown. No information where about predatory Blogger Beall
Predatory Blogger, Beall's university profile is also gone. http://people.auraria.edu/jeffrey-beall/home

Predatory blogger Beall created own his criterions and directed alot of false claims, causing tremendous injury, personal and professional, to countless numbers of individuals, publishers and organizations. He should be made to release the full content of every blog post he ever published, because that information was in the public domain. So, by suddenly removing all information, he has not only acted cowardly, but irresponsibly.

Jeffrey Beall
Potential, possible, or probable predatory blogger

Google search keywords: Predatory Blogger

Beall is not a recognized authority in evaluating scholarly Journals
Man with no credibility

Jeffrey Beall's blog has no affiliation to any governing body or organization accredited to scholarly publishing. This is an important key element that needs to be considered when analyzing his blog. He is just a single individual writing a blog (full of nonsense) same as many others do over the internet. His blog is his personal opinion and has not been tested for its validity and as such has no authority whatsoever. Even so, Beall attempted to create a problem that does not exist. When we compare the number of open access journals around the world, Beall's list is not significant at all. Despite that, Beall has maliciously discredited many Open access journals and demanded ransom in exchange for the removal of them from his hit list. This academic crime must end. We have added Jeffrey Beall to our list as a potential, possible, probable, predatory Blogger. Read more

Jeffrey Beall : Academic terrorist

Be aware
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Jeffrey Beall just simply confusing us to promote his academic terrorism. His list is fully questionable. His surveying method is not scientific. If he is a real scientist then he must do everything in standard way without any dispute.Beall utilizes his bribery and unethical business model.If we support Jeffrey Beall's work then we are also a part of his criminal activity. Please avoid Jeffrey Beall's fraudulent and criminal activity.

Predatory Blogger, Beall's Facts Checker

Beall claims to be a professor at the University of Colorado, but he is not. He is only a library student worker. His school gives academic ranks to library employees. Theoretically, a student worker at the University of Colorado could be a professor and actually this is what happened with Beall. He is a graduate student with a bachelor degree in Spanish. He says he is a professor at the University of Colorado but that is also not honest. We shuld not refer to him as Professor Beall or Dr. Beall because it is not true. Most importantly He has no Ph.D in any discipline.

Jeffrey Beall : Alcoholic and drug addict
Drunken Stupor

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Beall utilizes his blog to extort open access journal publishers to feed his drug habits. Beall well known among inner circle as a heavy weed (Marujuvana) smoker and alcoholic.

Be aware, Beall's criminal activities.

Highlights of Beall's academic crimes

Academic Exchange Quarterly

Few years ago Academic Exchange Quarterly has rejected Beall's article.

In return, Beall has labeled this journal "Potential, possible, or probable predatory scholarly open-access journal"

http://rapidintellect.com/AEQweb/

Beall: Predatory Blogger and academic terrorist

Predatory Blogger Beall Exposed

Beall is only mentioned in journals with a conflict of interest because of his views against open access (conventional journal's main competitors). Beall does not meet any of the other qualities specifically:

1. The person's research has made significant impact in their scholarly discipline, broadly construed, as demonstrated by independent reliable sources

Many citations are not in the peer reviewed literature and many are negative.

2. The person has received a highly prestigious academic award or honor at a national or international level.

NO, Not at all

3. The person is or has been an elected member of a highly selective and prestigious scholarly society or association (e.g., a National Academy of Sciences or the Royal Society) or a fellow of a major scholarly society for which that is a highly selective honor (e.g., the IEEE).

NO, Not at all

4. The person's academic work has made a significant impact in the area of higher education, affecting a substantial number of academic institutions.

NO, Not at all

5. The person holds or has held a named chair appointment or distinguished professor appointment at a major institution of higher education and research (or an equivalent position in countries where named chairs are uncommon).

NO, Not at all

6. The person has held a highest-level elected or appointed academic post at a major academic institution or major academic society.

