

Editors' Notes

EDITORS' REPORT FOR 2015

The Editors are pleased and honored to have served this year, the 75th anniversary of the *Journal of Economic History*. The JOURNAL and the Economic History Association, both formed in 1941, have celebrated their diamond jubilee. We hope to keep the JOURNAL going strong—now and in the future. We have several changes to announce. First, Timothy Guinnane is stepping down as book review editor for rest-of-the world. We thank him for his excellent work and dedication on our behalf. We are grateful that Carol Shiue has stepped up to take these important duties. Second, we are reviving and offering on a more regular basis essays reviewing and reflecting on developments in economic history. The first of the new series of synthetic pieces has appeared in the September 2015 issue.

We have benefited from the expert guidance and advice of our Board of Editors and the nearly 200 referees. “Graduating seniors” at the Board include Joyce Burnette, Bruce Campbell, Marc Flandreau, Bishnu Gupta, Michael Huberman, Trevon Logan, Joseph Mason, and Alan Olmstead; we sincerely thank them for their service. The incoming frosh include Guido Alfani, Richard Hornbeck, Morgan Kelly, Noel Maurer, Petra Moser, Aldo Musacchio, and Kim Oosterlinck. Each will serve a four-year term. Gillian Greenough continues as our liaison with Cambridge University Press and her help in the editing and distribution process is greatly appreciated. Numerous scholars contributed book reviews, including longer surveys. The editorial office is grateful to all who helped the JOURNAL over this past year.

The number of submissions to the JOURNAL (Table 1) fell slightly to 153 from 159 last year. 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 submission 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—the median response time of 78 days both overall and for new submissions. A small number of papers have taken much longer. We apologize to any 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 on eras and Table 4 on topics. (The automated part of system is not reporting on regions for the entire year; no consistent comparisons are possible at the current time.) Coverage remains broad. After a brief pause, the number of submissions on the twentieth century has resumed its surge passed the nineteenth century.

TABLE 1
PUBLICATION RATES

	Published (September–June)	New Submissions	Ratio Pt/NS t-1
2008–2009	31	147	—
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	0.21

TABLE 2
RESPONSE TIME STATISTICS

Year	Decision Time (in Days)		Mean	Median
	Minimum	Maximum		
All submissions				
2008/2009	3	241	69	77
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
2014/2015	1	235	78	78
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

TABLE 3
DISTRIBUTION OF SUBMISSIONS BY ERA

Eras	2008– 2009	2009– 2010	2010– 2011	2011– 2012	2012– 2013	2013– 2014	2014– 2015
Pre-seventeenth century	22	23	24	26	27	22	28
Seventeenth and eighteenth centuries	45	48	52	48	40	39	43
Nineteenth century	106	112	93	99	93	84	92
Twentieth century	87	104	87	94	109	87	104
Twenty-first century	6	11	11	11	15	16	12
Not applicable	4	5	6	6	2	2	2
Total	270	303	273	284	286	250	281
	Percent						
Pre-seventeenth century	8.1	7.6	8.8	9.2	9.4	8.8	9.7
Seventeenth and eighteenth centuries	16.7	15.8	19.0	16.9	14.0	15.6	15.3
Nineteenth century	39.3	37.0	34.1	34.9	32.5	33.6	32.7
Twentieth century	32.2	34.3	31.9	33.1	38.1	34.8	37.0
Twenty-first century	2.2	3.6	4.0	3.9	5.2	6.4	4.3
Not applicable	1.5	1.7	2.2	2.1	0.7	0.8	0.7

Note: Multiple selections per submission possible.

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.

We are now launching the new data archiving policy in cooperation with open ICPSR. We intend to begin to require data and replication files for new submissions on January 1, 2016. We believe this step will advance the JOURNAL's efforts to ensure transparency and scholarly integrity.

