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Since my last Editorial (Zucker, 2016), it feels that the Journal has ramped up in terms of “busyness.” When I became Editor in 2002, we had 80 new submissions. There has been, more or less, a linear increase since then, hitting a milestone of sorts in 2017, when we surpassed 500 new submissions for the first time (Fig. 1). I don’t think that this temporal pattern is unique to *Archives*: Its fraternal opposite-sex twin, *Journal of Sex Research*, had 477 new submissions in 2017 (C. A. Graham, personal communication, January 1, 2018). Along with dozens of resubmissions, Letters to the Editor, and commentaries on the new Target Article series, the pace has a relentless, yet rewarding, feel to it. One reason for the incremental increase in submissions is that sex/gender/sexual science research has truly gone global (cf. Zucker, 2002). We now routinely receive submissions from all corners of the planet. Maybe one of these days we will get a submission from the International Space Station.

Associate Editors

Back in 2010, when the number of submissions was clearly on the rise ($N=295$), it became apparent to me that the Journal needed to add Associate Editors, which took place in 2011. The Journal’s boss, Carol Bischoff, at Springer Nature has been very generous in this regard and, at present, we have 15 Associate Editors (Sophie Bergeron, Lori Brotto, Meredith Chivers, Brian Dodge, Shari Dworkin, Lisa Dawn Hamilton, Roland Imhoff, Tuuli Kukkonen, Brian Mustanski, Kevin Nunes, Jeffrey Parsons, Natalie Rosen, Alexander Schmidt, Lori Scott-Sheldon, and Paul Vasey). These scholars all have their own speciality areas and handle submissions that match their areas of expertise. I handle about 50% of the new submissions myself. We also have, by and large, a wonderful Editorial Board currently

totaling 139, not to mention the dozens of ad hoc reviewers who are also asked to review manuscripts by me and the Associate Editors. It is this collaborative, collective, communal process that keeps the sexual science engine running.

New Editorial Board Members (2018)

These are: Steven Arnocky, Ally L. Dir, Breanne Fahs, Brian A. Feinstein, Kyle Gobrogge, Lisette Kuyper, Kristen Mark, Bill McCarthy, Andreas Mokros, Sarah A. Vannier, and Julia Velten.

New Look (2018)

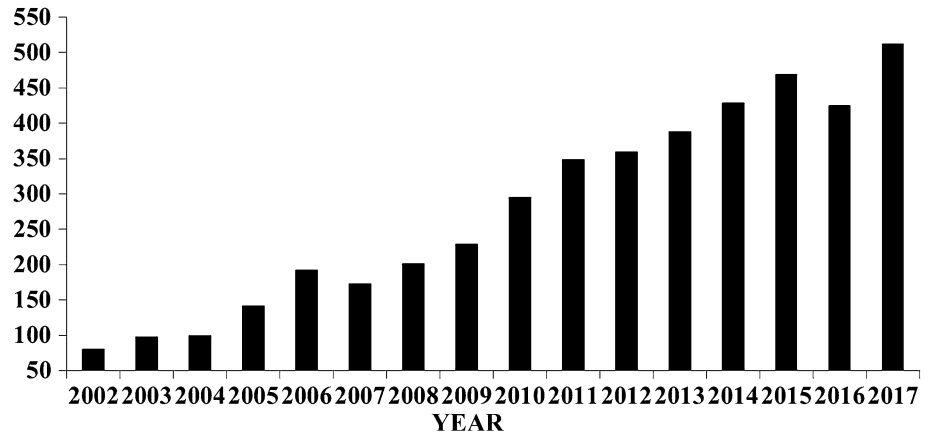
Earlier this year, Springer Nature has given the Journal, like all of its other periodicals, a new font face. In addition, the Abstract spans the entire width of the page instead of being in double columns. I like the changes.

