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To: SSSP Board of Directors, Publications Committee, Associate Editors, Editorial Board

From: Annulla Linders, Earl Wright II, and Derrick Brooms, Co-Editors

Re: *Social Problems* Annual Report, 2023

First things first: our work, including this report, would not be possible without help from many others, including especially our (outgoing) graduate assistants Kyle Shupe, Anthony Stone and Kierra Toney, and Molly Broscoe who has already stepped into Kyle's position as our new Managing Editor.

At SSSP, we continuously rely on the expertise (and memory!) of Michele Koontz and the energy and professionalism of Elroi Windsor. At OUP, this past year we have relied on and been supported by Sarah Levine and her team in production and marketing. A special thanks to the Social Media Committee led by Mi'Chael Wright and to Cindy Carlton-Ford, our long-time Production Editor and English-language magician who is now part of the OUP copy-editing team. We also take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation for the work done by our Associate Editors, Advisory Board members, and members of the Student Social media Committee members. We could not have done this without you!

And, of course, we are forever grateful to the many authors who submit their work to us and the many reviewers who tirelessly provide feedback on papers. Without you there would be no journal!

The Report

This report provides a detailed overview of submissions, decisions, and the review process. We continue the practice of placing our work in a historical perspective (going

back about 10 years when feasible). Appendix 1 includes more details about the global regions from which we receive papers, the methodological approach (quantitative and qualitative) of submissions, and general topic areas of submissions. The (comparative) data we present in the tables cover calendar years whereas team-related updates cover academic years.

The Team

We have made no changes to our editorial team, but a few have changed institutions since the last report. The Social media Committee headed by Mi'Chael Wright is also intact. We are in the process of welcoming a new group of Graduate Assistants this summer. Managing Editor Kyle Shupe, who just got a job at Springer Nature, has already handed the reigns of that job to Molly Broscoe. Anthony Stony, one of the Assistant Editors, just defended his dissertation and is beginning a tenure-track job at the University of Memphis in the fall. The other Assistant Editor, Kierra Toney won a dissertation fellowship for the year. We cannot thank you enough for your commitment and dedication to the journal. As we wish them good luck, we welcome Annie McGhee and Jeremy Brenner-Levoy to continue the work they do. See appendix 2 for a current listing of the *Social Problems* team.

News

We already knew last year that the significant bump in the 2021 Impact factor and the subsequent decline in 2022 has little to do with anything we do at the editorial office. It is an artifact of changes in how the Impact Factor is calculated. It will no doubt take a few years before the dust settles, so to speak. For us, the good news is that our ambition to publish more papers, while obviously impacting the Impact Factor (it is there in the denominator), has in many way paid off. We publish many high-quality and innovative papers which are widely cited (also within the narrow 2-year window of the Impact Factor). That, for us, is a the most important take-home point of the Impact Factor trajectory. See OUP's report for more details.

- 2022 Impact Factor: 3.2
- 2021 Impact Factor: 5.397
- 2020 Impact Factor: 3.115
- 2019 Impact Factor: 2.345
- 2018 Impact Factor: 2.789

Work During the Year

By now, everyone on our team is well-versed in the online submission system and our editorial routines, which means that the day-to-day running of the journal goes very smoothly. This is so despite the fact that Earl (Rhodes College), Derrick (University of Tennessee) and Anna (University of Cincinnati) work at different institutions. With the help of our graduate assistants, we work on a series of google docs which allow us to communicate in real time about the manuscripts we receive.

We continue working on the goal of shortening the time from submission to decision. After a sharp decrease when we first took over as editors (from 6 months to 4 months), the pace of change has slowed, but we continue to work towards an average of 3 months. We also work to increase the number of submissions by making the journal increasingly attractive to prospective authors – the two most important factors here, we think, are rank (which is increasing), time to decision (which is decreasing), and buzz around our papers (we thank the Social Media Committee led by Mi'Chael Wright, and OUP's marketing division, for ensuring that people talk about our papers). More detail about this work can be found in the reports by OUP and the Social Media Committee.

