

Electronic Theses & Dissertations and Open Access



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ETDs and Future Publications

To be open or not to be open, that's the question!

DATA

CONSIDERATIONS

RESOURCES

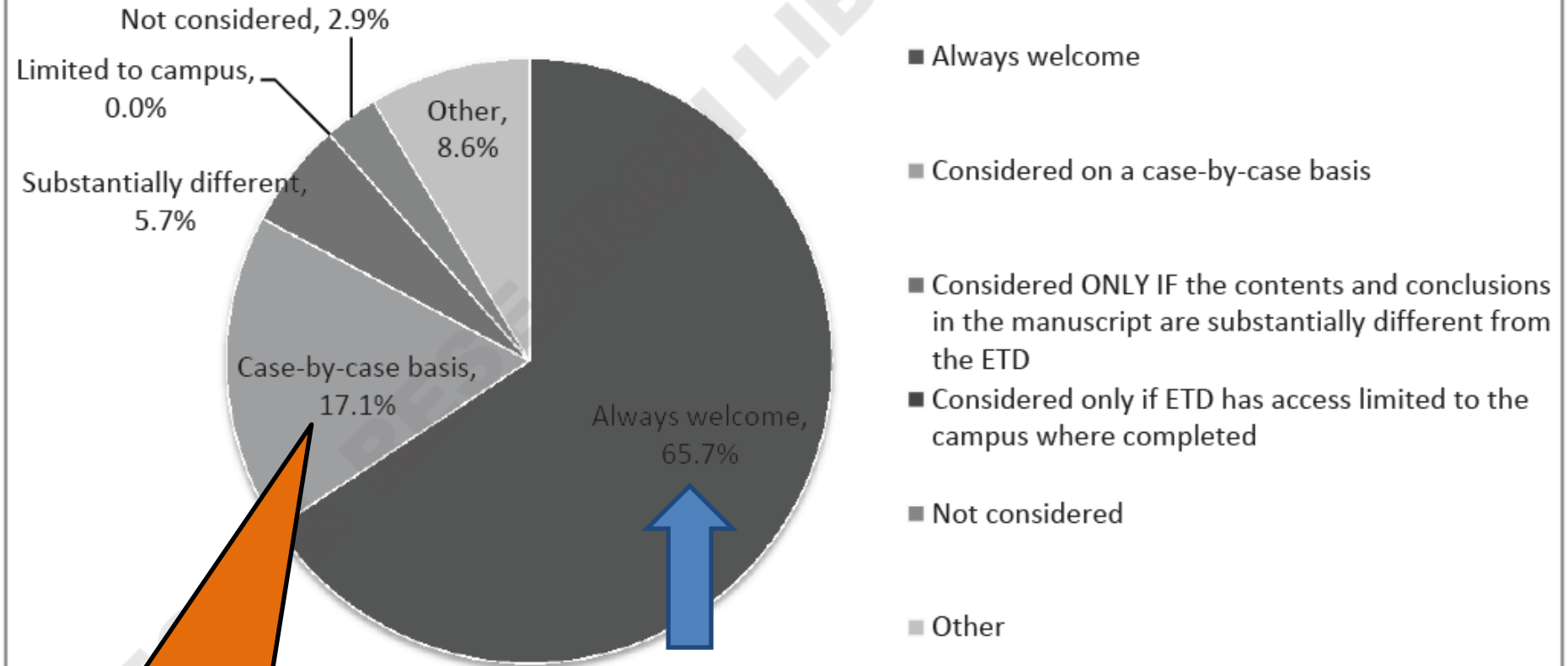
Data

Over 98.2 % of alumni reported no publisher rejections due to ETD!

*Most concerns in : Creative Writing,
Chemistry, English, Science
Programs, Engineering, and Fine Arts*

Journal Respondents

"Manuscripts which are revisions derived from openly accessible ETDs are..."