Manuscript Disposition (2015–2016)

Table 1 shows Editorial decision data for initial submissions for 2015 and 2016 as a function of who handled them (2017 data are not yet available) (see also Fig. 2). Table 1 does not include 23 manuscripts handled by Vasey for a Special Section (Vasey, 2017), which were by invitation. From Table 1, it can be seen that the percentage of “rejected” manuscripts was 57.8% in 2015 and 53.6% in 2016. It can also be seen that there was variability in the percentage of declined submissions across the “handler.” Of course, this could reflect variation in the standards of the Editor/Associate Editors and the reviewers assigned to the manuscripts; however, it is my view that most of the variance is accounted for by the quality of submissions, which varies across specialty areas. For contributing authors, it is important to note that when manuscripts are given the designation of a Major Revision, the vast majority (of those that are resubmitted) are accepted for publication (it is quite

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Fig. 1 Number of submissions (2012–2017)**Table 1** Editorial decisions for initial submissions (2015 and 2016)

Editor/Associate Editors	Accept/Provisional Accept	Major Revision	Reject
Bergeron	0	7	10 (58.8%)
	0	6	12 (66.6%)
Bradford	2	2	19 (85.1%)
	–	–	–
Brotto	0	6	7 (53.8%)
	1	5	10 (62.5%)
Chivers	0	7	4 (36.3%)
	0	4	1 (20.0%)
Dodge	1	13	3 (17.6%)
	0	7	6 (46.1%)
Dworkin	6	15	29 (58.0%)
	7	9	31 (65.9%)
Lalumière	3	2	16 (76.1%)
	3	6	8 (47.0%)
Mustanski	0	8	10 (55.5%)
	0	9	6 (40.0%)
Owen/Hamilton	0	1	11 (91.6%)
	1	2	6 (66.6%)
Parsons	2	8	7 (41.1%)
	4	7	8 (42.1%)
Rosen	0	1	0 (0.0%)
	1	3	16 (80.0%)
Scott-Sheldon	2	9	20 (64.5%)
	0	10	14 (58.3%)
Zucker	19	82	133 (56.8%)
	20	83	100 (49.2%)
Total	35	161	269 (57.8%)
	37	151	218 (53.6%)

Data for 2015 are on the first row, and data for 2016 are on the second row. Associate Editor Hamilton began in 2017, but handled one submission from 2016, so is combined with Owen. Associate Editor Rosen began in 2016, but handled one submission from 2015

uncommon for a Major Revision to be declined after resubmission—to quote a colleague “It happens,” but not very often). This means that the initial decision indicates that the author has

a “foot in the door” and that if she, he, or they can successfully respond to the first round of reviews it means that the manuscript is very likely to be accepted for publication.

Target Articles

Under Paul Vasey’s leadership, we inaugurated the by invitation Target Article series (Vasey & Zucker, 2016). To date, we have published 7 such articles (Blanchard, 2018; Breedlove, 2017; Brotto & Yule, 2017; Chivers, 2017; Frank, 2018; Seto, 2017; Walton, Cantor, Bhullar, & Lykins, 2017). Each Target Article is accompanied by penetrating commentaries, which are also reviewed by Vasey, with a response by the author(s). More are in the sexual science pipeline. I expect these Target Articles will make a contribution to the Journal’s impact factor—we will find out in 2019. Stay tuned. Researchers interested in proposing a Target Article should contact Dr. Vasey at paul.vasey@uleth.ca

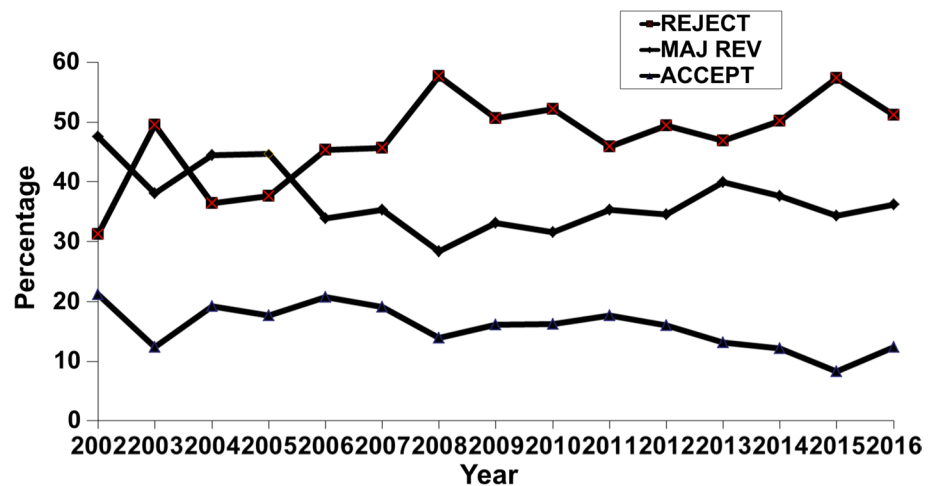
Impact Factor (2015 and 2016)