NO, Not at all

7. The person has made substantial impact outside academia in their academic capacity.

NO, Not at all

8. The person is or has been the head or chief editor of a major, well-established academic journal in their subject area.

NO - only a slanderous bogus Blog

Therefore we have added Jeffrey Beall to our list as a potential , possible predatory blogger and Beall's list must be ignored.

Posted on February 27, 2016

Exposed: "Randykitty" is a Jeffrey Beall

I came by Jeffrey Beall's blog while searching for journals. Jeffrey Beall himself is not qualified as a judge on open access journals.
Most importantly, I have noticed that Jeffrey also uses Wikipedia to promote his 'agenda.' He goes by the username "Randykitty".(I have many reasons to believe why Randykitty is Jeffrey Beall. The user mainly edits open access journals, monitors his own entry, and cites Beall's blog,). It gives false impression to many that he is the 'holy' judge of open access journals.
I think many should know about this. Beall is getting attention much more than he should have.

Wikipedia is being manipulated to promote Beall and his bogus blog. People need to know. Read more

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Posted February 20, 2016

Backlash over journals blacklisting

Backlash over journals blacklisting Researchers on social media are split over the decision of predatory librarian Jeffrey Beall to add the Frontiers journals to his 'blacklist' of "questionable publishers".

Beall, at the University of Colorado Denver, announced the move in a tweet, saying that it followed "wide disapproval from scientists". Read more

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Posted January 25, 2016

Beall acting as a mouthpiece

We are grateful to you for bringing such a serious and funny matter to our notice by your blog. While going through the matter deeply, we have observed that it is a framework created by profit making commercial organizations belonging to corporate world with intention to discourage Open Access Journals and Mr. J. Beall, who is acting as a mouthpiece of group. Read more

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Posted December 20, 2015

Motion to repudiate Beall's attack on Open access journals
World stand against Beall's conspiracy and predatory practices against Open access Journals

Jeffrey Beall, an American librarian who gained notoriety publishing a list of open access publishers and journals considered as "predatory" by him, posted in his blog an unbelievably mistaken and prejudiced article, beginning with its title, "Is SciELO a Publication Favela?"1
Based on an ethnocentric and purely commercial point of view, Mr. Beall supposes that, since the whole ensemble of its publications are not indexed by Thomson Reuter's bibliographic database, and because of the discontinuation of a proposal by a Brazilian government agency to hire a commercial publisher to disseminate some of the nation's periodicals, SciELO's publications would be "hidden from the world" (sic). Read more

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Posted November 14, 2015

Jeffrey Beall: A Predatory blogger and his blacklist

There are two main problems with this list.

1. The list is based on the opinions and judgements of a single person and, therefore, subject to the errors of judgement, prejudices and conflicts of interest inherent in such an approach;
2. The list only includes open access journals, giving the impression that only this model of publication is subject to predatory and questionable practices. Read more

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Posted October 19, 2015

Beall's goes bananas, then predatory practice exposed

Open access is not looking very ephemeral at the moment. The "industry" seems to be trying to find ways to accommodate it so they don't go out of business. Open access advocates are not necessarily against the "industry," just the broken subscription/paywall model they use. Indeed, traditional publishers like Elsevier and Wiley are profiting handsomely from hybrid open access, and starting OA journals or converting existing ones to open access. Read more

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Posted September 16, 2015

Another laugher: Beall academic Joker and Colorado Clown

Beall must be unaware of his own library's collections budget, or the 30-40% annual profit made by Elsevier, Wiley, Informa, etc. If he is concerned about merit (and especially predatory publishing), he ought to be advocating for some form of open peer review.