We have posted two Author-Attic videos this past year, one by Sarah Combellick on abortion story-telling and one by Scott Duxbury big-data police surveillance (https://academic-oup-com.uc.idm.oclc.org/socpro/pages/authors_attic).

The latest Virtual Issue addresses Climate, Disasters, Environment and Justice and is curated by Anita Bledsoe-Gardner and DeMond Miller. We also published a virtual issue on Abortion in America, curated by Annulla Linders and Tamika Odum. This summer we will publish a virtual issue on innovative Queer Sociology (curated by Kyle Shupe and Josh Warren) in conjunction with the release of the next Author Attic video, by Laurel Westbrook and stef shuster on their ground-breaking paper: Reducing the Joy Deficit in Sociology: A Study of Transgender Joy. See the OUP report for more details.

Our first special issue, on work inspired by W. E. B Du Bois and co-edited by Earl Wright II and Aldon Morris was published in May of 2021. A second special issue, on the Lives (and Futures) of Black Children, guest-edited by Derrick Brooms and Marcelle Medford, is well under-way (see papers have been selected and are currently in production). A third special issue, on Racism of Omission, guest-edited by Victor Ray, Rory Kramer, and Eduardo Bonilla-Silva, is currently in the final review stage. This is the last special issue we will pursue during our editorial term. (See table 9)

Submissions

During our first term as editors, we saw an increase in submissions (from 289 in 2018 to 356 in 2020). The pandemic did not initially slow the pace of submission, on the contrary, but once most universities went back to in-person teaching in the fall of 2021 we noticed a drop in submissions. The slower pace has continued into 2022 (except that the special issue on Racism of Omission attracted many additional submissions) but, which is very good news, seems to have reversed with a vengeance in 2023. See [Table 1](#).

Table 1: Total Submissions by Year, 2010-2023 ¹			
	New Submissions	Revised Submissions ²	Total Submissions
2010	287	70	357
2011	262	58	320
2012	329	113	442
2013	327	101	428
2014	323	63	386
2015	375	114	489
2016	335	155	490
2017	295	43	338
2018	289	58	349
2019	344	142	516
2020	356	104	460
2021	324	75	399
2022	312	85	397
2023 ³	188	42	231

¹ Papers submitted to special issues are excluded from this table. See table 9.

² Revised submissions include revised manuscripts (.R1s) and conditional accepts (.R2s)

³ Data for 2023 captures the period from January 1st to June 30th

Decisions

[Table 2](#) provides an overview of the distribution of final decisions on **original** manuscripts submitted since 2010.

Table 2: Final Decisions on Original Manuscripts by Year First Submitted, 2010-2023 ¹					
	MS without Decisions ²	Deflect	Reject	Accept	Total
2010	10	53 (53%)	102 (36%)	22 (7.7%)	287
2011	3	101 (38%)	125 (48%)	33 (12.6%)	262
2012	1	88 (27%)	211 (64%)	29 (8.8%)	329
2013	3	105 (32%)	203 (62%)	17 (5.2%)	327
2014	7	93 (29%)	180 (56%)	43 (13.3%)	323
2015	8	80 (21%)	232 (62%)	55 (15%)	375
2016	2	120 (36%)	197 (59%)	18 (5%)	335
2017	0	120 (41%)	150 (51%)	25 (8%)	295

2018	1	110 (38%)	109 (38%)	69 (24%) ³	289
2019	4	111 (32%)	169 (50%)	60 (18%)	344
2020	3	125 (35%)	162 (45.5%)	66 (18.5%)	356
2021	19	103 (32%)	158 (49%)	43 (13%)	324 ⁵
2022 ⁵	21	91 (29%)	172 (55%)	28 (9%)	312
2023 ^{4,5}	100	44 (23%)	43 (23%)	1	188

¹ Counts all MS decisions by year they were originally submitted, regardless of the year a final decision was made on the manuscript. Papers submitted to special issues are not included (see table 9).

² Manuscripts without a decision include MS that are still under review, received Revise & Resubmit decisions but were never resubmitted, were unsubmitted and never resubmitted, or did not complete the review process for another reason.

³ The spike in the number of accepted manuscripts in 2018 is linked in various ways to the transition of editors.