Tables 2, 3, 4, and 5 show the impact factor (IF) data for the years 2015 and 2016 for 86 sex/gender journals in the Annual Web of Science/Journal Citation Reports (Clarivate Analytics).¹ Tables 2 and 4 rank the journals as a function of their 2-year IF, and Tables 3 and 5 rank the journals as a function of their 5-year IF.

For the uninitiated to this treasure trove of numbers, a journal’s IF for a given year is a measure of the frequency with which its recent articles are cited on average during that year.

¹ There are other sex/gender journals that do not have Impact Factor data (e.g., *International Journal of Transgenderism*, *Journal of Black Sexuality and Relationships*, *Journal of Language & Sexuality*, *Partner Abuse*, *Porn Studies*, *Psychology of Sexual Orientation & Gender Diversity*, *Psychology & Sexuality*, *Sexualization, Media, & Society*, *Transgender Health*, *Transgender Studies Quarterly*, and *Violence and Gender*) (see also https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_sexology_journals).

Fig. 2 Manuscript disposition after initial submission (2002–2016)



“Recent” refers to the two prior calendar years or the five prior calendar years. Thus, *Archives’* 2015 2-year IF is the number of times that its 2013 and 2014 articles were cited in 2015, divided by the number of articles the *Archives* published in 2013 and 2014, and the 5-year IF is the number of times that its 2010–2014 articles were cited in 2015, divided by the number of articles the *Archives* published between 2010 and 2014. The 5-year IF was introduced several years ago, and one can find data on it going back to 2007. Although the IF is the best known metric for citation analysis, there are other measures, including the immediacy index (II) and the cited half-Life (CHL). The II is a measure of how frequently the journal’s “average article” is cited the same year in which it is published. Thus, the II for a year is calculated as the number of times articles from that journal are cited during that year, divided by the number of articles that journal published that year. The CHL is a measure of the longevity of the frequency of citations to articles in the journal, that is, for how long the average article maintains its currency. The CHL for a year is determined by the time required to account for a cumulative total of 50% of that year’s citations to the journal.

In these two calendar years, over 3000 journals in the Social Sciences received IF ratings. In 2015–2016, across all of these journals, the median IF ranged from 1.00 to 1.27 (across the 2-year and 5-year rankings). During these 2 years, we published 351 articles (“Citable Items”) and *Archives* ranked between the 87th and 90th percentiles, which is not bad. Two years ago (Zucker, 2016), I indicated a greater fondness for the 5-year IF than the 2-year. I still feel that way. I hope that will be the case this year!

How “stable” is the IF among the sex/gender periodicals? As a cursory look at this, I examined the IF comparing the years 2012 and 2016. For 80 periodicals for which there were data from both years, a paired samples *t* test showed that the mean IF was significantly higher in 2016 ($M, 1.75; SD = 1.15$) than in 2012 ($M, 1.47; SD = 1.31$), $t(79) = 4.44, p < .001$, Cohen’s $d = .54$. The two scores were, however, highly correlated at

$r = .92, p < .001$. Rank ordering the periodicals yielded an $r = .90, p < .001$. These numbers suggest a fair bit of stability. Out of curiosity, I looked at a few of the periodicals that had the most “movement” between 2012 and 2016 (based on the 80 periodicals for which there were data from both years). On the positive side, *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health* ranked 35th in 2012 and 6th in 2016; *differences: A Journal of Feminist Cultural Studies* ranked 71st in 2012 and 42nd in 2016; and *Feminist Review* ranked 63rd in 2012 and 41st in 2016. On the negative side, *Evolutionary Psychology* ranked 23rd in 2012 and 49th in 2016; *Journal of Men’s Health* ranked 47th in 2012 and 71st in 2016; and *Sexual Health* ranked 27th in 2012 and 50th in 2016.