Many OA advocates have identified the same problem with APCs, especially for authors from the developing world. But many of these journals have waivers, most OA journals don't have charges, and new models are being developed that subsidize journals without charge to either author or reader. It's not accurate to portray fee-based publishing as the only open access model. Read more

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Posted August 18, 2015

Beall's critiques of open access are not factual

I recently became a member of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) and today was dismayed to see Jeffrey Beall's article What the Open-Access Movement Doesn't Want You to Know in the latest issue of its journal, *Academe*. (I joined because as a member of Virginia Tech's Faculty Senate, AAUP has been helpful in advising us on increasing the role of Faculty Senate in university governance.)
Jeffrey Beall has unfairly blamed these problems on open access as a whole. It became apparent just how off the rails Beall had gone when he published The Open-Access Movement is Not Really about Open Access in the journal *TripleC* (in the non-peer reviewed section; also see Michael Eisen's response, Beall's Litter). If you enjoy right-wing nuttiness (yes, George Soros is involved) you really should read it. Read more

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Posted on July 15, 2015

Beall's black listing; unqualified service does not help researchers

Crawford criticizes Beall for not contextualizing predatory or low-quality publishing as a phenomenon that predates OA and is not exclusive to OA journals. He also points out that Beall favors toll-access publishers, specifically Elsevier, praising its "consistent high quality." However, a simple Google search for "fake Elsevier journals" reveals Beall's position as tenuous. Furthermore, Beall conflates OA journals with "author pays" journals, and reveals his skepticism, if not hostility, about OA. Politics aside, Beall's laser-like focus on predatory publishers may prevent him from having a broader perspective on scholarly communication. Case in point: Beall has blithely declared the "serials crisis" to be over, but those of us who manage resources beg to differ. Read more

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Posted on June 30, 2015

Anti-OA and the Rhetoric of Reaction

Wayne Bivens-Tatum chimed in on December 17, 2013 at *Academic Librarian*—and as usual his perspective is different, interesting and thought out. The lede: You know when someone at Scholarly Kitchen thinks your anti-open access rant is excessive you've crossed some sort of threshold. You also know that when a biologist and a co-founder of the Public Library of Science bothers to give your article a thorough fisking, you have people's attention. Even Roy Tennant seems a little riled, and he's usually pretty calm. Jeffrey Beall has managed to publish an antiopen access article in an open access journal that's so poorly argued that I wonder if he'll later use the publication as an example of how bad OA publishing can be. The Beall Hoax. Read more

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Posted on June 25, 2015

Beall has Gone Bananas: Beall has essentially discredited himself

This one is from Anton Angelo posted on or before December 10, 2013 at *mumbles*. (The post doesn't Cites & Insights April 2014 8 include a date, but I tagged it on December 10 and the first comment appears on that date.) He leads with this: Jeffrey Beall has essentially discredited himself. The time has come to take his important work in identifying predatory publishers from him, and run another list, one that can be trusted.

Angelo appreciated Beall's list and "forgave certain amount of self-aggrandizement"…until the *triple C* article appeared. His argument boils down to the following: the OA movement is really a monolithic stalking horse behind which there is a cabal wanting to establish centralised control of academic publishing. Which is, of course, nonsense. It's a pity, because the moderates that support OA will see him as a bit of a loony, and will no longer trust his good work on predatory publishing. Those on the libertarian right will think he's entertainingly provocative, and those on the infantile left (to borrow from Lenin) will see him as a traitor. Read more

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Posted on June 20, 2015

Credibility of Beall's List : Writes half-truths, errors and downright nonsense

We'll start with someone I rarely quote: Stevan Harnad, writing on December 9, 2013 at his GOAL/amsciforum mail list. Harnad is all about green OA, as he's made clear a few thousand times. After a citation, he begins:

This wacky article is going to be fun to review. I still think Jeff Beall is doing something useful with his naming and shaming of junk OA journals, but I now realize that he is driven by some sort of fanciful conspiracy theory! "OA is all an anti-capitalist plot." (Even on a quick skim it is evident that Jeff's article is rife with half-truths, errors and downright nonsense. Pity. It will diminish the credibility of his valid exposés, but maybe this is a good thing, if the judgment and motivation behind Beall's list is as kooky as this article! But alas it will now also give the genuine "predatory" junk-journals some specious arguments for discrediting Jeff's work altogether. Of course it will also give the publishing lobby some good soundbites, but they use them at their peril, because of all the other nonsense in which they are nested!) Read more

