

JARE Editors' Report

June 1, 2016–May 31, 2017

The *JARE* editorial team of David K. Lambert, Tian Xia, Hikaru Hanawa Peterson, and Jeffrey M. Peterson began their three-year term with manuscript 2015-2055, submitted April 1, 2015. Their first issue as an editorial team was Volume 41, Issue 2, published in May 2016. As of May 31, 2017, the Kansas/Minnesota team has handled 621 manuscript submissions and published 37 papers in four issues.

Publication details for the three issues published by in the past year are reported below.

Table 1: Articles and Page Counts

September 2016 (Volume 41, Issue 3)	January 2017 (Volume 42, Issue 1)	May 2017 (Volume 42, Issue 2)	Total
12 Articles (223 pages, plus 9 pages online supplements)	7 Articles (125 pages)	9 Articles (164 pages, plus 26 pages online supplements)	28 Articles (512 pages, plus 35 pages online supplements)

JARE Publication Costs: *JARE* publication costs are incurred in three general areas: Editorial Team, Publications Editing, and Printing. The Editorial Team manages the review and publication process. The Team's costs are fixed on an annual basis. Assuming that each volume (a total of three issues) contains 500 printed pages, these costs total \$40/page.

Publications Editing involves both copyediting and formatting final documents into pdfs that are used by Sheridan Press during the printing process. This process involves formatting text and figures, checking references, resolving technical errors, and formatting figures/tables to maintain consistency and fit within available space. These costs are approximately \$25/page.

Finally, Sheridan Press prints, binds, and mails print versions of the Journal to members and other subscribers. Some of these costs are fixed and some are variable. Total costs for the most recent issue were approximately \$31/page.

In summary, *JARE*'s costs per printed page are approximately \$96/page. These costs are met through a combination of page charges (\$79–89/page), member dues, subscriptions, royalties, and WAEA assets.

JARE Manuscript Management: Submission details from June 1, 2016, to May 31, 2017, are reported in table 2. A total of 237 manuscripts were entered into the FastTrack system and reviewed during the year. Of these, 17 were resubmissions, for a total of 220 unique manuscripts (ignoring multiple submissions of the same manuscript).

Of these 220 manuscripts, 16 papers are currently under review and 221 have been completed (i.e., a publication decision has been made). The Journal's acceptance rate for the past year was 8.60% of all completed submissions, and 8.02% of all submissions.

To situate these numbers in some historical context, table 3 provides the same information beginning with the 2009–2010 journal year. Please note that these numbers are not directly comparable, as all of the submissions from these previous years have been completed.

Table 2: Status of Manuscripts Submitted June 1, 2016–May 31, 2017

Submissions:	237
Unique Manuscripts:	220
Resubmissions:	17
Currently under Review:	16
Completed Submissions:	221
Total Rejected:	184 (83.25% of completed submissions)
Desk Rejected:	104 (47.06% of completed submissions)
Rejected after Review:	60 (27.15% of completed submissions)
w/ Option to Resubmit:	38 (17.19% of completed submissions)
Accepted and Published:	19 (8.60% of completed submissions)

Table 3: Manuscripts Submitted, April 2009 – June 2016

	Total	Rejected (Total)	Rejected (w/o Review)	Rejected (w/ Review)	Revise & Resubmit	Accepted	Acceptance Rate
2009–2010*	259	220	91	43	86	39	15.06%
2010–2011	220	182	92	47	43	38	17.27%
2011–2012	219	187	106	39	42	32	14.61%
2012–2013	267	245	145	45	55	22	8.24%
2013–2014	273	243	128	61	54	30	10.99%
2014–2015	255	235	128	53	54	20	7.84%
2015–2016	301	268	131	82	55	32	10.63%

*April-June. All other years May-June.

Table 4: Reviewer Details, June 1, 2016–May 31, 2017

Total reviews assigned:	306
Pending:	7
Closed:	299
Status:	
Expired or unassigned:	47 (12.4% of completed submissions)
Declined:	50 (16.7% of completed submissions)
Completed:	202 (67.6% of completed submissions)
Completed review time (in days):	
Mean:	42.9
Median:	36

Table 4 reports summary statistics for reviewers. For papers submitted June 1, 2016–May 31, 2017, the editorial team requested 301 reviews from 214 individuals for 119 manuscripts submitted between June 1, 2016, and May 31, 2017.

To provide context, table 5 presents reviewer information from previous years. Please note that these years do not have any pending reviews.