I must confess that I had never heard of the IF until I heard my old pal, A. Koos Slob, from Erasmus University in Rotterdam shout out in a dimly lit bar at some meeting of the International Academy of Sex Research (a long time ago, maybe 1995 in Provincetown) “What’s the impact factor?” I almost choked on my White Russian. Although there are many criticisms of the IF, we know that it is taken seriously (e.g., for promotions at universities or medical centers). Of course, every Editor worth her, his or they’s salt thinks about how their IF can be improved. It is well known (from many bar room convos) that one unnamed sex/gender periodical for a time “padded” its IF by asking authors to cite publications from the journal, even if the publications were completely irrelevant to the content of the paper. But one has to be careful with too many “self cites” because this is monitored by Journal Citation Reports and, if there are too many, a journal can get into trouble. So, are there ways to legitimately improve a journal’s IF? I am sure that there are. It has been argued that review articles and special topics can be contributory. I know, for example, that when this Journal published the literature reviews from the Sexual and Gender Identity Disorders Workgroup for the DSM-5 in 2010 it had a clear impact (Zucker, 2010). As noted earlier, it is my hope that the introduction of the Target Article series will be one bona fide way in which the IF might be improved.

Table 2 Impact Factor for the year 2015: Sex- and gender-related journals ($N=86$) ranked by 2-year impact factor

Journal	2-year Impact Factor	5-year Impact Factor	2015 Total Cites	2015 articles	Immediacy Index	Cited Half-Life
Archives of Sexual Behavior	2.704	3.440	5016	180	0.600	6.5
Psychoneuroendocrinology	4.704	5.183	13,117	269	1.093	6.4
Human Reproduction	4.621	4.635	27,878	307	1.199	9.4
Fertility and Sterility	4.426	4.333	31,421	418	0.916	7.3
AIDS	4.407	4.784	20,134	272	1.026	7.3
Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes	3.806	3.953	13,282	341	1.076	6.2
Hormones and Behavior	3.340	3.923	9163	150	0.847	7.8
Biology of Sex Differences	3.237		344	34	0.235	3.3
Evolution and Human Behavior	3.223	3.687	3285	64	0.781	8.0
Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health	3.214	3.224	1234	20	0.300	7.6
Menopause	3.172	3.019	4632	161	1.174	5.3
AIDS and Behavior	3.063	3.467	6847	251	0.566	4.5
AIDS Patient Care and STDs	3.035	3.410	3035	81	0.691	6.1
Sexually Transmitted Infections	3.015	2.915	4598	102	1.255	6.6
Sexually Transmitted Diseases	2.968	3.014	5526	123	0.561	7.3
Psychology of Men & Masculinity	2.947	3.116	1259	43	1.023	6.2
Journal of Sex Research	2.862	3.274	3055	86	0.384	> 10.0
Journal of Sexual Medicine	2.844	2.884	7994	262	0.698	5.1
Asian Journal of Andrology	2.664	2.579	2619	130	1.046	4.5
Andrology US	2.515		676	133	0.564	2.0
Gender and Society	2.400	3.265	2979	36	0.583	> 10.0
Psychology of Women Quarterly	2.397	2.278	2706	36	0.500	> 10.0
LGBT Health	2.261		112	48	0.167	1.5
Sexual Development	2.164	1.928	585	31	0.548	5.0
Body Image	2.104	2.804	2124	71	1.225	5.8
Journal of Women's Health	2.032	2.270	3920	121	0.397	5.9
International Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health	2.030	2.000	295	19	0.579	4.3
Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment	1.981	2.938	1023	35	0.200	9.4
AIDS Care	1.902	2.147	5490	222	0.441	6.4
Women's Health Issues	1.811	2.307	1490	91	0.308	5.4
American Journal of Men's Health	1.713	1.551	511	50	0.380	3.6
Hormone Research in Pediatrics	1.661	1.778	1147	109	0.284	3.8
Culture, Health, and Sexuality	1.588	1.754	1494	91	0.385	5.4
Sex Roles	1.582	1.801	5566	76	0.553	> 10.0
AIDS Education and Prevention	1.524	2.163	1735	40	0.225	9.2
Journal of Sex & Marital Therapy	1.514	1.867	1764	53	0.302	> 10.0
Sexuality Research and Social Policy	1.452	1.575	437	33	0.273	5.4
International Journal of Impotence Research	1.396	1.484	1932	45	0.133	> 10.0
BMC Women's Health	1.353	1.636	817	119	0.168	4.3
Signs	1.347	1.302	1805	39	0.359	> 10.0
Women & Health	1.337	1.562	1252	56	0.107	9.8
Gender, Work, and Organization	1.325	2.021	1089	37	0.189	8.2
International Journal of STD and AIDS	1.300	1.211	2688	164	0.360	6.8
Feminism and Psychology	1.290	1.308	665	46	0.457	8.5
Feminist Theory	1.268	1.194	419	16	0.250	7.9
Men and Masculinities	1.250	1.885	681	26	0.385	> 10.0
Sexual Health	1.225	1.493	961	72	0.431	4.3