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Posted on June 15, 2015

Beall Doubles Down

And then this happened:

The Open-Access Movement is Not Really about Open Access

That's the title of Jeffrey Beall's contribution to a special OA section of non-refereed articles in *triple C: communication, capitalism & critique* (11:2). It may be worth noting that this journal (which includes both peer-reviewed articles and other stuff, all of it clearly labeled) is, ahem, a gold OA journal— albeit one that (as with *most* gold OA journals) does *not* charge article processing fees. Read more

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Posted on June 10, 2015

Beall's list was controversial from the start

Beall's list was controversial from the start, not least because it was often not clear on what basis he had concluded that a publisher was predatory. Moreover, when last year he finally published the selection criteria he uses to make his decisions he met with some angry criticism, with researchers questioning both their validity and usefulness.

It also became apparent that Beall's list included publishers who appeared to be entirely ethical, and to all intents and purposes keen to publish high-quality OA journals. To add to critics' distrust, publishers' names would sometimes disappear from Beall's list without explanation. Read more

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Posted on June 05, 2015

Walt Crawford on Beall's list

Walt Crawford has done excellent work on OA-journals, DOAJ and especially on Bealls list. He has published his works in his Cites and Insights – http://citesandinsights.info/.
As to the question regarding "how many OA articles have been published with no fee", Walts data based on an analysis of articles published in 7.301 of the journals listed in DOAJ (journals without an English language interface excluded (approx.. 2.800 journals) suggested that from 2012-2014 some 670.000 articles have been published in journals charging APCs (the numbers do not tell anything about the volume of waivers)! Some 470.000 have been published in OA-journals charging no APCs. That is 60% with APCs and 40% without APCs. Of the remaining 2.800 OA- journals from DOAJ not included in Walts study approx.. 80% do not charge APCs. Read more

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Posted on May 30, 2015

Beall's Predatory Business at the expenses of Publishers: Beall fails to acknowledge that open peer review

Beall's critiques of open access are not always as factual as they could be, so as an open access advocate I am concerned when his polemics are presented to an academic audience that may not know all the facts. So below is my response to selections from his article: *The open-access movement has been around for more than a dozen years* Actually it has been around longer than that- Stevan Harnad made his "subversive proposal" in 1994 on a Virginia Tech email list.
The open-access movement is a coalition that aims to bring down the traditional scholarly publishing industry and replace it with voluntarism and server space subsidized by academic libraries and other nonprofits. It is concerned more with the destruction of existing institutions than with the construction of new and better ones. Read more

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Posted on May 25, 2015

Beall's position as tenuous: Imperfect English or a predominantly non-Western editorial board does not make a journal predatory

Jeffrey Beall, a librarian at the University of Colorado-Denver, who curates a blacklist of "potential, possible, or probable" predatory OA publishers and journals. Beall's list has become a go-to tool and has even been featured in *New York Times* but it is not the final word on predatory publishing, partially because Beall himself has a complicated, and not entirely supportive, attitude toward OA in general.

In 2014, Walt Crawford took Beall to task in an article called "Ethics and Access 1: The Sad Case of Jeffrey Beall." Crawford criticizes Beall for not contextualizing predatory or low-quality publishing as a phenomenon that predates OA and is not exclusive to OA journals. Read more

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May 20, 2015

Beall not served as an editor in any reputable journal but criticize all journal at his vicinity

Jeffrey Beall is on a crusade of his own. It is baffling that someone w/o any substantive track record in research can make sweeping comments about other scholars, scientists, renowned academics and organizations of standing and reputation. His commentaries are without basis and frivolous. His claims are bogus. This blog invites scholars, academics and researchers to comment about this individual who under the pretext of serving the academic community is merely distorting facts with baseless commentaries and without any scientific or scholarly expertise. Read More

