

Editors' Notes

EDITOR'S REPORT, SEPTEMBER 1995

The past year has been one of stability in terms of JOURNAL personnel. Joel Mokyr and Steven Reich have completed their first full year as co-editor and assistant editor respectively at the international office. Larry Carney and Naomi Lamoreaux are finishing up their term at the North American office and are looking forward to handing over our files in June to the new co-editor, Gary Libecap of the University of Arizona, who will soon begin the process of hiring an assistant editor.

A breakdown of submissions by topic, geographical area, and time period is displayed in Tables 1 through 3. This past year saw a reversal of the recent trend toward a greater proportion of manuscripts on non-North American subjects. Last year only 40 percent of the submissions dealt with North American topics; this year the percentage rose to 51. Within the international segment of the field, moreover, there was a pronounced shift toward articles on Great Britain. Robert Dole would be happy to learn that we are increasingly restricting our attention to English-speaking peoples. As in the past, the vast majority of submissions dealt with nineteenth- and twentieth-century topics.

From July 1994 through June 1995, 56 percent of submissions were handled by the North American office, as opposed to 40 percent the preceding year—again reversing a recent trend. The North American office was also responsible for 62 percent of the articles published during that period, compared with 51 percent the year before. Turn around time

TABLE 1
REGULAR-ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS BY WORLD AREA, BROKEN DOWN BY TOPIC,
JULY 1992–JUNE 1995
(totals)

	July 1992–June 1993		July 1993–June 1994		July 1994–June 1995	
	North America ^a	Rest of the World ^b	North America	Rest of the World	North America	Rest of the World
Agriculture	7	10	5	3	5	6
Demography	5	3	3	8	3	3
Growth	2	5	1	7	1	6
Industry	6	5	2	9	8	5
Technology	2	0	4	2	2	3
Labor	12	3	5	7	12	11
Money and macro	10	12	8	5	2	2
Public finance	0	4	3	6	1	0
History of thought	0	3	1	4	3	4
International trade, finance	1	10	1	3	0	6
Urban and regional	3	1	3	3	4	1
Political economy	6	3	5	7	10	3
Private finance, capital markets	3	2	3	2	4	2
Total	57	61	44	66	55	52

^a Includes articles normally handled by the North American Office: the United States, Canada, and the non-Spanish-speaking Caribbean countries.

^b Includes articles normally handled by the International Office: all other countries and areas of the world.

Note: Totals exclude resubmissions and the June TASKS issue.

TABLE 2
REGULAR-ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS BY REGION, 1 JULY–30 JUNE 1993–1994
AND 1994–1995
(totals)

Region	Submissions	
	1993–1994	1994–1995
Australia	0	2
United States and Canada	52	60
Non-Spanish-speaking Caribbean	0	2
Great Britain	23	31
Western Europe	20	12
Asia	6	6
Latin America	5	4
Eastern Europe/Russia	4	1
Africa	2	1
Middle East	1	1
Not applicable or unknown	11	4

Note: Articles that deal with more than one region are counted for each region.

in both offices was on average about 25 days higher this year than last. The mean was 109 days, the median 104, and the range 7 to 360.

The editors continue to be dissatisfied with the operation of the June "Tasks" issue. Originally, the issue included all of the papers presented at the annual meeting, but after the format of the meeting changed to permit two sessions at each time slot, space limitations forced the editors to select only a subset of the papers for publication. The problem with this solution was that the strict page limits imposed by the goal of publishing as many papers as possible encouraged authors of longer, high-quality papers to submit their manuscripts instead to regular issues of the JOURNAL or, worse, to other publications, thus undermining the quality of the Tasks issue. Beginning with the most recent June issue, we tried to remedy this situation by accepting a smaller number of papers of longer length and publishing abstracts for all of the other papers presented at the meeting. There are still problems with the issue, however, the most important being that the time span between the annual meetings and the printing deadlines in March does not allow for sufficient revision. We feel that neither our authors nor our readers are well served by this process. As a consequence, on our recommendation, the Board of Trustees has voted to discontinue the Tasks issue. Beginning in 1997, the June issue of the JOURNAL will include the presidential address, summaries of the dissertations presented at the annual meeting, the comments

TABLE 3
REGULAR-ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS BY PERIOD, 1 JULY–30 JUNE 1993–1994
AND 1994–1995
(totals)

Period	Submissions	
	1993–1994	1994–1995
Twentieth century	45	54
Nineteenth century	44	52
Seventeenth/eighteenth century	12	14
Pre-seventeenth century	7	10
Not applicable or unknown	11	2

Note: Articles that deal equally with more than one period are counted for each period.

delivered by the convenors of the dissertation session, and abstracts of each paper presented at the meetings. The rest of the issue will be devoted to regularly submitted, refereed articles.

We would also like to report on an initiative spearheaded by Joel Mokyr. With the approval of the Board of Trustees, Joel Mokyr and Thomas Weiss (Executive Director of the Economic History Association) will begin negotiations with Cambridge University Press to move the *Journal of Economic History* into the computer age. If the current plan is acceptable to all parties, authors of accepted articles will submit the final versions of their manuscripts in electronic form (after inputting changes suggested by the editors). The staff at the senior office of the JOURNAL will then produce camera-ready copy, which will be turned over to the Press for printing and distribution.