Table 2 (continued)

Journal	2-year Impact Factor	5-year Impact Factor	2015 Total Cites	2015 articles	Immediacy Index	Cited Half-Life
Sexual & Reproductive Healthcare	1.211	1.424	206	44	0.159	3.5
Sexual Medicine	1.188		47	30	0.200	
Gender, Place, and Culture	1.180	1.656	1026	76	0.211	> 10.0
Body & Society	1.171	2.373	733	19	0.263	9.4
European Journal of Women's Studies	1.160	1.209	418	30	0.167	8.6
Feminist Review	1.156	1.032	513	14	0.429	> 10.0
Sexual and Relationship Therapy	1.109	1.109	521	33	0.219	8.0
Journal of Psychosomatic Obstetrics and Gynecology	1.065	1.962	1055	20	0.050	9.8
Evolutionary Psychology	1.050	1.383	609	51	0.118	5.6
Feminist Criminology	1.032	1.519	220	16		6.4
Politics and Gender	1.024	1.652	367	27	0.111	7.0
Violence Against Women	1.020	1.858	2333	72	0.250	8.8
Gender and Education	0.905	1.151	846	50		> 10.0
Journal of Homosexuality	0.862	1.518	1898	89	0.143	9.9
Sexuality and Disability	0.771	1.069	488	38	0.053	8.9
Feminist Legal Studies	0.731	1.143	201	12	2.167	6.1
International Journal of Sexual Health	0.729	1.033	200	37	0.081	4.9
Journal of Sexual Aggression	0.723	0.992	267	25	0.080	6.5
African Journal of AIDS Research	0.716	0.866	333	38	0.026	6.1
Zeitschrift für Sexualforschung	0.690	0.521	82	20	0.300	
Sexualities	0.673	1.018	711	51	0.078	8.1
Journal of Men's Health	0.652	0.753	194			4.7
Journal of Gender Studies	0.604	0.904	298	39	0.154	7.3
Women's Studies International Forum	0.591	0.751	882	83	0.084	> 10.0
Journal of Child Sexual Abuse	0.536	1.090	581	51	0.167	6.8
Feminist Studies	0.520	0.546	600	26	0.038	> 10.0
Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy	0.519	0.804	746	51	0.255	> 10.0
Sex Education	0.505		301	47	0.191	6.3
Australian Feminist Studies	0.500	0.507	150	12		6.2
International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics	0.488		90	16	0.062	
GLQ: A Journal of Gay and Lesbian Studies	0.333	0.956	397	23	0.048	> 10.0
differences: A Journal of Feminist Cultural Studies	0.310	0.606	262	23	0.261	> 10.0
Gender and Language	0.267	0.521	64	16	0.188	
Indian Journal of Gender Studies	0.231	0.301	88	21		
Women and Therapy	0.229	0.221	207	23		> 10.0
Frontiers: Journal of Women's Studies	0.214	0.224	147	30	0.067	> 10.0
Asian Journal of Women's Studies	0.214	0.216	41	29	0.040	
Journal of the History of Sexuality	0.121	0.293	203	16	0.062	> 10.0
Feministische Studien	0.077	0.063	25	14		

Total cites indicates the total number of times that each journal has been cited by all journals included in the ISI database in 2015. Immediacy index means cites in 2015 to articles published in 2015/number of articles published in 2015. Cited half-life is the median age of its articles cited in the current year. Half of the citations to the journal are to articles published within the cited half-life. Of 3211 Social Science journals, *Behavioral and Brain Sciences* had the highest 2-year impact factor (20.415). Of 3233 Life Sciences journals, *Cancer Journal for Clinicians* had the highest 2-year impact factor (137.57)

