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# Text Recycling Research Project

## Description

As the use of plagiarism-detection software by research journals and academic institutions grows, more instances of text recycling are being identified—and yet there is no consensus on what constitutes ethically or legally acceptable practice. Text recycling is thus an increasingly important and problematic matter in research ethics and publishing.

## Body

**The OEC Project Pages are intended to cultivate a community of practice and allow ethics researchers, educators, and practitioners to more effectively disseminate their work. This Project Page provides a detailed overview and relevant resources for an on-going science or engineering ethics project. Once you've explored this project, visit the "Projects" section under "Resources" to see more ethics projects.**

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# **Publications, Presentations, and Other Products**

## **Publications**

For full text links to TRRP publications, see the [Text Recycling website](#).

Cary Moskowitz, Susanne Hall & Michael A. Pemberton. Common Misconceptions about Text Recycling in Scientific Writing, *BioScience* (forthcoming, 2022).

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## **Presentations**

See <https://textrecycling.org/presentations/>

## **Resources**

[TRRP Best Practices for Researchers](#)

[Understanding Text Recycling: A Guide for Researchers](#)

[Flyer: 5 Common Misconceptions about Text Recycling](#)

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## **Resource Type**

Projects

## **Parent Collection**

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