

# Distinguishing Scholarly from Nonscholarly

As observed by Bassham et al there is no "surefire method" for distinguishing the scholarly from the nonscholarly but some guidance does exist.

## GENERAL GUIDANCE

### SCHOLARLY



- Articles based on research
- Written for scholars
- Published by schools

Typically will have a serious a professional look; should have a call for papers and may list related conferences

### NONSCHOLARLY



- Appearance varies
- Audience specific & driven
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Includes journals of opinion, news, popular magazines, trade publications, and the rest...

## NONSCHOLARLY EXAMPLES

### Journals of Opinion



### Trade Publications



### News & General Interest



### Sensational Publications



**BACK-GROUND**

**BIAS**

**PURPOSE**

**SOURCES**

**SPONSOR**



## EVALUATING INTERNET SOURCES

common sense

**Research the author!**

**Research the site!**

**How did you find the site?**

**Is it current?**