⁴ 2023 includes manuscripts submitted between January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023.

⁵ Data for these years are preliminary as a number of manuscripts are still in process or under review.

Overall, the table shows that the acceptance rate, while fluctuating from year-to-year, is still fairly stable over time (ranging from 5% to 18%, with an average of about 10-15%). Both the deflection and rejection rates vary over time and probably capture variations in editorial preferences rather than the quality of papers submitted.

Looking at the final disposition of **revised** manuscripts, [Table 3](#) shows extensive variation regarding the final decision, with both reject and accept decisions ranging from about 30% to 90%. Since we took over as editors, the proportion of revised manuscripts that are rejected has sharply declined. This is a result of our ambition to only extend an invitation to revise-and-resubmit to papers we think have a high likelihood of receiving an enthusiastic publish recommendation from the reviewers.

Table 3: Final Decisions on R&R MS by Year Originally Submitted, 2009-2023

	MS without Decisions ¹	Reject	Accept	Total ²
2010	0	15 (42%)	21 (58%)	36
2011	0	51 (61%)	32 (39%)	83
2012	0	54 (65%)	29 (35%)	83
2013	1	17 (49%)	17 (49%)	35
2014	0	25 (37%)	43 (63%)	68
2015	1	71 (56%)	55 (43%)	127
2016	0	29 (62%)	18 (38%)	47
2017	1	10 (28%)	25 (69%)	36
2018	1	10 (13%)	69 (86%)	80
2019	2	9 (12%)	65 (86%)	76
2020	0	6 (8%)	66 (92%)	72
2021	11	2 (4%)	41 (76%)	54
2022	20	2 (4%)	28 (56%)	50
2023	46	-	1	47

¹ Manuscripts without decision primarily include papers that are still under review.

² Revised (.R1s) and conditionally accepted (.R2s) manuscripts are only included once, so manuscripts are not double counted.

Additional submission data are available in Appendix 1, including manuscript topic areas, methods of submitted papers, and countries of submitting authors.

Time from Submission to Decision

One of our main goals is to keep decreasing the time from submission to decision for manuscripts we send out for review. The initial sharp drop in the time from submission to decision of **original** manuscripts was accomplished by simplifying the administrative process. We continue working on making the process more efficient, but both internal (competing obligations) and external (many still COVID-related) obstacles keep getting in the way. Considering the data for 2023, we think (hope) that the slight uptick in time to decision in 2022 was an aberration. See [Table 4](#).

	Deflect	Reject	Revise & Resubmit
2015	29 days	164 days	168 days
2016	43 days	160 days	164 days
2017	51 days	185 days	183 days
2018	36 days	137 days	141 days
2019	28 days	122 days	127 days
2020	20 days	112 days	119 days
2021	22 days	114 days	110 days
2022²	23 days	125 days	121 days
2023	25 days	107 days	106 days

¹ Almost no manuscripts are accepted after the first round of reviews (except the Presidential Address), so accept decisions are not included here. Papers submitted to special issues are not included.

² Data for 2022 covers the period from January 1st to June 30th.

We find a similar pattern for time from submission to decision of **revised** papers (see [Table 5](#)).

	Reject	Conditional Accept	Accept
2015	142 days	159 days	113 days
2016	139 days	137 days	99 days
2017	140 days	190 days	122 days
2018	105 days	104 days	57 days
2019	88 days	84 days	44 days
2020	96 days	75 days	46 days
2021	137 days	76 days	48 days
2022	84 days	82 days	60 days
2023²	--	--	57 days

¹ As different editors have used the second Revise & Resubmit decision (.R2s) in different ways, we only include data for the years during which editors have used it as a conditional accept decision.

² As of June 30th, all but one currently submitted revised manuscripts are under external review.

Our aim remains to reduce the average time from submission to decision to about 3 months. Given the review delays caused by the pandemic conditions (evident in average review times in 2021 and 2022) we are not yet able to determine if the changes we implemented during the past few years will result in a stable reduction of the time from submission to decision. But we hope so. To determine where, if anywhere, there is time to cut, we have calculated the time papers spend in internal processing and in external review. [Table 6](#) shows that we have cut the time in both respects by more than one month each.

