

EXHIBIT 15

Message

From: Sean Takats [sean@digitalscholar.org]
on behalf of Sean Takats <sean@digitalscholar.org> [sean@digitalscholar.org]
Sent: 1/11/2022 12:11:35 PM
To: Katherine McNamara [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Breaking Code Silence Library

This is an incredibly generous move by you. I'll let the BCS folks know.

Take care,
Sean

Sean Takats
President, Corporation for Digital Scholarship
<https://digitalscholar.org>

On Jan 11, 2022, at 7:23 PM, Katherine McNamara [REDACTED] wrote:

Thank you, Sean. I appreciate it. I'll delete my tweets/Linkedin post as well and ask my wife to do so. I think neither of us wanted this frustration and I'm sorry that they brought you into it.

If Jenny or Vanessa reach out to Zotero again, you have my permission to tell them that the same information that was in the library titled "Breaking Code Silence" is now hosted publicly (and still being updated) here: https://www.zotero.org/groups/4552235/sciad_net/library

SCIAD == Survivors of Children Institutional Abuse Database - Not an organization or nonprofit. I named it as such so it would not be misrepresented as being owned or affiliated with any org or group as I continued to add my work to it. Truly open-source without any specific org getting credit but for all to be able to use.

As a side note, I publicly posted this over a week ago on my personal social media account (which they still follow) and asked everyone to update their links before I private the old library that I was phasing out. If they ask or demand the data, you can feel free to tell them they can link the more ambiguous library. In fact, I've added over 5,000+ new records to that library and will continue to update it for the general public.

On Tue, Jan 11, 2022 at 10:08 AM Sean Takats <sean@digitalscholar.org> wrote:
Dear Katherine,

Thank you for the documents. Based on what we've learned from you and from BCS, we've transferred the group back to you. We apologize for the disruption to your research, and we hope you will continue relying on Zotero to support this important work.

When disputes over library ownership have occurred in the past, we have moved quickly in order limit the possibility of intentional destruction of data; going forward we plan to park contested libraries in a neutral space as we did in this case, giving us more time to communicate with all interested parties. We believe this new step will treat users more fairly during disputes, which fortunately are exceedingly rare.

I agree with you that Dan Stillman's personal tweet mentioning "serious accusations" is potentially ambiguous, and I've asked him to delete it. While it's of course your choice leave whatever accounting of this episode you deem appropriate on social media, we would kindly ask you to consider taking down any harassing or otherwise confrontational messages which only hindered our ability to investigate BCS's claims, unlike the helpful and constructive exchanges which we've been able to have via email.

If you encounter any technical difficulties with the library transfer, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Take care,
Sean

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Thank you,

Katherine McNamara
