Late-Onset Growing Pains

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As the *Archives* inches into its fifth decade, it is experiencing some late-onset growing pains. Since I became Editor in 2002, the number of new submissions has risen dramatically (Fig. 1). It began to dawn on me that it was becoming increasingly difficult to keep up with the flow. As I noted last year (Zucker, 2011), I was delighted to appoint five Associate Editors (Lori A. Brotto, Michael P. Carey, Shari L. Dworkin, Marta Meana, and Jeffrey T. Parsons) to assist in the reviewing process. Subsequently, we have added three scholars to the Editorial Board and 25 scholars as Consulting Editors to help us in providing quality peer review: Lisa M. DeBruine, Benedict C. Jones, Carol Lynn Martin, Drew H. Bailey, Andrea Bradford, Carol S. Camlin, Megan S. Dunbar, Rutger C. M. E. Engels, Robyn L. Fielder, Maryanne L. Fisher, Sabina Hirshfield, Roland Imhoff, Kari Lerum, Matthew J. Mimiaga, Angulique Y. Outlaw, Jesse J. Owen, Thomas L. Patterson, Martin Plöderl, Elke D. Reissing, Gerulf Rieger, Stephen T. Russell, Eric W. Schrimshaw, Lori J. Scott-Sheldon, Brooke N. Seal, Theresa E. Senn, Kelly B. Smith, Ana Ventuneac, and Patrick A. Wilson. We now have two father–son pairs on the Board (Bailey and Bailey and Dixon and Dixon): it is unclear if the transmission is genetic or psychosocial. With more submissions, that means that more articles make their way into print. To avoid overweight issues, in

Fig. 1 Number of submissions (2002–2011)

2013 the *Journal* will publish eight times/year instead of six (C. Bischoff, personal communication, August 24, 2011).

The Impact Factor (IF)

Calculated each year by the Web of Science[®] (Thomson Reuters), a journal's IF for a given year is a measure of the frequency with which its recent articles are cited on average during that year. "Recent" refers to the two prior calendar years. Thus, *Archives'* 2010 IF is the number of times that its 2008 and 2009 articles were cited in 2010, divided by the number of articles the *Archives* published in 2008 and 2009. Although the IF is the best known metric for citation analysis, there are other measures, including the immediacy index (II) and the cited half-life (CHL). The II is a measure of how frequently the journal's "average article" is cited the same year in which it is published. Thus, the II for a year is calculated as the number of times articles from that journal are cited during that year, divided by the number of articles that journal published that year. The CHL is a measure of the longevity of the frequency of citations to articles in the journal, that is, for how long the average article maintains its currency. The CHL

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Table 1 Impact factor for the year 2010: Sex- and gender-related journals ($N = 67$)

Journal	Impact factor	2010 total cites	2010 articles	Immediacy index	Cited half-life
Archives of Sexual Behavior	3.660	3,126	114	1.044	7.0
AIDS	6.348	21,706	395	1.327	6.0
Psychoneuroendocrinology	5.168	7,612	171	0.947	5.8
AIDS Reviews	4.786	661	20	0.200	4.2
Human Reproduction	4.357	25,468	368	0.804	7.7
Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes	4.262	11,857	305	1.046	5.4
Hormones and Behavior	3.991	6,833	170	0.706	6.2
Journal of Sexual Medicine	3.957	4,843	382	0.772	2.5
Evolution and Human Behavior	3.646	1,997	50	0.600	6.1
International Journal of Andrology	3.601	2,488	93	0.699	5.5
Menopause	3.318	3,161	138	1.043	3.9
Sexually Transmitted Diseases	3.268	5,308	133	0.594	5.9
AIDS and Behavior	3.195	2,392	170	0.729	3.7
Fertility and Sterility	3.122	25,664	844	0.716	6.9
Sexual Development	3.052	319	43	0.581	2.6
Sexually Transmitted Infections	3.029	3,928	165	1.327	5.0
International Journal of Impotence Research	2.415	2,269	50	0.360	6.7
Journal of Sex and Marital Therapy	2.364	1,500	27	0.333	9.1
AIDS Patient Care and STDs	2.333	1,782	89	0.326	4.2
Psychology of Men and Masculinity	2.208	580	25	0.28	5.5
Body Image	2.109	841	57	0.298	4.5
Politics and Gender	2.107	242	19	0.158	4.1
Gender and Society	2.088	1,749	30	0.300	10.0
Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health	2.075	913	38	0.289	5.8
Hormone Research ^a	2.044	3,399			7.4
AIDS Care	1.593	3,223	211	0.166	5.5
Asian Journal of Andrology	1.549	1,194	98	0.765	4.0
Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment	1.500	757	25	0.280	6.7
Journal of Sex Research	1.488	1,927	47	0.298	>10.0
Journal of Women's Health	1.454	1,968	247	0.211	4.1
Psychology of Women Quarterly	1.420	1,912	44	0.795	>10.0
AIDS Education and Prevention	1.361	1,347	42	0.167	7.4
Sexual Health	1.361	435	70	0.829	3.1
Women's Health Issues	1.287	786	55	0.327	5.2
Evolutionary Psychology	1.278	218	43	0.140	3.2
Journal of Psychosomatic Obstetrics and Gynecology	1.221	811	32	0.156	7.9
Sex Roles	1.213	4,075	137	0.146	9.5
Culture, Health, and Sexuality	1.195	582	72	0.153	5.2
International Journal of STD and AIDS	1.082	2,462	191	0.236	6.1
Body and Society	1.082	469	25	0.360	7.1
Gender, Place, and Culture	1.030	499	41	0.024	7.0
Feminism and Psychology	0.922	440	35	0.229	6.8
Women and Health	0.895	1,051	47	0.106	8.7
Feminist Theory	0.857	192	19	0.000	6.0