Table 6: Average Time from Submission to Decision, 2015-2023		
	Average Time (in Days) in Internal Processing¹	Average Time (in Days) in External Review²
2015	69 days	96 days
2016	81 days	79 days
2017	95 days	89 days
2018	46 days	75 days
2019	43 days	63 days
2020	45 days	62 days
2021	48 days	67 days
2022³	51 days	72 days
2023	52 days	55 days

¹ Time in internal processing captures the amount of time from submission to the first reviewer invitation, and from our receipt of the final review to the decision on the manuscript. Papers submitted to special issues are not included in this table.

² Time in external review captures the time from when the first reviewer is invited to when the last review is submitted. This includes both original and revised (.R1) submissions.

³ Data for 2023 covers the period from January 1st to June 30th.

The overall reduction in time papers spend in external review is the result of a few different strategies. First, and most immediately, we no longer involve the student board in the selection of reviewers. Second, we now ask reviewers to submit their review in 5 weeks (instead of 6 weeks) (see [Table 7](#)). Third, have tried (with only modest success, especially after COVID) to reduce the number of asks required to secure 3 reviews (see [Table 8](#)).

When it comes to internal processing, the most important change is—again—the elimination of the student board. Given that we are now three co-editors who look at every paper we receive, there is an increased risk of internal delays. We have tried to preempt those with a series of minor changes to our routines that, so far, seem to have worked.

Table 7: Average Time for Reviewers to Complete Reviews (in Days), 2010-2023¹

	Days
2010	43
2011	42
2012	41
2013	40
2014	40
2015	38
2016	38
2017	40
2018	43
2019	34
2020	33
2021	34
2022	35
2023 ²	35

Table 8: Average Number of Reviewers Invited per Manuscript to Secure 3 Reviewers, 2010-2023¹

	Average	Median
2010	8.3	8
2011	7.8	7
2012	7	6
2013	7	6
2014	8.2	7
2015	7.8	7
2016	8.2	7
2017	9.1	9
2018	7	6
2019	6	7
2020	6	6
2021	7	6
2022	8.8	8
2023 ²	7.9	7

¹ Data for special Issues are not included in these tables.
² Data for 2023 covers period from January 1st to June 30th.

Special Issues

The special issue on contemporary uses of the Sociology of W. E. B. Du Bois, co-edited by Earl Wright II and Aldon Morris, was published in May of 2021 (68:2). It is a fantastic set of articles (at least one of which, by Hajar Yazdiha, recently won a best article award from the ASA Section on International Migration).

A special issue on the Lives (and Futures) of Black Children and Youth, co-edited by Derrick Brooms and Marcelle Medford, is well under way. The latest special issue on Racism of Omission, guest-edited by Victor Ray, Rory Kramer, and Eduardo Bonilla-Silva is also nearing completion. See [Table 9](#) for an overview of our special issues

Table 9: Special Issue Submissions

	In Process	Deflect	Reject	R&R	Accept	Total
Contemporary Uses of Du Bois	--	15	9	--	7	31
Black Children & Futures	0	14	5	13	9	32
Racism of Omission	0	40	5	10	--	55

Award-Winning Papers

We are working with OUP to keep the Award-Winning Articles page organized and up to date (<https://academic-oup-com.uc.idm.oclc.org/socpro/pages/awards>). We are also working with Mi'Chael and the Social media Committee to try to identify all award-winning papers (authors sometimes inform us, but not always). As far as we can tell, about 5-10 of the papers published in a given year receive awards, but not always in the year they were published (which adds to the difficulties of keeping the list up to date). More detail can be found in the report by the Social Media Committee.

Content Attention and Marketing

Our goal is to continue the wonderful work that the student-run Social Media Committee is doing. Thanks to the work done by Mi'Chael Wright, the social media committee chair, in collaboration with OUP, the quality and utility of the **Author Attic** videos have greatly improved. The Social Media Committee and OUP will have more to say about this.

We also keep working with OUP on assembling **Virtual Issues** (curated collections of papers previously published in the journal). This past year we have published two, on Abortion in America, curated by Annulla Linders and Tamika Odum, and one Climate, Disasters, Environment, and Justice, curated by Anita Bledsoe-Gardner and DeMond Miller. The OUP report contains more information about this.