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Gender and Language	0.267	0.521	64	16	0.188	
Zeitschrift für Sexualforschung	0.690	0.521	82	20	0.300	
Australian Feminist Studies	0.500	0.507	150	12		6.2
Indian Journal of Gender Studies	0.231	0.301	88	21		
Journal of the History of Sexuality	0.121	0.293	203	16	0.062	> 10.0
Frontiers: Journal of Women's Studies	0.214	0.224	147	30	0.067	> 10.0
Women and Therapy	0.229	0.221	207	23		> 10.0
Asian Journal of Women's Studies	0.214	0.216	41	29	0.040	
Feministische Studien	0.077	0.063	25	14		
Biology of Sex Differences	3.237		344	34	0.235	3.3
Andrology US	2.515		676	133	0.564	2.0
LGBT Health	2.261		112	48	0.167	1.5
Sexual Medicine	1.188		47	30	0.200	
Sex Education	0.505		301	47	0.191	6.3
International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics	0.488		90	16	0.062	

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Table 4 Impact Factor for the year 2016: Sex- and gender-related journals ($N=86$) ranked by 2-year impact factor

Journal	2-year Impact Factor	5-year Impact Factor	2016 Total Cites	2016 articles	Immediacy Index	Cited Half-Life
Archives of Sexual Behavior	2.720	3.217	5849	171	0.515	6.9
Human Reproduction	5.020	5.008	29,721	305	1.102	9.6
AIDS	5.003	4.971	20,962	286	1.367	7.7
Psychoneuroendocrinology	4.788	5.381	14,409	325	0.843	6.5
Fertility and Sterility	4.373	4.595	33,098	437	1.050	7.7
Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes	3.935	3.879	14,067	315	1.137	6.5
Biology of Sex Differences	3.635	–	571	68	–	3.7
Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health	3.571	3.178	1169	20	0.400	8.2
Evolution and Human Behavior	3.383	3.863	3651	58	1.000	8.3
Hormones and Behavior	3.378	4.033	9447	149	0.799	> 10.0
AIDS Patient Care and STDs	3.236	3.459	3187	65	0.400	6.4
Sexually Transmitted Infections	3.212	3.045	4626	106	1.255	7.1
Asian Journal of Andrology	2.996	2.796	3118	135	1.674	4.7
Journal of Sexual Medicine	2.978	3.095	9411	181	0.729	5.6
Body Image	2.926	3.175	2602	92	0.489	6.2
Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment	2.926	2.909	1271	35	0.200	9.4
AIDS and Behavior	2.916	3.264	7248	309	0.566	4.8
Journal of Sex Research	2.902	3.450	3474	92	0.435	> 10.0
Gender and Society	2.765	3.540	3689	39	0.282	> 10.0
Menopause	2.733	2.860	4783	166	0.783	5.8
Psychology of Women Quarterly	2.432	3.049	2943	39	1.026	> 10.0
Andrology	2.427	2.487	1000	110	0.682	2.5
Sexually Transmitted Diseases	2.358	2.699	5526	139	0.345	8.0
Journal of Women's Health	2.322	2.546	4186	147	0.259	6.3
American Journal of Men's Health	2.141	1.813	669	71	0.366	4.0
Politics and Gender	2.109	2.773	634	37	0.108	> 10.0
LGBT Health	2.053	2.191	238	53	0.604	2.2
Sexual Development	1.972	2.069	737	33	0.515	5.9
Psychology of Men & Masculinity	1.957	2.387	1127	37	0.324	7.2
Sex Roles	1.954	2.616	6837	87	0.770	> 10.0
Body & Society	1.951	2.104	899	21	0.095	9.5
Culture, Health, and Sexuality	1.951	2.059	1881	100	0.210	5.7
Journal of Sex & Marital Therapy	1.935	2.205	1973	48	0.208	> 10.0
Hormone Research in Pediatrics	1.844	1.819	1352	104	0.356	3.9
AIDS Care	1.824	2.073	5504	305	0.410	6.9
Women's Health Issues	1.801	2.308	1682	80	0.512	5.7
International Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health	1.686	2.437	329	8		4.8
Sexual Medicine	1.683	1.681	122	30	0.033	2.3
AIDS Education and Prevention	1.671	1.927	1744	42	0.167	9.9
Gender, Place, and Culture	1.605	1.856	1306	119	0.261	> 10.0
Journal of Psychosomatic Obstetrics and Gynecology	1.575	2.134	1165	20	0.200	9.7
BMC Women's Health	1.572	1.791	1076	72	0.153	4.0
Gender, Work, and Organization	1.548	2.067	1302	38	0.211	8.2
Sexuality Research and Social Policy	1.547	1.694	597	34	0.588	6.2
Feminist Review	1.519	1.135	595	16	0.062	> 10.0
differences: A Journal of Feminist Cultural Studies	1.467	1.257	385	20	0.200	9.4