TABLE 4
DISTRIBUTION OF SUBMISSIONS BY TOPICS

Topics	2008– 2009	2009– 2010	2010– 2011	2011– 2012	2012– 2013	2013– 2014	2014– 2015
Agriculture	17	20	16	16	18	24	19
Demography	16	17	15	13	18	25	24
Growth	40	32	38	39	40	26	39
History of thought	3	5	8	2	5	3	4
Industry	14	15	15	19	19	20	19
International trade, finance	25	30	22	24	30	31	20
Labor	42	43	26	26	25	22	23
Money and macro	25	24	16	23	21	17	23
Other	17	16	23	23	11	22	18
Political economy	33	43	44	45	42	36	35
Private finance, capital markets	19	30	33	28	23	19	19
Public finance	6	19	20	16	14	17	17
Technology	13	18	20	13	10	9	13
Urban and regional	7	13	9	9	14	10	10
Total	277	325	305	296	290	281	291
	Percent						
Agriculture	6.1	6.2	5.2	5.4	6.2	8.5	6.5
Demography	5.8	5.2	4.9	4.4	6.2	8.9	8.2
Growth	14.4	9.8	12.5	13.2	13.8	9.3	13.4
History of thought	1.1	1.5	2.6	0.7	1.7	1.1	1.3
Industry	5.1	4.6	4.9	6.4	6.6	7.1	6.5
International trade, finance	9.0	9.2	7.2	8.1	10.3	11.0	10.0
Labor	15.2	13.2	8.5	8.8	8.6	7.8	8.0
Money and macro	9.0	7.4	5.2	7.8	7.2	6.0	8.0
Other	6.1	4.9	7.5	7.8	3.8	7.8	6.2
Political economy	11.9	13.2	14.4	15.2	14.5	12.8	12.0
Private finance, capital markets	6.9	9.2	10.8	9.5	7.9	6.8	6.5
Public finance	2.2	5.8	6.6	5.4	4.8	6.0	5.8
Technology	4.7	5.5	6.6	4.4	3.4	3.2	4.1
Urban and regional	2.5	4.0	3.0	3.0	4.8	3.6	3.4

Note: Multiple selections per submission possible.

Referees for 2014 were:

Brian A'Hearn	Michael Clemens
Olivier Accominotti	David Clingingsmith
Achyuta Adhvaryu	Patrick Coe
Douglas Allen	Alan Cohen
Marcella Alsan	Stephanie Collet
Lee J. Alston	Lisa Cook
Francisca Antman	Metin M. Cosgel
Cihan Artunç	Gary Cox
Martha Bailey	John Cuddington
Richard Baker	Robert Cull
Joe Balagtas	Neil Cummins
Jacob Bastian	Melissa Dell
Joerg Baten	Tracy K Dennison
Stefano Battilossi	Clement Dherbecourt
Judith Bennett	Livio Di Matteo
Sambit Bhattacharyya	Mark Dincecco
Vincent Bignon	Christian Dippel
Hoyt Bleakley	Nicolas Duquette
Chen Bo	Xavier Duran
Robin Boadway	Alan Dye
Howard Bodenhorn	Christopher Dyer
Lars Boerner	Marc Egnal
Dan Bogart	David Eltis
Michael Bordo	John C. Emery
Leah Boustan	Steven A. Epstein
Fabio Braggion	Katherine Eriksson
Philip Brown	Rui Esteves
Joyce Burnette	Giovanni Federico
Louis Cain	James Fenske
Colleen Callahan	Alexander Field
Charles Calomiris	Price Fishback
Davide Cantoni	Marc Flandreau
Traviss Cassidy	Juan Flores
Eric Chaney	Mauricio Font
Latika Chaudhary	Ewout Frankema
Karen Clay	Carola Frydman

Leigh Gardner	Joost Jonker
Oscar Gelderblom	Daniel Kaffine
Robert Gillezeau	Mark Kanazawa
Sun Go	Shawn Kantor
William N. Goetzman	Tobias Karlsson
Dror Goldberg	Ian Keay
Regina Grafe	Andrew Keeling
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David Green	Morgan Kelly
Amanda Gregg	Lionel Kesztenbaum
Paul Gregory	Miles Kimball
Farley Grubb	John Komlos
Timothy Guinnane	Edward Kosack
Theresa Gutberlet	Peter Koudijs
Myron Gutmann	Timur Kuran
Stephen Haber	Ryan Lampe
Michael Haines	Fabian Lange
Gillian Hamilton	Changkeun Lee
Christopher Hanes	Juliette Levy
Walker Hanlon	Frank Lewis
Leslie Hannah	Joshua Lewis
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Bernard Harris	Gary Libecap
Mark Harrison	Peter Lindert
Joshua Hausman	Guanglin Liu
Morgan Henderson	Trevon Logan
Benjamin Hicklin	Jason Long
Ellen Hillborn	Moramay Lopez-Alonso
Eric Hilt	Carlos Marichal
Philip Hoffman	Andrei Markevich
Richard Hornbeck	Joseph R. Mason
Yifei Huang	Noel Maurer
Michael Huberman	Anne E. C. McCants
Jane Humphries	Eoin McLaughlin
Kris Inwood	Christopher Meissner
Douglas Irwin	Allan H. Meltzer
Matthew Jaremski	Chris Minns
Noel Johnson	David Mitch

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Lyndon Moore
Alexander Moradi
Chiaki Moriguchi
Petra Moser
Nathalie Muyen
Anne Murphy
John Murray
Aldo Musacchio
Suresh Naidu
Larry Neal
Tom Nicholas
Pilar Nogues-Marco
Johannes Norling
Alessandro Nuvolari
John Nye
Cormac O Grada
Trevor O'Grady
Lawrence H. Officer
Alan L. Olmstead
Kim Oosterlinck
Sevket Pamuk
John Parman
Helen Paul
Luciano Pezzolo
Eline Poelmans
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Jonathan Pritchett
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