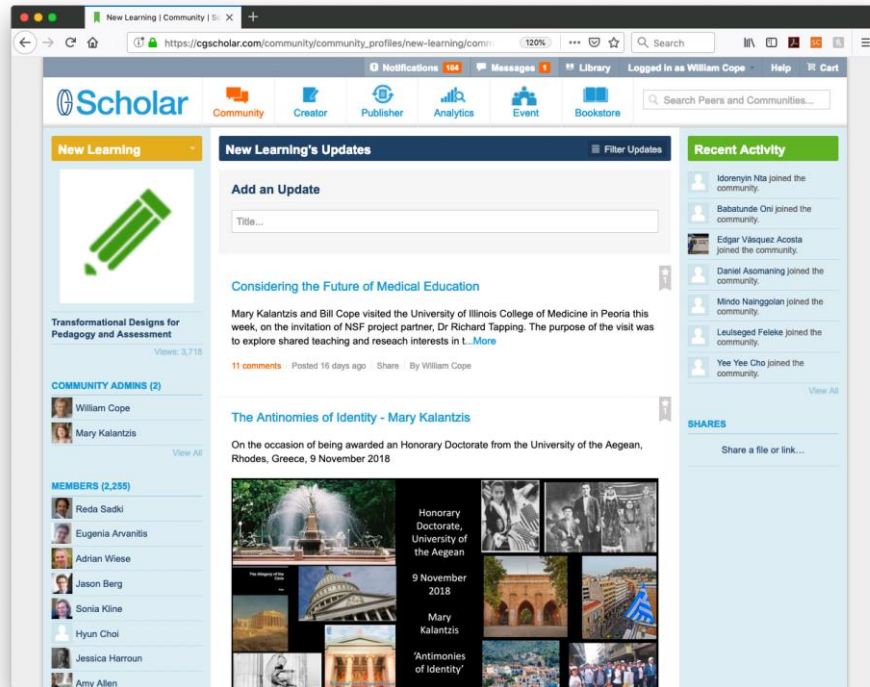# Tutorial 2.6: Participating in Community

2.6.1 The Logic of Community

Communities are places where knowledge and interests are shared. Communities may be research networks, publishers, online courses, or classes with in-person attendance.

- Admins create and co-ordinate communities—teachers, publishers, conference organizers, initiators of communities of common interest.
- Members participate in a cross between a social media feed and a blog.

2.6.2 The Community Activity Stream
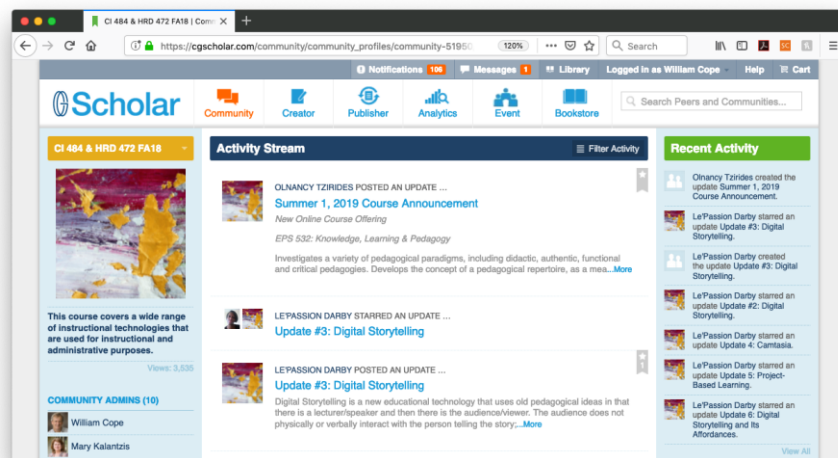
- The Activity Stream is a listing of all recent events in the community including updates, shares, and publications.
- You can filter for different types of activity and starred items by taking the [Filter Activity] option in the dark blue bar.

