Publish or Perish? Better trying to publish first: Advice from the editorial surgical room for the savvy and naive in you.

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Overview

- Types of publications
- The question of style; plagiarism
- Roles in the journal publication process
- View of authorship in different fields
- Steps and timeline in a typical article production process
- * Open Access, institutional repositories
- * Example: International Journal of Internet Science
- Views and tips from the editor's bench (and reviewer's eye)
- * Importance of citations, journal impact versus article impact
- Distribution and dissemination



Types

- * Scholarly journal article
- Monograph (self-written book)
- Edited book
- Chapter in edited book
- * Entry in encyclopedia
- * Conference paper
- * Grey literature



- * Editorial, Preface, Foreword
- * Corrigendum, Erratum
- Commentary

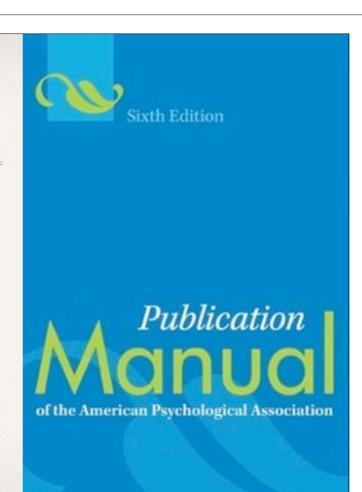
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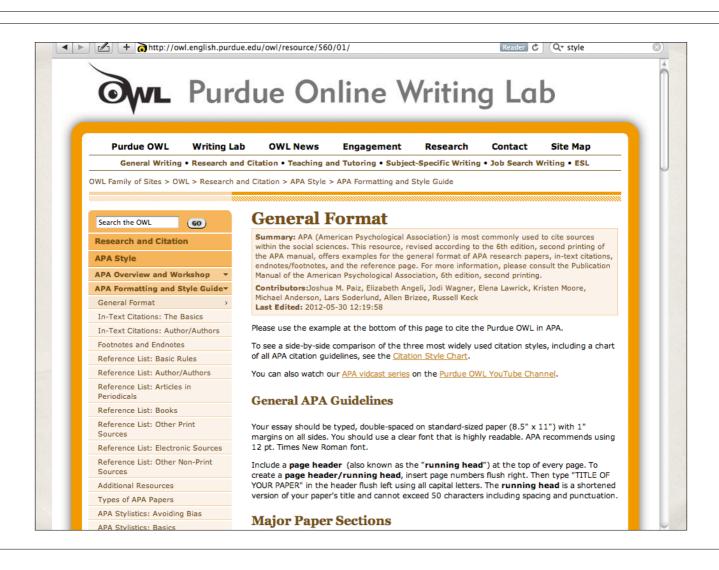
- * Position paper, Vision paper
- * Theory research paper
- * Research paper, Experimental report
- * Case report or Case Series
- * Technical paper
- Commentary
- * Technical note
- * Review article, Meta analysis



Style

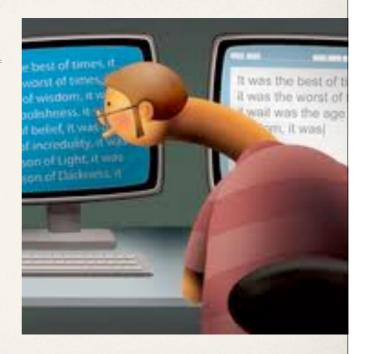
- * Each field and journal require submission of publications in a particular *style*: a set of standards for the writing and design of documents
- * Examples: APA, Chicago/ Turabian, MLA, American Medical Assoc. (AMA), Council of Science Editors (CSE), American Chemical Society (ACS)
- Submit in style!





Plagiarism

- * "A charge of plagiarism can have severe consequences, including expulsion from a university or loss of a job, not to mention a writer's loss of credibility and professional standing." (POWL)
- * articles are checked routinely
- plagiarism detection services
- UD should subscribe to one



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Roles

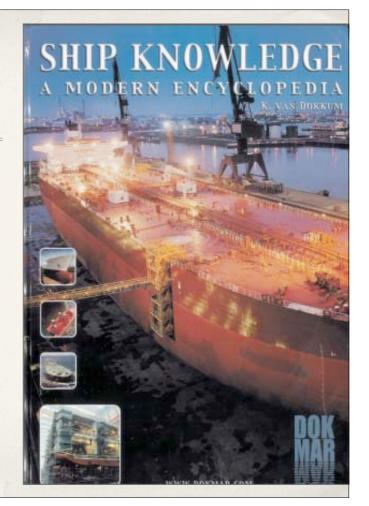
- author
- co-author
- tech person/assistant
- * editor
- associate editor
- action editor
- publishing staff
- reviewer
- --> it is important for junior researchers to get involved with most of these roles over time!



Authorship

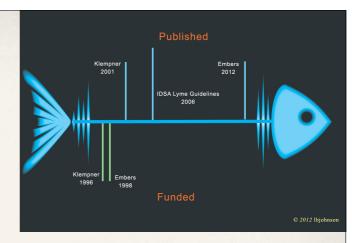
- * "Best place" in author list how is it in your field?
- View of authorship differs by field
 - * Psych: first is best
 - * Econ: all equal
 - * few vs. many authors
- * "The acquisition of funding, or general supervision of the research group alone does not constitute authorship."

(http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Academic_authorship)



Timeline

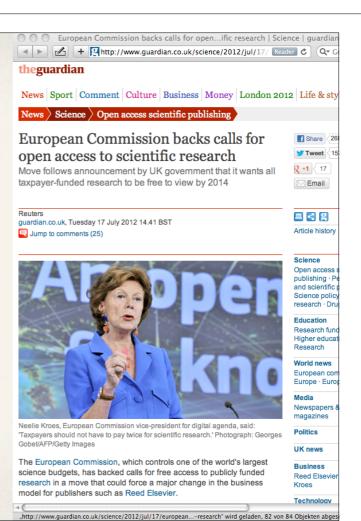
- Pre-submission inquiry
- Submission
- Editorial review / check
- Reviewer invitation
- * Reviewer reminding
- Editorial letter
- Revision --> same as above



- Acceptance --> "in press"
- copy-editing
- * proofs sent out
- online first
- article appears



- science principle: openness
- publishers were needed during print age
- move to Open Access
- different models
- http://www.doaj.org



being evaluated for inclusion



Google Scholar Citations: http://scholar.google.com/citations?

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Basics

- * Selection of journal
 - * importance for your field, your connection (reviewer? conference?)
 - pre-submission contact
 - * journal impact and status (startup can be good, special issue)
 - journal impact versus article impact (JCR)
- * Careful preparation (read author guidelines, look at their articles, style, language, letter format, don't overlook papers from the journal)
- * Letter to the editor: keep short, highlight main selling point

Revisions

- Main categories
 - accept
 - minor revision
 - major revision <-- most frequent
 - * reject <-- also most frequent ;-)</pre>



- * Depending on journal's rejection rate: most manuscripts get rejected
- Will there be another round of reviews? The same reviewers?
- * Letter to the editor: don't argue (with exception), do basics again

Once published

- Disseminate!
- * Pre-prints, Re-prints
- * Institutional open repositories, e.g. <u>ZORA www.zora.uzh.ch</u> (UD?!)
- * Colleagues, students
- * Homepage, Facebook, Twitter
- Conference talks



Get published - get cited

- How do I know I get cited, and how frequently?
- * SSCI --> ISI
- * SCOPUS
- Google Scholar, Google Citations
- * Field-specific databases (e.g. RePEc in Economics, ACM in Computing)
- Biases --> check all databases

