Tutorial 2.5: Peers and Communities

2.5.1 Your Peers

- To view your full peers list and filter for different organizations, click the Peers link in the pull-down menu behind your name.

- Search and add peers. This will generate a peer request that your peer will need to accept before you can receive their updates and other information about their activity, such as new publications. Once they have accepted your invitation, they will also receive information about your activity in their activity stream.
2.5.2 Your Communities

- To view all of your communities, select the “Communities” link from the pull-down menu behind your name.

- To become a member of a new community, search for that community, and select the option to join.

- Public communities are open, anyone can find them on the web, and anyone can create a CGScholar account to join without having to seek admin permission. When you select [Join Community] you immediately become a member.

- Open communities are not visible on the web, but anyone with a CGScholar account can see them and join without having to obtain admin permission. When you select [Join Community] you immediately become a member.

- Closed communities are only visible to people with CGScholar accounts, however new members are not admitted without an admin accepting a membership request. When you select [Request to Join], you do not become a member until approved by an admin.

- Private communities are by invitation only and are invisible to those who have not been invited to join. Private communities cannot be found by searching on this page. Private is the only setting allowed for users under the age of 18. If you are currently working in a community, we recommend you do not use this setting because other community members will not be able to see your profile, publications or other activity.

- An admin may also send you an invitation to join a community. You will receive a request in the notifications area, mirrored in an email.
2.5.3 Community Access

A community might be a class of students, a group with a shared interest, or a publisher relating to authors and readers of a journal or a book series.

- Admins control community identity and membership.
- If the community is Restricted, members will only be able to comment on updates made by admins.
- If the community is Unrestricted, members will also be able to make updates and shares.