2.6.3 Making an Update for a Community
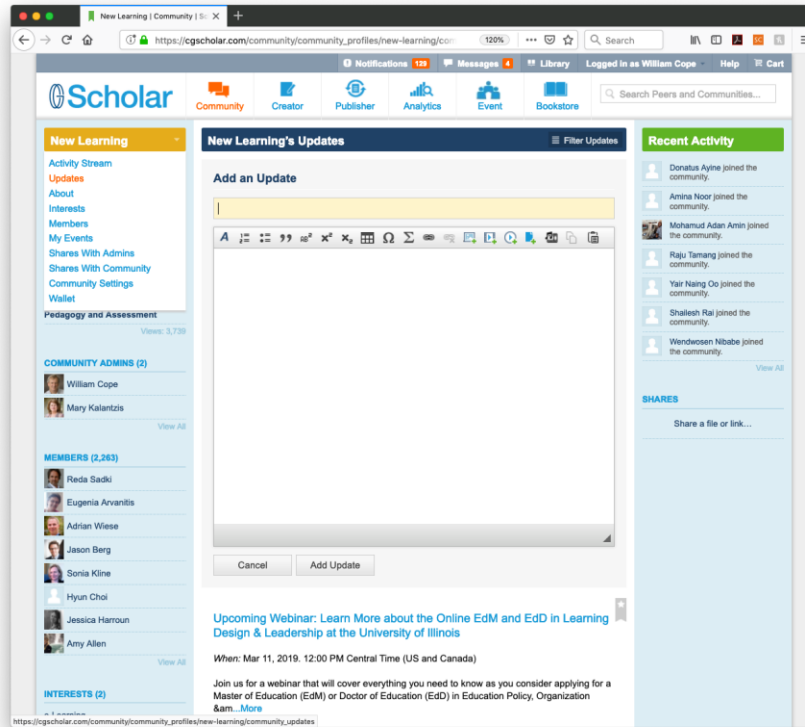
To create an update, select Updates in the pull-down menu behind the community name.

- If you are a community admin and you make an update in a community, this will go to all community members and other admins (but not your peers unless they are part of that community).
- If you are a community member, you will only be able to make updates in communities that admins have set to Unrestricted. These updates will go to all community members and admins (but not your peers unless they are part of that community).

To make an update:

- Create a title. When you begin to enter the title in the title field, the editor will open up.
- Add content by typing in text. You can also do the following (going through the icons in the toolbar from left to right):
  - Emphasized text
  - Numbered list
  - Dot point list
  - A quotation
  - A footnote
  - A superscript character and subscript character
  - A special character
  - Mathematical notation (using TeX), or use an app which converts handwritten math to TeX.
 - Link and unlink

- o Upload an image
- o Upload video
- o Upload audio
- o Upload any other file (Word, PDF, dataset, etc.)
- o Embed media (YouTube, Flickr, Qik, Vimeo, Hulu, Viddler, MyOpera, etc.)
- o Copy/paste
- When you [Add Update], a notification will go to the other members of this community, and it will appear in their activity streams. This update will not go to your peers. If you want to communicate with peers, go to your personal profile page and make an update there.
- You can also choose to feed a notification to as a post to a Facebook group or tweet in Twitter. These will link back to your update. Go to the Settings menu behind the name of the community to link to your Facebook and Twitter accounts. If you want your updates to be visible to Facebook or Twitter users who do not have CGScholar accounts, you choose the "Public" setting in the settings menu.