Table 4 (continued)

Journal	2-year Impact Factor	5-year Impact Factor	2016 Total Cites	2016 articles	Immediacy Index	Cited Half-Life
Women & Health	1.437	1.746	1342	58	0.086	9.9
Violence Against Women	1.423	2.155	3150	88	0.284	9.5
Journal of Homosexuality	1.369	1.827	2221	89	0.135	> 10.0
International Journal of STD and AIDS	1.350	1.258	2773	188	0.340	6.9
Men and Masculinities	1.308	1.823	747	25	0.080	8.4
International Journal of Impotence Research	1.293	1.450	2123	44	0.295	9.4
Evolutionary Psychology	1.243	1.552	687	40	0.150	5.1
Sexual Health	1.238	1.298	903	88	0.261	4.8
Sexual & Reproductive Healthcare	1.208	1.680	312	50	0.160	3.9
European Journal of Women's Studies	1.132	1.452	544	22	0.091	> 10.0
Feminist Legal Studies	1.130	1.306	247	14	2.143	6.9
Sexual and Relationship Therapy	1.188	1.101	521	33	0.30	8.7
Feminist Theory	1.114	1.956	545	18	0.333	> 10.0
Journal of Sexual Aggression	1.082	1.168	362	29	0.103	6.9
Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy	1.038	1.168	1053	53	0.057	> 10.0
Feminist Criminology	0.970	1.159	315	15	0.267	> 10.0
Sexualities	0.922	1.251	862	48	0.083	8.4
Sexuality and Disability	0.908	1.121	562	32	0.188	8.5
Signs	0.906	1.532	2283	38	0.342	> 10.0
African Journal of AIDS Research	0.861	1.112	424	41	0.220	5.2
GLQ: A Journal of Gay and Lesbian Studies	0.861	0.730	452	23	0.261	7.5
International Journal of Sexual Health	0.852	1.053	248	33	0.121	8.8
Australian Feminist Studies	0.810	0.733	252	26	0.077	5.9
Feminism and Psychology	0.757	1.312	781	28	0.857	> 10.0
Sex Education	0.753	–	467	47	0.149	5.2
Women's Studies International Forum	0.686	0.885	1099	59	0.102	7.5
Journal of Gender Studies	0.676	1.080	335	46	0.065	8.8
Journal of Child Sexual Abuse	0.649	1.080	719	51	0.098	5.9
Gender and Education	0.639	0.931	897	56	0.107	> 10.0
Journal of Men's Health	0.516	0.762	206	6	–	> 10.0
International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics	0.462	0.739	104	N/A	N/A	7.4
Gender & Language	0.406	0.641	64	19	0.053	9.6
Zeitschrift für Sexualforschung	0.382	0.408	63	13	0.231	–
Frontiers: Journal of Women's Studies	0.379	0.475	170	22	–	9.00
Feminist Studies	0.353	0.531	719	25	0.080	> 10.0
Women and Therapy	0.348	0.508	326	36	0.056	> 10.0
Asian Journal of Women's Studies	0.321	0.270	63	29	0.034	–
Journal of the History of Sexuality	0.250	0.455	241	16	0.062	> 10.0
Indian Journal of Gender Studies	0.150	0.330	122	21	0.143	8.3
Feministische Studien	0.107	0.102	54	14	–	–

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Of 3236 Social Science journals, World Psychiatry had the highest 2-year impact factor (26.56). Of 8856 Life Sciences journals, Cancer Journal for Clinicians had the highest 2-year impact factor (187.04)

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Asian Journal of Women's Studies	0.321	0.270	63	29	0.034	–
Feministische Studien	0.107	0.102	54	14	–	–
Biology of Sex Differences	3.635	–	–	–	–	–
Sex Education	0.753	–	–	–	–	–

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Who's on First?