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May 15, 2015

Jeffrey Beall is blackmailing small Open Access publishers through blogs

I was surprised when one of our editors told me that the name of Ashdin Publishing is found in the list of "Beall's List: Potential, possible, or probable predatory scholarly open-access publishers" (http://scholarlyoa.com/publishers/) and I was surprised because of the following reasons:

1. The author did not just mention the criteria for determining predatory open-access publishers, but he insisted on mentioning the full names and details of the publishers as well.
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3. Some of the publishers names are removed from this list without saying the reasons for this removal. Read more

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May 10, 2015

Beall is a academic criminal and terrorist

How Mustang Journals got its start… I've wanted to start a series of academic journals for some time. I've noticed many are not consumer friendly. Some a cliquey like high school, were the same group of friends always get a paper published, and outsiders are left cold. Some are elitist, and the author's school determines the acceptance, not the quality of the paper. Some are dreadfully slow, and will not give you an answer until long after the need for evaluations by deans. On the whole, they are intimidating to the new professor. Remembering my own confusion upon joining academe, I wanted to provide a system of journals and conferences that would help nurture new faculty or faculty new to the publishing endeavor. Read more

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May 05, 2015

Beall is absolutely insane

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April 30, 2015

Predatory librarian Beall has no credibility

As a bystander, I found Mr Beall's website a few days ago and paid close attention to what he wrote about MDPI. I also checked up some facts on my own, and posted a few comments. My comments went through initially. When I checked again today, I noticed that all my comments are gone. I can only assume that Mr Beall deleted them. Read more

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April 25, 2015

Beall negotiated the ransom with open access publisher to remove from hit list for 160,000 USD, not by bank account, but in cash in a place in New York
Predatory blogger Beall, collects the money to accounts in Choice Bank in Belize or to Loyal Bank in St. Vincent

My name is Lu Chen and I work in SCIRP www.scirp.org as Web Designer. Also, I help SCIRP conferences as Secretariat from time to time.
I contact this criminal Jeffrey Beall and I asked him to remove SCIRP from his black list. Jeffrey Beal asked my Phone Number and I gave it. Jeffrey Beal call me back and told me that he could help SCIRP, but SCIRP must also help him. I was astonished when he told me that he could remove SCIRP from his black list provided that we would give him 160,000 USD not by bank account, but in cash in a place in New York. Read more

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April 20, 2015

Writing a blog that slanders everyone not considered as scientific research

Does the University of Denver pay you a salary, Mr. Jeffrey Beall, or do you pay the University to let you bear the title of Assistant Professor?
A title that you really do not deserve, as you have no Ph.D., no actual research work and do no teaching whatsoever. It is a shame for the University of Denver to have professors like you, Jeffrey Beall.
Or is running a blog that slanders everyone and everything considered scientific research?
It most certainly is not, Mr. Jeffrey Beall.
Could it be, however, an applied money-making project for you and your university, Mr. Jeffrey Beall? Read more

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April 15, 2015

Pseudo-scholar Jeffrey Beall is a thug

Demanded ransom US$ 100,000 to re-analyze open access publisher

My name is Petre Dini and I am the President of IARIA, www.iaria.org
I am also victim of Jeffrey Beall
Actually, this pseudo-scholar Jeffrey Beall is a thug. He uses black lists to create profit. Also he is involved in tax evation and money laundry.
I asked him several times to remove IARIA from his black list and he promised me to re-analyze the site www.iaria.org
There is not any real reason to have our institute IARIA in his pseudo-list. he cost to re-analyze the portal of my organization www.iaria.org was 100,000 USD, Read more

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April 10, 2015

Pressbox, UK (Press Release)

USD 5000 is enough to remove your publisher's name from Beall's list
Unethical bribery business model

