

Editors' Report for 2016

Even-numbered years represent a time for transition at the editorial offices of the *Journal of Economic History*. After four years of outstanding service as co-editor (including the last two years as senior editor), Paul Rhode has stepped down. The JOURNAL owes him a large debt of gratitude for his guidance and direction as the JOURNAL moves into its 77th year. William Collins has begun a four-year term as non-Eurasian editor, and Ann Carlos has assumed the job as senior editor. With that change, the editorial offices have moved from Ann Arbor, Michigan to Boulder, Colorado. We also thank John Murray for his work as book review editor for the Americas. Eric Hilt will assume that mantle, while Carol Shiue continues as book review editor for the rest-of-the-world. The JOURNAL is fortunate in having Lily Welch continue as the JOURNAL Editorial Assistant and Sally Sztrecska as Production Editor. Gillian Greenough, who has for many years been our liaison with Cambridge University Press, has moved to work at Wiley-Blackwell. We wish her well in her new endeavor and for her help in the editing and distribution process. We hope to keep the JOURNAL going strong, now and in the future.

We have benefited from the expert guidance and advice of our Board of Editors and the nearly 200 referees. "Graduating seniors" at the Board are Ran Abramitsky, Leah Boustan, Benjamin Chabot, Tom Nicholas, Francesca Trivellato, and Nikolaus Wolf. We sincerely thank them for their service. The incoming frosh include Caroline Fohlin, Ewout Frankema, Carola Frydman, Sumner La Croix, Marianne Wanamaker, and Warren Weber. Each will serve a four-year term. Numerous scholars contributed book reviews, including longer surveys, and a number of synthetic pieces. The editorial office is very grateful to all who have worked on behalf of the JOURNAL over this past year.

The number of submissions to the JOURNAL (Table 1) fell slightly to 149 from 153 last year. Overall the submission rate remains in line with the recent past. The publication ratio displayed is the number of refereed papers and notes published in the current year divided by the number of new papers submitted in the previous year. In 2014–2015, we published 32 refereed pieces. The ratio of this year's publications to last year's new submissions is also in line with the recent past.

Table 2 reports the response-time statistics for the corresponding sample. To place the numbers into context, our goal is to have a decision back to the author within 90 days. This year's performance has been roughly on par with other years for new submissions, with a median response time of 74. The median response time for all submissions has fallen to 50 days. A small number of papers have taken much longer. We apologize to authors of pieces experiencing long delays and promise to try to do better in the future. We are, of course, concerned about the quality of the response, not just its speed.

The distributions of submissions are documented in Table 3 for eras and Table 4 for topics. The automated part of the paper submission system stopped reporting on regions for a period of time, but that feature has recommenced. So, we do not have consistent comparisons over the last six years. What is currently available is shown in Table 5.

Coverage remains broad with a continued growth in the twenty-first century as might be expected. The number of submissions on the twentieth century continues its surge passed the nineteenth century. Shown in Table 4, Growth, Political Economy, Demography and Labor are topic areas that dominated submissions.

Book reviews are an important component of the JOURNAL, and we sincerely thank the many reviewers. From 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016, 53 reviews were published in the

TABLE 1
PUBLICATION RATES

	Published (September–June)	New Submissions	Ratio Pt/NS t-1
2008–2009	31	148	—
2009–2010	31	180	0.21
2010–2011	32	152	0.18
2011–2012	32	153	0.21
2012–2013	31	144	0.20
2013–2014	32	159	0.22
2014–2015	32	153	0.20
2015–2016	31	149	0.20

TABLE 2
RESPONSE TIME STATISTICS

Year	Decision Time (in days)		Mean	Median
	Minimum	Maximum		
All submissions				
2009/2010	1	175	77	83
2010/2011	1	273	73	76
2011/2012	1	232	77	79
2012/2013	2	237	80	78
2013/2014	4	243	76	75
2015/2015	1	235	78	78
2015/2016	1	277	60	50
New				
2008/2009	3	241	60	76
2009/2010	1	175	82	86
2010/2011	1	273	82	84
2011/2012	1	232	84	85
2012/2013	2	237	86	85
2013/2014	4	243	80	79
2014/2015	1	235	80	78
2015/2016	1	277	74	74

TABLE 3
DISTRIBUTION OF SUBMISSIONS BY ERA

Eras	2009– 2010	2010– 2011	2011– 2012	2012– 2013	2013– 2014	2014– 2015	2015– 2016
Pre-seventeenth century	23	24	26	27	22	28	24
Seventeenth and eighteenth centuries	48	52	48	40	39	43	24
Nineteenth century	112	93	99	93	84	92	56
Twentieth century	104	87	94	109	87	104	78
Twenty-first century	11	11	11	15	16	12	15
Not applicable	5	6	6	2	2	2	3
Total	303	273	284	286	250	281	200
	Percent						
Pre-seventeenth century	7.6	8.8	9.2	9.4	8.8	10.0	12.0
Seventeenth and eighteenth centuries	15.8	19.0	16.9	14.0	15.6	15.3	12.0
Nineteenth century	37.0	34.1	34.9	32.5	33.6	32.7	28.0
Twentieth century	34.3	31.9	33.1	38.1	34.8	37.0	39.0
Twenty-first century	3.6	4.0	3.9	5.2	6.4	4.3	7.5
Not applicable	1.7	2.2	2.1	0.7	0.8	0.7	1.5

Note: Multiple selections per submission possible.