2.6.4 Posting Updates from a Learning Module
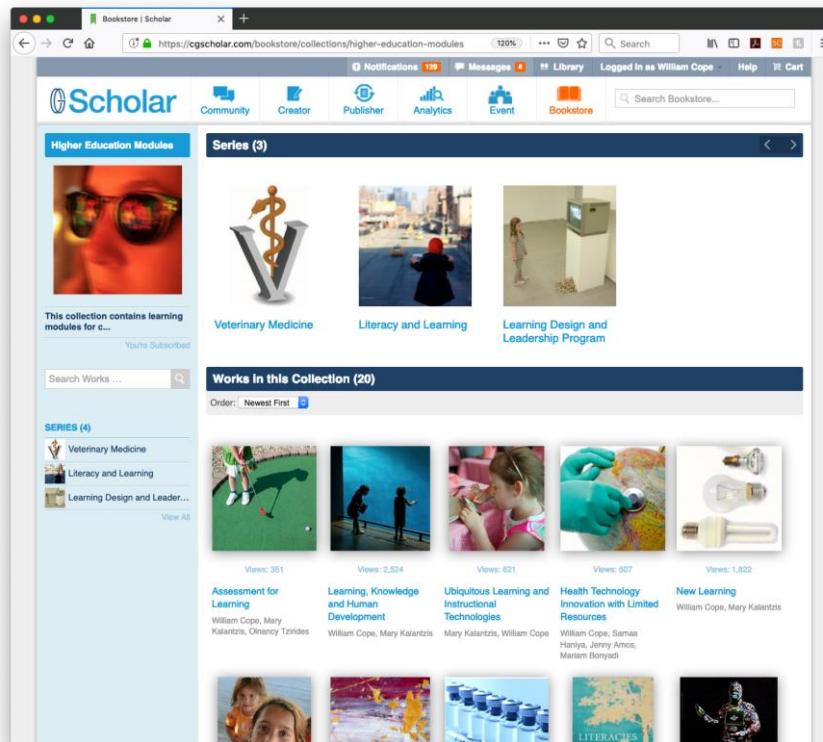
You can also post updates from Learning Modules that have been published and made available:
- In the CGScholar Bookstore.
- In a scholar's personal profile in community.
- In a community.
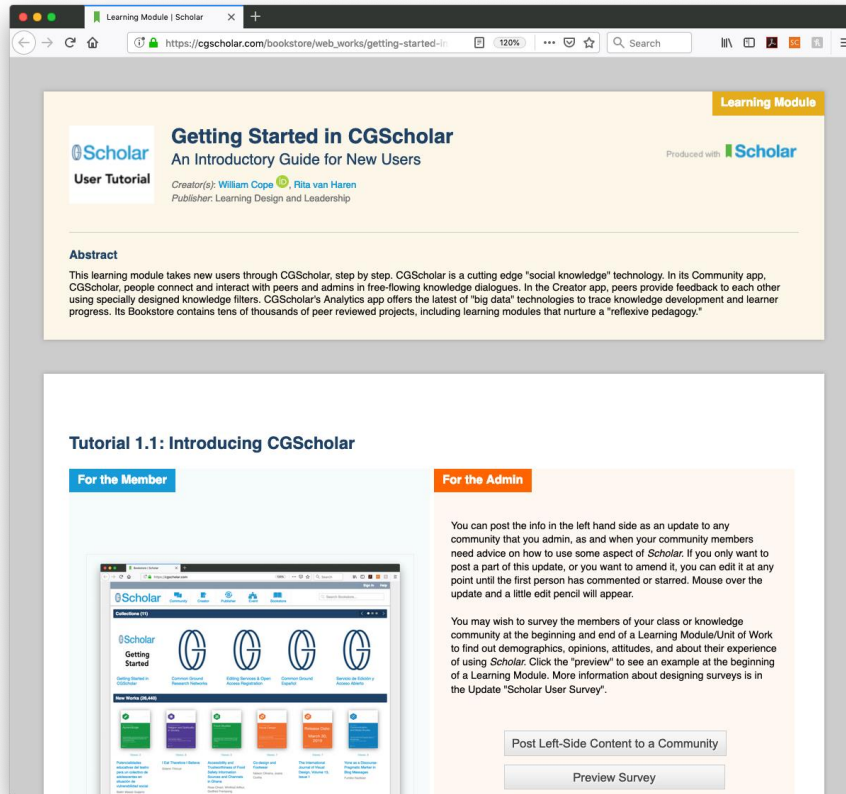
- Enter the Learning Module and select [Post Left-Side Content to Community].
- Select a community—only communities in which you are an admin will appear here.