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April 05, 2015

Fake Website by Jefrrey Beall

We are not wrong to say that Jeffrey Beall is publishing bluffing on his website. He has written our company name on his website. We ask him that why you have written our company name on your website… he said if I though I do. We ask him to remove our name instead of that he has written a note on his website… he is just trying to create problems for upcoming journals… We had also sent one of the recent review report on his mail id and ask him that please give your guideline on what basis you write our company's name but he do not have any genuine reason for the same. Read more
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April 01, 2015

Beall has no formal training in doing self-guided research

Beall's has never obtained formal training in doing self-guided research. He is doing his "research" as an autodidact. Based on his article in tripleC (Beal 2013) Bivens-Tatum (2014)proved that Beal is not capable (or willing) of logical conclusions. His criteria to assess publishers are questionable. Beall does not specify how his criteria are applied to come to a verdict about a publisher. His own application of his criteria with respect to publishers is non-existent (or hidden). Read more

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March 25, 2015

People have started to turn away from Beall
List should be ignored

Beall [is] acting as prosecutor, judge and jury on who's predatory and who's not. Remarkably, hundreds if not thousands of librarians and others seem to take Beall's word as gospel." (Crawford 2014a) But it seems he has been going too far and people have started to turn away from him. "... the lists should be ignored." (Crawford 2014b)
Read more

March 20, 2015

Beall's claims rejected by Open Access Scholarly publisher Association (OASPA)
Predatory blogger exposed

Investigations have encompassed review of internal correspondence at MDPI, detailed information on the handling of peer-review, decision making and reviewer reports, plus external comments, blogs and websites. Based on our findings we feel satisfied that MDPI continue to meet the OASPA Membership Criteria. Read more

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March 18, 2015

Beall who has no PhD himself, published scholarly comments on a "Biophysics review"
Beall has only Bachelor degree in "Spanish" Language

First, in May 2013, Beall who has no PhD himself, published scholarly comments on a biophysics review paper that was published by a senior PhD scientist from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), USA. The paper was published after the usual procedure: it was refereed, revised and later approved by both peer-reviewers and an external, academic editor of the journal after major revisions. The paper is somewhat hypothetical and controversial—however, it is up to expert scholars in the domain of the paper to judge its merits and to provide critical, scholarly comments and follow-up research. Read more

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March 15, 2015

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March 10, 15

Jeffrey Beall is an impostor and academic criminal - Dr. Clement

I recently forwarded an email to him from this Publisher: xyz

Actually this publisher is spamming me everyday and promise rapid publication of my papers to its conferences and journals. Also, instead of conference proceedings, they push all the papers from the conferences to their journals which is unacceptable.

I explained to Jeffrey Beall that according his own criteria, a journal that can publish everything from every science and every scientific field, with a publication fee 500 - 1000 USD must be predatory, because for the same reason, Jeffrey Beall classified as predatory publishers many other honest and legitimate publishers. Read more

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March 05, 2015

The Wheels Come Off the Beall express… Beall's first sentence may qualify as "not even wrong"

The story picks up from there.

The Serials Crisis is Over.

That absurd title heads this May 7, 2013 post by Beall at *Scholarly Open Access;* just below it is a silly image of a locked version of the OA open-lock with smart quotes around it. Huh? "I declare that the serials crisis, the event that gave birth to the open-access movement, is over. I base my declaration on my observations as an academic librarian and on the scholarly literature, selections from which I include here:

That first sentence may qualify as "not even wrong." Beall's evidence that the serials crisis "gave birth to the open-access movement?" I guess because Beall says so. Just to be clear: If all scholarly journal publishers agreed that, for every academic library in the world, the total cost for *all scholarly journals* would be, say, 20% of the library budget (which would be much lower than what most medium-sized and larger academic libraries spend now), *that would not eliminate the need for OA*. Just for starters, it would not provide *any* access to me or any other researcher or layman who's not affiliated with an academic institution. Read more

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March 01, 2015

Beall's List, is really an assault

Since I first became aware of Beall's List, however, I have been following some of Beall's work with growing unease. Here and there some (to me) distasteful political ideology peeked through (with my pragmatic mindset, any kind of ideology makes me queasy), but you don't have to agree with somebody all the time to agree with them some of the time. But now, in a recent screed, he has crossed the line. While I continue to admire Beall's List, the broader critique (really an assault) of Gold OA and those who advocate it is too strong for me. Sorry, Jeffrey, but I'm not with you on this.

