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# Effective Literature Review, Plagiarism, Self-Plagiarism, and Reliance on Prior Research

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#### **Panel Overview:**

Peer review process is the cornerstone of academic research and publications. With the increased availability of resources on the Internet and the abundance of journals available via open access, many novice researchers are faced with significant challenges of conducting a valid literature review, while distinguishing the quality of different publications. Furthermore, novice researchers are also challenged to aggregate the information from literature and conduct their own valid synthesis of the research manuscripts they review. At the same time, familiarity with the definition and the rules about plagiarism as well as self-plagiarism aren't known to many novice researchers. In this panel, the discussion will focus on providing tools to develop a valid and effective literature review, the definition and rules of plagiarism, as well as self-plagiarism, will be discussed. Moreover, the panelists will highlight ways in which reliance on quality peer-review research can build a strong foundation for new emerging research. The panel will then discuss issues related to journal publications, quality of journals, predatory journals, indexing, and proper ways to prepare a manuscript for publication. The panel will conclude with an open discussion with attendees on the topics covered.

#### **Main Topics:**

- Effective literature review
- Plagiarism and self-plagiarism
- Reliance on prior research
- Journal publications and preparations for publications

#### **About the Panelists:**

**Alex Koohang, Ph.D.** is Professor and Dean in the School of Information Technology at Middle Georgia State University. He has published and presented numerous papers. Currently, he is the editor-in-chief of the Journal of Computer Information Systems and serves on the editorial review board of several IS/MIS publications. Dr. Koohang is the Peyton Anderson Eminent Scholar and Endowed Chair in Information Technology.

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