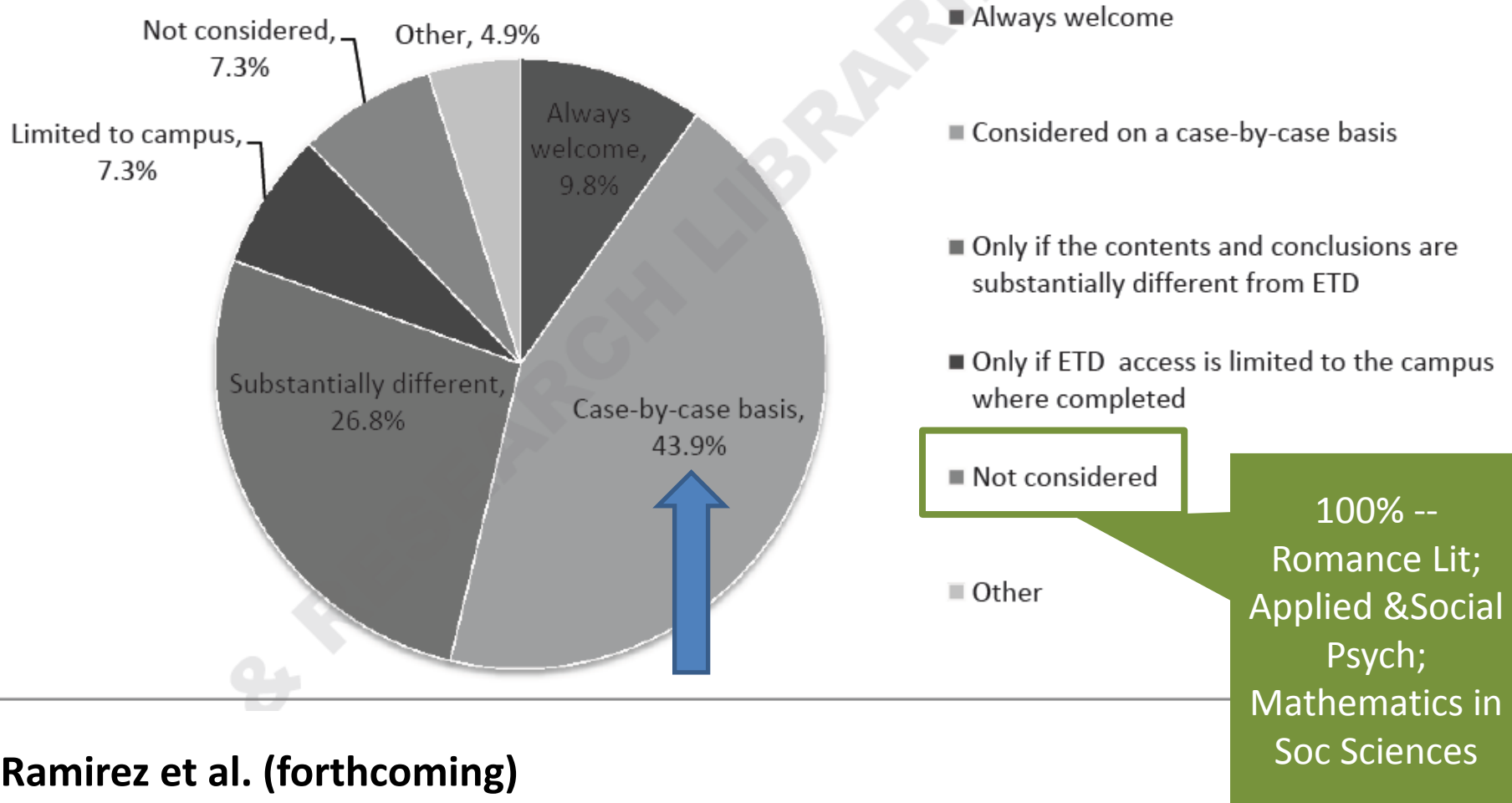


100 % of eds. from Classics, Philosophy, Theater; 66.6% from eds. of History of Soc. Sciences, Biomed. Soc. Sciences

Ramirez et al. (forthcoming)

University Press Respondents

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Comments from Publishers

Thesis \neq Article or Monograph

- Rework to fit the publication
- Revise for broader audience and appeal
- Go through peer review and/or editorial board
- Overall, quality more significant than open access

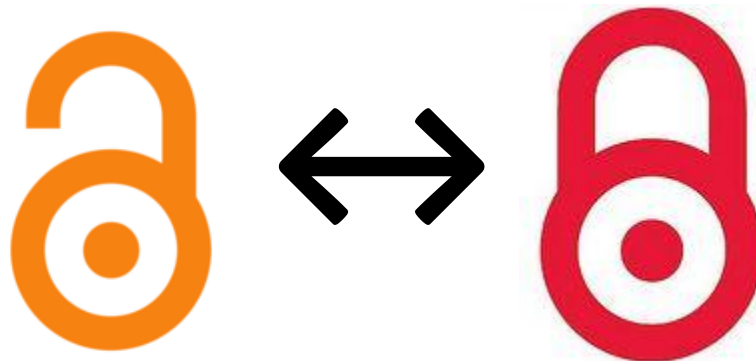
“Any dissertation that’s on the Internet and has taken on a life of its own, that would be a selling point to me”—University of Iowa Press director

“If authors have an opt-out option [for open access of a dissertation], I would recommend that they do opt out, at least until their first book is published”—Ashgate Publishing Group editor

Howard (2011)

Considerations

- Discipline/Subject
 - Consult faculty advisors, junior faculty, peers, librarians
 - Check with publishers
- OA items cited more often
- OA can help make your name known in field
- Future patents
- Questionable copyrighted material in thesis
- Sensitive information in thesis



Resources

- WU Graduate School of Arts & Sciences
 - <http://graduateschool.wustl.edu/dissertation>
- Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations
ETDs and Future Publication Potential for Graduate Students
 - <http://www.ndltd.org/resources/statement-about-web-publication>
- Sherpa/RoMEO [Information about publishers' policies]
 - <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo/search.php>
- Publisher Policies: Thesis content and article publishing [Mainly science-related publishers]
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