So what is that Beall is expounding? The following comes from the conclusion to his essay:

The open-access movement isn't really about open access. Instead, it is about collectivizing production and denying the freedom of the press from those who prefer the subscription model of scholarly publishing. Read more

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February 28, 2015

Beall is a academic terrorist

It is a real shame that Jeffrey Beall using Nature.com's blog to promote his predatory work. Jeffrey Beall just simply confusing us to promote his academic terrorism. His list is fully questionable. His surveying method is not scientific. If he is a real scientist then he must do everything in standard way without any dispute. He wanted to be famous but he does not have the right to destroy any company name or brand without proper allegation. If we support Jeffrey Beall's work then we are also a part of his criminal activity. Please avoid Jeffrey Beall's fraudulent and criminal activity.

Now a days anyone can open a blog and start doing things like Jeffrey Beall which is harmful for science and open access journals. Nature should also be very alert from Jeffrey Beall who is now using Nature's reputation to broadcast his bribery and unethical business model. Read more

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February 24, 2015

The case for treating Beall as a questionable source : Beall acting as prosecutor, judge and jury
Sad case of Jeffrey Beall : He's the one man authority on predatory—but only predatory OA—publishing

Open access (OA) is all about ethics, economics and equity, and the three interact in various ways. OA is inherently at the intersection of libraries, media, policy and technology—but that's a different issue. This is the first of a trio of essays: two related to fairly specific situations, one covering a range of ethical discussions. Depending on how you define "ethics," I could also include sections on Elsevier and OA, embargoes, fallacious and misleading anti- OA arguments and the whole area of peer review. Or maybe not. In any case, we lead off with the sad case of Jeffrey Beall. Since Beall's chief claim to fame is his ever growing list of supposedly predatory OA journals, and since I'm showing the case for treating Beall as a questionable source, I have to say this: In case you're thinking "Walt's claiming there are no scam OA journals," I'm not—and toward the end of this essay, I'll quote some useful ways to avoid scam journals regardless of their business model. Read more

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February 21, 2015

Another failed attempt to collect ransom: Beall goes beyond ridiculous

Beall is a clown, suitable for only the merry-go-round at the Colorado carnival. A recent article posted (January 29, 2015) on his blog revealed his real motive behind criticizing others' work. Beall is now, not only criticizing journals, but also conferences and their locations. If the conference location is in a popular tourist destination, it will be subject to Beall's predatory wrath. According to him, this type of location provides the opportunity for researchers to obtain a university-paid vacation. Read more

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February 17, 2015

Canadian Agency slammed: Beall's another extortion attempt failed
Response to the "poorly-written statement" by self-proclaimed journal critic of Denver, Colorado, USA.

This is in response to a recent article published on the http://scholarlyoa.com website.

The scholarlyoa.com website is run by self-proclaimed journal critic and sole editor of the website Mr. Jeffery Beall. His blog does not allow anyone arguing against his own opinion. While The Ontario International Development Agency (Agency) appreciates Mr. Beall's freedom of expression, denied his allegations regarding the Agency and OIDA International Journal of Sustainable Development (IJSD).