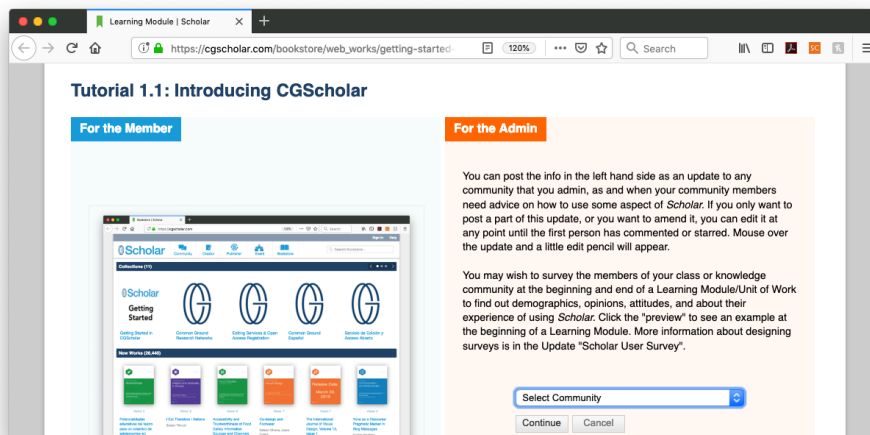
- After selecting the desired community, [Continue]. This will post the content on the left side of the screen to all the members of the community, both into their personal activity stream and the community's activity stream.
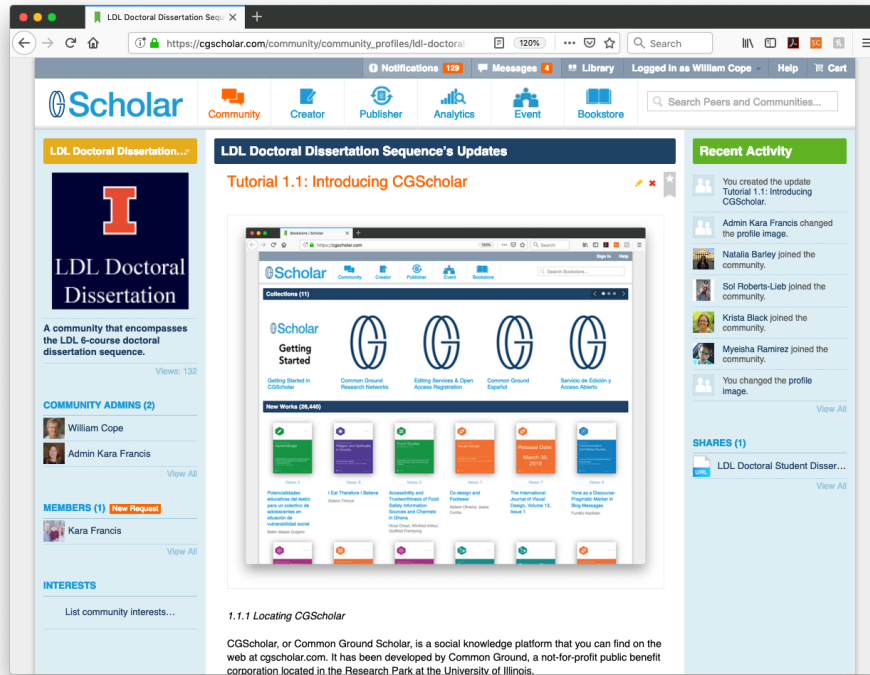
- As an admin, you will be able to edit the text posted from the learning module until the first member has commented on it or starred it. (Hover over the title of the update and select the edit pencil.)