Table 5: Reviewer Details, April 2009 – June 2016

	Reviews Assigned	Expired or Unassigned	Declined	Completed	Mean Review Time	Median Review Time
2009–2010*	296	47	40	209	43.78	39
2010–2011	229	16	45	168	47.7	37.5
2011–2012	230	26	48	156	41.8	36
2012–2013	370	60	79	231	43.28	36
2013–2014	433	66	109	258	43.96	36
2014–2015	391	61	94	236	53.09	41.5
2015–2016	427	66	90	271	54.07	37
TOTAL	2,376	342 (14.40%)	505 (21.30%)	1,529 (64.40%)	47.32	36.5

*April-June. All other years May-June.

Conclusion: The editors greatly appreciate the efforts of Amy Bekkerman, our Publications Editor; Brian Mondragon Jones and Sarah Kenner of EDI; and the staff of Sheridan Press for overseeing the review process, publication, and distribution of each issue. We also wish to thank the hundreds of reviewers who have provided us with extensive comments on the suitability of submitted manuscripts. We have also enjoyed working with George Chronis of the University of Missouri's FastTrack electronic submission management system. It is hard to imagine the work that was necessary to edit the Journal before the electronic management system was available.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tian Xia, and David Lambert, Co-editors
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T. Marsh, J. Yoder, T. Deboch, T. McElwain, and G. Palmer. 2016. “Livestock Vaccinations Translate into Increased Human Capital and School Attendance by Girls.” *Science Advances* 2(12): e1601410.

JARE Outstanding Journal Article Award

John Bovay and Julian M. Alston. 2016. “GM Labeling Regulation by Plebiscite: Analysis of Voting on Proposition 37 in California.” 41(2): 161–188.

Honorable Mention: *Aymeric Ricome, Karim Chaib, Aude Ridier, Chariloas Kephaliacos, and Francois Carpy-Goulard.* 2016. “The Role of Marketing Contracts in the Adoption of Low-Input Production Practices in the Presence of Income Supports: An Application in Southwestern France” 41(3):347–371.

JARE Outstanding Journal Reviewer Award

Steven Buck, University of Kentucky (fewer than 10 years in the profession)
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Outstanding Published Graduate Student or Master’s Thesis Award

Kaitlin Kelly, University of Saskatchewan. “Economic Targeting of Agricultural Beneficial Management Practices to Address Phosphorus Runoff in Manitoba.”
Co-Advisors: Ken Belcher and Mohammad Khakbazan.

Honorable Mention: *Benjamin Tong,* Oklahoma State University. “Conservation Adoption Preferences, Determinants of Conservation Program Enrollment and Conservation Adoption in Oklahoma’s Fort Cobb Reservoir Watershed.”
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Jayson Lusk, Purdue University



Jayson Lusk is in the midst of transitioning from Regents Professor and Willard Sparks Endowed Chair in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Oklahoma State University to Professor and Head of the Department of Agricultural Economics at Purdue University. He has a BS in Food Technology and a PhD in Agricultural Economics from Kansas State University. He held previous faculty appointments at Mississippi State and Purdue. Lusk is a food and agricultural economist who studies what we eat and why we eat it. Since 2000, Lusk has published more than 190 journal articles in peer reviewed journals, including several of the most cited papers in the profession. He has served on the editorial councils of eight academic journals including the *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*. He was elected to and served on the executive committees of the Southern Agricultural Economics Association, the Western Agricultural Economics Association, and most recently the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association for which he currently serves as the president. Lusk was named a fellow of the AAEA in 2015.

Vicki A. McCracken, Washington State University

Vicki A. McCracken, Professor and past Associate Director in the School of Economic Sciences at Washington State University (WSU), and current Chair of the Department of Apparel Merchandising Design and Textiles. She has spent her entire career since 1984 at WSU, serving as a faculty member and in various administrative positions – Associate Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station, Associate Dean of Academics, and Vice Provost for Enrollment Management. She has taught courses in quantitative methods, intermediate micro, applied marketing analysis, and international trade and finance. Her research and extension interests range from analyzing social and economic issues of importance in agricultural production contexts to alternative agricultural markets and human health to identifying determinants of student academic success. Dr. McCracken has a steady stream of external grant funding that has supported her research resulting in a steady flow of conference presentations and publications. Dr. McCracken has been active in service throughout her career, in her department and university as well as within the profession and is a former WAEA president.