The Agency attempted on numerous occasions to contact Mr.Beall to obtain clarification regarding his opinions, but all requests were unanswered. Read More

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February 16, 2015

Beall's Litter

Jeffrey Beall has gained some degree of notoriety, it turns out he isn't just trying to identify bad open access publishers – he is actively trying to discredit open access publishing in general. There were signs of this before, but any lingering doubt that Beall is a credible contributor to the discourse on science publishing was erased with an article he published last week. The piece is so ill-informed and angry that I can't really describe it. So I'm just going to reproduce his article here (it was, ironically, published in an open access journal with a Creative Commons license allowing me to do so), along with my comments.   Read More

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February 11, 2015

Beall's List of Howlers: Cameo Responds

Beall, Jeffrey (2013) The Open-Access Movement is Not Really about Open Access. TripleC Communication, Capitalism & Critique Journal. 11(2): 589-597

This wacky article is easy to debunk. It reveals, however, that Jeff is driven by some sort of fanciful conspiracy theory! 'OA is all an anti-capitalist plot.' (Even on a quick skim it is evident that his article is rife with half-truths, errors and downright nonsense. Pity. It will diminish the credibility of his valid exposés. Maybe this is a good thing, if the judgment and motivation behind Beall's list is as kooky as this article, but it will now also give the genuine "predatory" junk-journals some specious arguments for discrediting Jeff's work altogether. It will also furnish the publishing lobby with some good sound-bites -- but they use them at their peril, because of all the patent nonsense in which they are inseparably embedded!) Read More

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February 08, 2015

Bachelor of Arts in Spanish: Beall's attempt to monitor peer review process for science and technology journals is ridiculous and laughable

SPOTLIGHT: Frontiers responds to 'Beall's list' post
Analysis and Opinion
Open-access publisher Frontiers was recently the subject of a post in 'Beall's list'. ***Sian Harris*** *asks the company's CEO for her perspective*

Jeffrey Beall wrote a post on his Scholarly Open Access blog raising questions about the Swiss open-access (OA) publisher Frontiers. In Beall's post he wrote, 'Frontiers does not meet the criteria for inclusion as a predatory publisher, but I regularly receive complaints about its spamming and editorial practices. I realise that there are probably many people that are satisfied with Frontiers, and that it is likely publishing good science. Still, there is value in sharing others' experiences with this publisher.' Read more

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February 04, 2015

A Predatory Librarian Jeffrey Beall: The crook, the felon, the criminal of the Academic Community

I recently made an inquiry to Jeffrey Beall (the Denver, USA librarian who runs a webpage where he slanders and insults about 500 publishing houses), whether he, Jeffrey Beall himself, has the ability to solve the simple math equation $5x+3 = 0$.

Jeffrey Beall replied to my first email, that he has never studied even the simplest form of Math. Meaning that he doesn't know what "equation" means (he has never even seen equations like $5x+3 = 0$, $3x^*x + 7x -4 =0$ etc), neither does he know what "Derivative" or "Integral" mean. Read More

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January 30,2015

Beall's attempt at being a Godfather of Open Access is ridiculous

Beall started the Open Access blog mainly to discredit Open Access Publishers and Journals. Furthermore Beall never attempted contact those whose work he criticized. Instead of raising his questions and concerns directly with the journals and publishers involved, he jumped right in to his criticism of them openly and publicly. Read More

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January 20, 2015

Beall's analysis is problematic - Nature

A recent article published on Nature identified serious issues in Jeffrey Beall's characterization of the Open Access Journals. Nature further explained that Beall's analysis has no merit and is fuelled by external factors, which are not directly related to, nor do they affect the quality of publication. This only further established a lack of credibility surrounding his blog. Read More

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January 09, 2015

Beall's extortion attempts exposed

Self proclaimed Journal critic Jeffrey Beall failed in his attempts to extort the Canadian Agency. It was reported that the so called Open Access hero demanded one million U.S. dollars to remove the Agency's Journal from his target list. This is not the first time this type of allegation has surfaced. Many Open Access Journals and Publishers are receiving emails from Beall's bully brigade demanding large sums of cash to remove journals from his list. Beall attempted to establish authority for evaluating Open Access journals. To do this he utilized his association with the University of Denver, Colorado, USA and his position there as Librarian. Initially Beall will include Journal and Open Access publishers into his list and he then provides his analysis. His analysis has no merit, however, but only serves the purpose of extortion manifested through his tactics. Read More

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