JOURNAL, with 19 reviews in the Ancient to Modern category and 21 reviews in United States and Canada. The remainder was equally distributed. The JOURNAL has also sought “review and reflection” synthetic articles, extended book reviews, and roundtable book reviews when appropriate, and published four such in volume 75.

Readers will recall that at the 2013 meetings, the EHA board of trustees approved a policy to make publication conditional on archiving the data sufficient to replicate the results in the accepted articles. The new rules read:

“It is the policy of the *Journal of Economic History* to publish papers only if the data used in the analysis are clearly and precisely documented and are readily available to any researcher for purposes of replication. Authors of accepted papers must archive, prior to publication, the data, programs, and other details of the computations sufficient to permit replication. These will be archived at ICPSR and a stable URL link to these data will be published with each article. The Editors should be notified at the time of submission if the data used in a paper are proprietary or if, for some other reason, the requirements above cannot be met.

As soon as possible after acceptance, authors are expected to deposit their data, programs, and sufficient details to permit replication with ICPSR. Questions regarding any aspect of this policy should be forwarded to the Journal Editor.”

For new submissions from January 2016, require authors to post data and replication files to maintain and advance the JOURNAL's efforts to ensure transparency and scholarly integrity. A branded page has been created with open ICPSR and depositors can submit files into open ICPSR.

TABLE 4
DISTRIBUTION OF SUBMISSIONS BY TOPICS

Topics	2010– 2011	2011– 2012	2012– 2013	2013– 2014	2014– 2015	2015– 2016
Agriculture	16	16	18	24	19	8
Demography	15	13	18	25	24	25
Growth	38	39	40	26	39	36
History of thought	8	2	5	3	4	7
Industry	15	19	19	20	19	8
International trade, finance	22	24	30	31	20	15
Labor	26	26	25	22	23	24
Money and macro	16	23	21	17	23	16
Other	23	23	11	22	18	10
Political economy	44	45	42	36	35	31
Private finance, capital markets	33	28	23	19	19	12
Public finance	20	16	14	17	17	12
Technology	20	13	10	9	13	11
Urban and regional	9	9	14	10	10	13
Total	305	296	290	281	283	228
	Percent					
Agriculture	5.2	5.4	6.2	8.5	6.7	3.5
Demography	4.9	4.4	6.2	8.9	8.5	11.0
Growth	12.5	13.2	13.8	9.3	13.8	15.8
History of thought	2.6	0.7	1.7	1.1	1.4	3.1
Industry	4.9	6.4	6.6	7.1	6.7	3.5
International trade, finance	7.2	8.1	10.3	11.0	7.1	6.6
Labor	8.5	8.8	8.6	7.8	8.1	10.5
Money and macro	5.2	7.8	7.2	6.0	8.1	7.0
Other	7.5	7.8	3.8	7.8	6.4	4.4
Political economy	14.4	15.2	14.5	12.8	12.4	13.6
Private finance, capital markets	10.8	9.5	7.9	6.8	6.7	5.3
Public finance	6.6	5.4	4.8	6.0	6.0	5.3
Technology	6.6	4.4	3.4	3.2	4.6	4.8
Urban and regional	3.0	3.0	4.8	3.6	3.5	5.7

Note: Multiple Selections per submission possible.

GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

TABLE 5
DISTRIBUTION OF SUBMISSIONS BY REGION

Regions	2010– 2011	2011– 2012	2012– 2013	2013– 2014	2014– 2015*	2015– 2016**
Africa	7	7	8	8	3	2
Asia	21	22	38	19	4	6
Australia and New Zealand	1	3	8	3	3	0
Eastern Europe/Russia	14	9	12	15	2	3
Great Britain	44	34	27	36	10	2
Latin America	11	20	15	19	4	1
Middle East	9	7	12	7	2	3
Non-Spanish speaking Caribbean	1	1	0	4	0	1
United States and Canada	76	68	65	65	16	10
Western Europe	64	77	65	56	14	6
Not applicable	7	10	9	3	0	3
Total	255	258	259	235	58	37

	Percent					
Africa	2.7	2.7	3.1	3.4	5.2	5.4
Asia	8.2	8.5	14.7	8.1	6.9	16.2
Australia and New Zealand	0.4	1.2	3.1	1.3	5.2	0.0
Eastern Europe/Russia	5.5	3.5	4.6	6.4	3.4	8.1
Great Britain	17.3	13.2	10.4	15.3	17.2	5.4
Latin America	4.3	7.8	5.8	8.1	6.9	2.7
Middle East	3.5	2.7	4.6	3.0	3.4	8.1
Non-Spanish speaking Caribbean	0.4	0.4	0.0	1.7	0.0	2.7
United States and Canada	29.8	26.4	25.1	27.7	27.6	27
Western Europe	25.1	29.8	25.1	23.8	24.1	16.2
Not applicable	2.7	3.9	3.5	1.3	0.0	8.1

*2014–2015 Region data is from 1 July 2014–14 October 2015

**2015–2016 Region data is from 18 March 2016–30 June 2016

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