Table 1 continued

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Men and Masculinities	0.814	340	26	0.423	5.8
International Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health	0.806	27	36	0.056	
Australian Feminist Studies	0.710	153	37	0.027	5.8
Sexuality and Disability	0.674	281	24	0.083	9.8
Feminist Review	0.617	336	20	0.300	>10.0
International Journal of Sexual Health	0.610	39	24	0.125	
GLQ: A Journal of Gay and Lesbian Studies	0.588	222	24	0.000	7.2
Gender and Education	0.583	512	41	0.024	7.0
European Journal of Women's Studies	0.579	291	19	0.158	4.6
Signs	0.554	1,155	43	0.070	>10.0
Journal of Gender Studies	0.551	151	24	0.125	6.8
differences: A Journal of Feminist Cultural Studies	0.548	168	27	0.000	8.2
Journal of Homosexuality	0.436	964	65	0.092	>10.0
Journal of Child Sexual Abuse	0.359	301	5	2.000	7.6
Women's Studies International Forum	0.333	611	59	0.085	9.5
Journal of the History of Sexuality	0.324	144	20	0.000	9.0
Indian Journal of Gender Studies	0.263	37	17	0.059	
Asian Journal of Women's Studies	0.206	50	16	0.062	
Zeitschrift für Sexual Forschung	0.152	36	17	0.000	
Women and Therapy	0.146	182	36	0.028	9.7
Frontiers: Journal of Women's Studies	0.119	80	24	0.000	
Feministische Studien	0.074	20	13	0.000	
Feminist Studies	0.071	393	28	0.000	>10.0

Total cites indicates the total number of times that each journal has been cited by all journals included in the ISI database in 2010. Immediacy index means cites in 2010 to articles published in 2010/number of articles published in 2010. Cited half-life is the median age of its articles cited in the current year. Half of the citations to the journal are to articles published within the cited half-life

^a Renamed Hormone Research in Paediatrics in 2010; hence, some of the metrics in the table are not available

for a year is determined by the time required to account for a cumulative total of 50% of that year's citations to the journal.

Table 1 shows the IF of the sex and gender periodicals, broadly defined, for the year 2010. The IF of *Archives* had a nice jump from 3.23 in 2009 to 3.66 in 2010. The meaning of the IF can be crudely gauged in comparative perspective: for 2010, of 2,678 Social Science journals, *Archives* was ranked 93rd (96th percentile). Of 102 journals classified as Psychology (Clinical), *Archives* was ranked 9th (91st percentile). Of 83 journals classified as Social Science, Interdisciplinary, *Archives* was ranked 1st. For the first time, *Archives* surpassed *Evolution and Human Behavior* by a staggering .014 points (3.660 vs. 3.646). We also closed the gap to .33 to *Hormones and Behavior* and to .29 to *Journal of Sexual Medicine*. Perhaps 2011 will bring another great leap forward.¹

¹ There are, of course, other kinds of impact factors. As reported in the January/February 2012 issue of SPIN, the post-modern world's premiere music magazine, the album *David Comes to Life* by my son's band, Fucked

There is certainly evidence that articles in this journal are being read (or at least being printed out). Over the past 5 years, the number of articles downloaded were: 93,307 (2007), 141,063 (2008), 194,212 (2009), 321,801 (2010), and, for the first 11 months of 2011, 248,144. A lot of people have time on their hands.

In previous Editorials, I have observed that there are many sex and gender journals that are not given an IF by the Web of Science®. I am pleased to note in Table 1 that *International Journal of Sexual Health* (formerly *Journal of Psychology and Human Sexuality*) and the *Psychology of Men and Masculinity* have now joined the numbers game. I would still like to see some other periodicals, such as *International Journal of Transgenderism*, *Journal of Gay and Lesbian Mental Health*, *Nordic Journal of Feminist and Gender Research*, *Psychology and Sexuality*,

Footnote 1 continued

Up, was ranked as the top album of the year (<http://www.spin.com/>) (Marchese, 2012).

Fig. 2 Manuscript disposition after initial submission (2002–2010)

Sexologies, Sexualities, Sexuality and Culture, and *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*, enter the fray. In 2012, there will also be at least one new sex and gender periodical: *Journal of Language and Sexuality* (John Benjamins Publishing Company).

Submissions and Disposition

Figure 2 shows the Editorial decision data for the original submissions as a function of year (2002–2010). The percentage of manuscripts that were accepted or provisionally accepted ranged from 12.4 to 21.2%; the percentage of manuscripts that were subject to major revision ranged from 28.4 to 47.5%; and the percentage of manuscripts that were rejected ranged from 31.2

to 57.7%. As I noted in last year's Editorial (Zucker, 2011), around 75% of manuscripts subject to major revision wind up being published in the *Journal*. The vast majority of the remainder are not resubmitted by the authors.

Transitions

After serving on the Board for 10 years, Ine Vanwesenbeeck has stepped down. It will be difficult to replace this premier scholar of sex work research. I am delighted to note that Editorial Board member Richard C. Friedman has been appointed Editor of *Psychodynamic Psychiatry* (formerly the *Journal of the American Academy of Psychoanalysis and Dynamic Psychiatry*), Editorial Board member Kim Wallen has been appointed Editor of *Hormones and Behavior*, and Associate Editor Jeffrey T. Parsons has been appointed Editor of *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*. With the support of the Officers of the International Academy of Sex Research (Cynthia Graham, Erick Janssen, Ellen Laan, and David Moskowitz), I will begin my third 5-year term as Editor in 2012. Lastly, as 2011 came to a close, I began my first term as a grandfather, with the little one born on 28 December (birthweight, 3,090 g). Not bad for the final new submission of the year. If I can hold on, she can take over as Editor one day.

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