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The Ethics of Authorship: Social Science

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Why write?

- Reflection
- Organise thoughts
- Catharsis
- Journaling
- Recording (aide memoire)
- Pen to paper (sensory experience)

[a valued private experience]

Why publish?

- Money (????)
- Something to say
- Disseminate ideas/findings
- Engage scholarly dialogue
- Fame/notoriety
- Esteem (name in print)
- Sensory experience ('holding' the book)
- Professional/career requirement (a 'pressure'?)

[valued public 'display']

Pressures to publish:

- HE career path
- Building a CV
- Progressing 'science'
- Advancement of knowledge
- The REF
- Commissioned reports (deliverables)
- Networking
- Scholarship

Problems consequent on the pressures:

- Outlets - How and where to publish:
Journal hierarchies / New journals
- Priority disputes and IPR (whose 'knowledge'?).
- Multiple authorship and the 'co-researcher'
- Collegial working – collaboration or competition?
- Risk management
- Protection of corporate image
- Haste
- Open access
- Digital media (the e-book and online journal)
- Authoritative citation

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<http://www.journal-ranking.com>

- Academic journals immensely contribute to the validation and the dissemination of breakthrough knowledge. For the researcher, the affirmation of a quality journal stems from the ranking indexes in their disciplines that are currently available...
- ...the extensive propagation of journal rankings plays a monumental role in tenure and promotion evaluations in academia. For evaluators, it is exigent to objectively gauge the quality of a candidate's work since it is highly probable that most, if not all, committee members hail from different disciplines; consequently, evaluators look to the ranking of journals in a candidate's discipline to serve as a surrogate measure.

- 1 AMERICAN JOURNAL OF SOCIOLOGY
- 2 AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL REVIEW
- 3 ANNUAL REVIEW OF SOCIOLOGY
- 4 SOCIOLOGICAL METHODOLOGY
- 5 SOCIOLOGICAL METHODS & RESEARCH
- 6 SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION
- 7 POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW
- 8 SOCIAL NETWORKS
- 9 SOCIAL FORCES
- 10 JOURNAL OF MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY

- 24 BRITISH JOURNAL OF SOCIOLOGY
- 30 SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH & ILLNESS
- 87 JOURNAL OF SOCIOLOGY (41 in SCOPUS)

- 1 AGING CELL
- 2 NEUROBIOLOGY OF AGING
- 3 JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN GERIATRICS SOCIETY
- 4 JOURNALS OF GERONTOLOGY SERIES A-BIOLOGICAL SCIENC...
- 5 MECHANISMS OF AGEING AND DEVELOPMENT
- 6 JOURNALS OF GERONTOLOGY SERIES B-PSYCHOLOGICAL SCI...
- 7 EXPERIMENTAL GERONTOLOGY
- 8 AGE AND AGEING

Solutions?

- Institutional policies and procedures (e.g. UUK Concordat?)
- COPE cases
- New Journals (e.g. SRA)
- Online publishing with quality assessment
- Blogging
- RRI 'culture' (zero-tolerance of misconduct)
- Positive mentorship from champions/leaders
- Training: formal courses on ethics, integrity, scientific writing
- Improved systems of academic/scientific assessment
(problems of measuring 'worth/value' – cf impact assessment)

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Ethics of the peer review process – a publisher perspective



- An author should expect a timely and fair peer review of their paper on submission to a journal
- Timescales for the peer review process among subject areas and journals in the Social Sciences vary greatly
- The use of editorial systems (such as ScholarOne) make the timescales of the peer review process transparent and easy for editors and publishers to monitor
- Editorial systems also allow authors to keep a check on the progress of their paper

Peer review process - benchmarking

- Most publishers have internal benchmarks that they will monitor to ensure that their editors are operating an efficient and fair peer review system for authors
- For instance, Emerald's benchmark editorial time – submission to final decision – is 22 weeks
- Authors submitting to an Emerald journal should expect to receive a decision on their paper well within that benchmark editorial time

Usage trends - customers

Top Institutions:

The following institutions have downloaded the most articles from QAOA during the last 12 months.

OPEN UNIVERSITY

University of The West of England

BRUNEL UNIVERSITY

University of Leeds

UNIVERSITAS CIPUTRA

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

SURABAYA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY OF WEST LONDON

Health Education South West

UNIVERSITY OF EAST ANGLIA

Top Countries:

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United Kingdom

UK

Australia

Indonesia

Peoples Republic Of China

Canada

USA

New Zealand

Hong Kong

Malta

- 340 customers have accessed the online version of the journal during 2013 (at end November 2013)

Usage trends – top articles

The following articles published **in any year** have been downloaded the most during the last 12 months:

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| Alisoun Milne (2011), "Living with dementia in a care home: capturing the experiences of residents", Quality in Ageing and Older Adults, Vol. 12, No. 2, pp 76-85 | 368 |
| Bob Woods (2012), "Well-being and dementia – how can it be achieved?", Quality in Ageing and Older Adults, Vol. 13, No. 3, pp 205-211 | 343 |
| Stephen Burke (2012), "Shared experiences: why we're better off when we're united for all ages", Quality in Ageing and Older Adults, Vol. 13, No. 4 | 196 |
| Ann Hemingway, Eleanor Jack (2013), "Reducing social isolation and promoting well being in older people", Quality in Ageing and Older Adults, Vol. 14, No. 1, pp 25-35 | 172 |
| Alison Wray (2012), "Patterns of formulaic language in Alzheimer's disease: implications for quality of life", Quality in Ageing and Older Adults, Vol. 13, No. 3, pp 168-175 | 158 |
| Joy Watkins, Lorely Stanton, Barry Saunders, Gillian Lasocki, Pat Chung, Penny Hibberd (2011), "Working in partnership with family carers: the importance of learning from carers' experiences", Quality in Ageing and Older Adults, Vol. 12, No. 2, pp 103-108 | 138 |
| Antony Bayer (2012), "Progress in diagnosis and management of Alzheimer's disease", Quality in Ageing and Older Adults, Vol. 13, No. 3, pp 189-196 | 128 |
| Jane Tooke (2013), "Involving people with dementia in the work of an organisation: Service User Review Panels", Quality in Ageing and Older Adults, Vol. 14, No. 1, pp 56-65 | 123 |
| Anne Jamieson (2007), "Education and the quality of life in later years", Quality in Ageing and Older Adults, Vol. 8, No. 3, pp 15-23 | 119 |
| Jonathan Webster (2011), "Improving care for people with dementia in acute hospital: the role of person-centred assessment", Quality in Ageing and Older Adults, Vol. 12, No. 2, pp 86-94 | 119 |

Submissions and peer review

Since April 2012 the journal has used ScholarOne for managing submissions and the peer review process.

Submissions can be made at: <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/qaoa>

Peer-review average turnaround times (for last 12 months):

| Process | Ideal / Industry Standard | Quality in Ageing and Older Adults |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Editors to assign reviewers | 2 weeks (14 days) | 12.9 days |
| Review turnaround time | 6 weeks (42 days) | 22 days |
| Submission to first decision | 3 months (90 days) | 19.5 days |

Budget for 2014:
24 papers
224 pages

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