Finally, we would like to conclude our report by welcoming to the editorial board five new members: John Brown, John Nye, Elyce Rotella, Peter Solar, and David Weiman, and by thanking outgoing members Ann Carlos, Bernard Elbaum, Farley Grubb, Timothy Hatton, and Angela Redish for their years of hard work for the JOURNAL. We would also like to thank all the members of the profession who have helped us out by refereeing articles and reviewing books. We continue to be impressed by the strong ethic of collegiality and service that characterizes our discipline. In addition to the members of the editorial board, our referees for the past year were

Robert C. Allen, *University of British Columbia*

George Alter, *Indiana University*

Richard Arnott, *Boston College*

Jeremey Atack, *Vanderbilt University*

Carlo Bardini, *Università Ca' Foscari*

Maxine Berg, *University of Warwick*

Michael Bernstein, *University of California, San Diego*

Allen G. Bogue, *University of Wisconsin, Madison*

Michael Bordo, *Rutgers University*

Jeffrey Bortz, *Appalachian State University*

Steven Broadberry, *University of Warwick*

Erik Buyst, *Catholic University of Leuven*

Louis Cain, *Loyola University of Chicago and Northwestern University*

Charles Calomiris, *University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign*

Bruce Campell, *The Queen's University of Belfast*

Anne Carlos, *University of Colorado, Boulder*

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Price Fishback, *University of Arizona*

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- Jane Humphries, *Cambridge University*
- John James, *University of Virginia*
- Eric Jones, *University of Reading*
- Liam Kennedy, *The Queen's University of Belfast*
- Shawn Everett Kantor, *University of Arizona*
- Lynne Kiesling, *College of William and Mary*
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- Adam Klug, *Ben Gurion University*
- John Komlos, *University of Munich*
- John Langdon, *University of Alberta*
- Richard Langlois, *University of Connecticut*
- Margaret Levenstein, *University of Michigan*
- Gary Libecap, *University of Arizona*
- Peter Lindert, *University of California, Davis*
- Ann McCants, *Massachusetts Institute of Technology*
- Deirdre McCloskey, *University of Iowa*
- Judith McGaw, *University of Pennsylvania*
- Mary MacKinnon, *McGill University*
- Ian McLean, *University of Adelaide*
- Robert Margo, *Vanderbilt University*
- Robert Millward, *University of Manchester*
- Carl Mosk, *University of Victoria*
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- Richard Steckel, *Ohio State University*
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- Thomas Weiss, *University of Kansas*
- Robert Whaples, *Wake Forest University*
- Eugene White, *Rutgers University*
- Jeffrey Williamson, *Harvard University*
- Gavin Wright, *Stanford University*
- E. A. Wrigley, *Corpus Christi College, Cambridge University*
- R. Bin Wong, *University of California, Irvine*
- Donald Woodward, *University of Hull*
- Arthur Woolf, *University of Vermont*
- Yishai Yafe, *Hebrew University*

CALL FOR PAPERS

A conference on the interaction between "Empirical Models and Policy Making" will be hosted by the Tinbergen Institute in Amsterdam in May 1997. We invite serious case studies that investigate the two-way interaction between economic models and economic-policy practice, covering, for example, both the flow of information from modelers and the ways in which policy requirements affect model development. We welcome proposals not only from "insiders" working with models in the policy environment, but also from "outsiders" such as historians and sociologists of modern economics. Please send requests for further information and paper proposals (one page) to Frank den Butter and Mary Morgan at Tinbergen Institute, Keizersgracht 482, 1017 EG Amsterdam, The Netherlands (fax: 31-20-551-3555). The deadline for sending proposals is 1 May 1996.

ASIA CLIOMETRICS CONFERENCE

If economic history is going to help develop Asian economic policy in the next century, the time is ripe to start a collective debate about long-run growth in the region. Thus, a day-long Asia Cliometrics Conference will meet on Thursday prior to the start of the formal Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Meetings. The conference will be titled: "East and Southeast Asian Economic Change in the Long Run." It will take place 11 April, at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, Honolulu, Hawaii. The conference will be followed by an AAS Roundtable on Friday, 12 April. More information is available from organizer Jeffrey G. Williamson at Harvard (617-495-2438; fax 617-495-7730; email jwilliam@fas.harvard.edu).

THE SECOND ANNUAL CLIOMETRIC SOCIETY UNDERGRADUATE ECONOMIC HISTORY PAPER PRIZE

Goals of this award are to provide undergraduate students with an opportunity to achieve recognition for excellence in research and writing, to enable their work to reach a wider audience, and to encourage economic history teachers to cultivate undergraduate writing and research. The Selection Committee will judge papers on significance of findings, soundness of method, originality, understanding of existing body of work, clarity of writing, and overall quality. The prize-winning paper will be published in *The Newsletter of The Cliometric Society*, and its author will receive a cash award and a complimentary one-year membership. Submission of a paper grants the Society permission to publish the work. Papers must be nominated by a Cliometric Society member. All types of papers will be accepted; they may cover any geographic area and topic, as long as the focus is economic history. Papers must be written by an undergraduate student during the 1995/96 academic year. Papers must be submitted by e-mail or on disk, as *one* document, with graphs and like material embedded in the text. Maximum text length is 5,000 words. Identifying information must appear only at the beginning of the document. Papers must be received by 30 June 1996. Please direct nominations and requests for additional information to: The Cliometric Society, Miami University, Oxford, OH 45056 USA; or e-mail prize@cs.muohio.edu.