

Scott book collaboration with UPNE (CoL conversation)

- § The white paper on digital services recommended that new library publishing opportunities should focus on monographic publications, whether traditional scholarly books, critical editions, or hybrid (in format) “collections” of materials
- § Publishing monographic materials online allows us to use our resources and energies to best advantage
- § Externally, a number of significant reports and new ve point to need for more, and more collaborative, scholarly publishing (some listed in the bibliography to the white paper)
 - Ithaka report on university publishing, underlining the need to bolster university publishing and the role of university presses
 - Catherine Candee’s report on publishing needs in the University of California system that describes the difficulties in getting first monographs ublished and the need to grow new types of scholarly communication
 - The Berkeley report on the university as publisher, sounding many of the same themes
 - University presses at Penn State and Michigan working with their libraries to launch new e-book series

We began a conversation with Bill Scott (Emeritus, Classics) about the possibility of publishing his new book online and openly available. Bill had many questions; thankfully, most weren’t about the technology, because that’s the easy part. His questions were more about the nature of a book and what would we need to do to make an online book recognizably equal in quality to a print scholarly book. Bill’s questions gave us the answer to how we should move forward: work with a scholarly publisher.

- § Collaboration with UPNE means that all of the steps leading to scholarly publication will be carried out by people who have the requisite experience
 - § The end product carries the same certification that the print book carries
 - § We don’t reinvent the wheel
 - § UPNE has the opportunity to see what we can do locally without building an infrastructure to do it on their own
 - § Strengthens both partners—each unit gains expertise and reach
 - § Builds a working relationship that can extend to future collaborations
 - § We need publishers to be successful; such projects can serve as models
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- § Simultaneous launch of online and print
 - § Print available through UPNE by POD
 - § Library will republish Bill’s first book online, which begins the conversation that he completes in this new book