Other Issues of Note

Overall, work on the journal is very smooth. We are sad to lose our long-term graduate assistants (but thrilled that they are getting jobs and fellowships) but are confident that the transition into the new team will be smooth. Training is in full swing.

As part of our work as editors, we are required to organize a session during the annual meeting. Over the years we have tried several different formats – one year we invited several former Social Problems editors to sit on a panel with us, the COVID year (2021) we did the session virtually, and last year we assembled as many members of our most immediate team as possible to partake in a conversation about publishing. This year, the three co-editors will do a panel on publishing. Apart from the virtual session during COVID, these sessions are surprisingly poorly attended. We have no idea how to change that, but meanwhile, and always, we are happy to share our experiences with anyone who is interested in publishing in *Social Problems* (or elsewhere). We are hoping this format will attract an audience of both aspiring and seasoned authors.

Thinking About the Future

This is our final year as editors. It has been a wonderful experience and we are grateful for the opportunity you have given us to facilitate the publication of so much cutting-edge and discipline-defining scholarship.

Thank you!

Appendix 1: Additional Information About Manuscripts and Authors

Table 10: MS Submissions by Author's Region and Country, 2015-2023¹

Region/Country	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Africa	1	1	2	2	0	2	2	0	1
Egypt	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ethiopia	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Ghana	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Nigeria	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
South Africa	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	0
Tunisia	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Asia	20	18	17	18	30	16	20	26	24
Azerbaijan	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Brunei Darussalam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
China	2	0	2	2	2	2	1	5	3
Hong Kong	2	1	2	4	2	2	1	5	3
India	0	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	3
Indonesia	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
Iran	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Israel	10	8	8	7	12	2	6	7	5
Japan	2	1	0	0	3	0	2	1	1
Jordan	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Kazakhstan									1
Korea								2	1
Kuwait	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0
Pakistan	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1
Qatar	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Russia	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Saudi Arabia	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Singapore	0	1	2	2	2	0	0	0	0
South Korea	2	2	0	1	2	3	1	0	0
Taiwan	1	1	0	0	0	1	3	2	0
Thailand								1	0
Turkey	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0
United Arab Emirates	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Australia & Oceania	5	9	8	9	2	5	9	5	5

Australia	4	8	6	9	2	4	9	5	5
Fiji	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Zealand	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Europe	36	44	24	33	25	41	32	43	18
Austria	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Belgium	2	1	2	0	2	1	0	1	0
Croatia	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Czech Republic	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Denmark	3	4	0	2	1	1	1	3	1
Estonia	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Finland	2	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0
France	2	1	2	1	3	1	3	4	0
Germany	4	4	5	6	1	4	5	11	5
Hungary	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Iceland	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Ireland	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
Italy	1	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	1
Luxembourg	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Netherlands	5	7	2	4	3	1	2	2	0
Norway	0	3	0	1	4	3	0	1	1
Poland	1	0	0	0	1	2	2	1	0
Portugal	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	0
Romania	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Serbia	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Slovenia	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Spain	1	1	1	3	3	8	5	5	3
Sweden	1	2	1	4	0	6	2	2	1
Switzerland	1	2	1	0	2	1	2	1	0
United Kingdom	7	13	8	7	4	7	3	9	5
North America	309	258	242	225	309	290	290	285	179
Canada	15	15	8	10	12	15	15	16	13
Mexico	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
United States of America	293	243	234	213	296	275	275	269	166
South America	0	2	1	1	1	2	3	3	0
Argentina	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Brazil	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0

Chile	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Columbia	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0
Ecuador	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Uruguay	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Unknown Country	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

¹ Author's country refers to the submitting author's listed country of residence on Manuscript Central.

Table 11: Original MS Submissions by Topic Area, 2016-2023¹

MS Topic Area	2016	2017	2018 ²	2019	2020	2021 ³	2022	2023
Children & Youth	6 (2%)	8 (3%)	4 (2%)	6 (2%)	4 (1%)	14 (4%)	3 (1%)	1 (1%)
Crime & Punishment & Policing	25 (7%)	24 (8%)	13 (7%)	24 (7%)	16 (4%)	14 (4%)	30 (10%)	19 (10%)
Culture							4 (1%)	2 (1%)
Deviance	2 (1%)	6 (2%)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disabilities	1 (.3%)	0	0	0	0	1 (0.1%)	0	0
Education	19 (6%)	17 (6%)	16 (8%)	24 (7%)	25 (7%)	25 (6%)	16 (5%)	6 (3%)
Environment & Technology	15 (6%)	8 (3%)	6 (3%)	14 (4%)	14 (4%)	11 (3%)	1 (.3%)	2 (1%)
Family	9 (3%)	6 (2%)	8 (4%)	16 (5%)	5 (1%)	8 (2%)	8 (3%)	11 (6%)
Gender	7 (2%)	16 (5%)	14 (7%)	21 (6%)	19 (5%)	26 (7%)	26 (9%)	16 (8%)
Global Issues	4 (1%)	5 (2%)	0	0	0	1 (0.3%)	1 (.3%)	0
Health & Medical	17 (5%)	17 (6%)	12 (6%)	17 (5%)	21 (7%)	20 (6%)	25 (8%)	12 (6%)
Identity	6 (2%)	0	3 (2%)	6 (2%)	3 (1%)	3 (.8%)	0	4 (2%)
Immigration	16 (5%)	18 (6%)	8 (4%)	6 (2%)	24 (7%)	18 (5%)	7 (2%)	8 (4%)
Law & Society	10 (3%)	18 (6%)	2 (1%)	19 (6%)	12 (3%)	19 (5%)	6 (2%)	6 (3%)
Life Course	3 (1%)	3 (1%)	2 (11%)	5 (1%)	6 (1%)	0	0	0
Media	7 (2%)	5 (2%)	3 (2%)	5 (1%)	5 (1%)	6 (2%)	2 (.6%)	2 (1%)
Methods	2 (1%)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Politics	22 (7%)	12 (4%)	6 (3%)	7 (2%)	13 (4%)	21 (6%)	17 (6%)	9 (5%)
Poverty, Class, & Inequality	22 (7%)	15 (5%)	16 (8%)	27 (8%)	37 (10%)	8 (2%)	20 (6%)	12 (6%)
Race & Ethnicity	24 (7%)	31 (11%)	28 (15%)	36 (10%)	63 (18%)	65 (18%)	56 (18)	27 (14%)
Religion	10 (3%)	7 (2%)	3 (2%)	3 (1%)	3 (1%)	8 (2%)	9 (3%)	4 (2%)
Sexuality	12 (4%)	7 (2%)	2 (1%)	13 (4%)	7 (2%)	4 (1%)	6 (2%)	5 (3%)
Social Movements	11 (3%)	16 (5%)	12 (6%)	17 (5%)	12 (3%)	17 (5%)	17 (6%)	11 (6%)
Social Welfare Policy	1 (.3%)	0	3 (2%)	6 (2%)	9 (3%)	5 (1%)	3 (1%)	3 (2%)
Social Problems Theory	20 (6%)	6 (2%)	0	0	0	0	2 (.6%)	1 (1%)
Sport & Leisure							2 (.6%)	2 (1%)
Work & Economy	20 (6%)	18 (6%)	12 (6%)	22 (6%)	25 (7%)	21 (6%)	20 (6%)	15
Other	31 (9%)	21 (7%)	16 (8%)	47 (14%)	34 (10%)	38 (11%)	10 (3%)	13 (7%)

Not Coded	12 (4%)	1 (.3%)	0	0	0	1 (.3%)	18 (6%)	0
Total	334	294	189	341	357	360	309	191

¹ Special issue submissions are not included.

² Includes data only for the period from May 1st to December 30th

³ Includes data for the period from January 1st to June 30th.

Table 12: New MS Submissions by Method, 2016-2023

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Qualitative	52%	48%	43%	50%	51%	48%	53%	56%
Quantitative/Mixed/Other	48%	52%	57%	50%	49%	52%	47%	44%

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