Willis and Jozkowski (2018; see also O'Neil, Willis, & Jozkowski, 2017) studied “linguistic sexism” in 10 social science journals, including four sex research periodicals, for articles published in 2016. They coded for reference to common gendered pairs (e.g., women and men; male and female) and reported the percentage of cases in which men were presented first. Across the three journal types (sex research, health, psychology), men were on first more often than women. Of the four sex research journals, *Sex Roles* was the most equitable (57.7% “male firstness”), followed by *Journal of Sex Research* (74.7%), *Archives of Sexual Behavior* (81.6%), and *Journal of Sex and Marital Therapy* (88.8%). This is, potentially, a nice example of unconscious/implicit bias. However, interpretation of the data is limited by the fact that Willis and Jozkowski did not consider potential confounding factors, such as the gender/sex of the first (or senior) author and country of the researchers. It is also unclear if who is on first has any bearing on the quality of the publications and their contribution to advances in sexual science.

The Hypatia Fiasco

The practice of science is far from perfect. We are acutely aware of unethical conduct (think The Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment [Jones, 1981]) or questionable conduct. Consider, for example, the 2018 resignation of Brenda Fitzgerald as the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention after just 6 months on the job, apparently because of “...criticism of her investments with her husband in tobacco and health care companies...” (Kaplan, 2018). This gives a variant meaning to the 1978 comedy film “Up in Smoke” (think Cheech & Chong). In modern times, *Retraction Watch* (<https://retractionwatch.com/>) provides one with a daily dose of scientist/scientific misconduct, abuse of power, retractions, etc. It costs nothing to get its daily alerts.

In 2017, there was, what I would like to call, the *Hypatia* fiasco, which was not a typical example of what might make its way into *Retraction Watch*. I will wager a bet that this feminist philosophy journal is probably not on the “content alert list” of journals of most members of the International Academy of Sex Research or readers of this Journal (see Tables 2, 3, 4, and 5). Last year, after going through peer review, Tuvell (2017) published an essay in *Hypatia* entitled “In Defense of Transracialism” (think Rachel Dolezal) and philosophized about the similarities and differences between “transracialism” and “transgenderism” (think Caitlyn Jenner). This did not go over well and social media went wild (see, for example, Brubaker, 2017; Dreher, 2017; Duggan, 2017; McKenzie, Harris, & Zamudio-Suaréz, 2017; Schuessler,

2017; Singal, 2017; Walters, 2017; Winnubst, 2017; see also https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hypatia_transracialism_controversy) as some philosophers jumped off the ivory tower down to the streets of virtual reality. It would be a bit too dramatic to label the reaction to the article's publication a form of intellectual terrorism—intellectual venom feels more accurate, with, among other things, calls to retract the article (the Editor of *Hypatia* refused to do so—see McKenzie et al. [2017]). Perhaps the attempt at intellectual censorship will boost *Hypatia*'s impact factor—it could use the help. If you have time on your hands, reading about what went down, and thinking about the implications for “academic freedom,” is worth the effort (for a thoughtful earlier volume on the issue, see Brubaker [2016]).

Sex/Gender/Sexual Science in Everyday Life, with Apologies to Freud

Do “mainstream” and social media cloud our perception of the salience of sex/gender/sexual science in everyday life? Maybe. In any case, not an hour goes by when there is “something” about sex/gender/sexual science on television, in print media, on social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc., etc., etc.). If I grab from my tray of news clippings, the last 10 are:

1. “Investigating sexual misconduct accusations, Arizona State suspends a physicist” (Chang, 2018)
2. “Yale student is found not guilty in a rare college rape trial” (Wang & Weinstock, 2018).
3. “Belgian is convicted of sexism in public” (Schreuer, 2018).
4. “Resignation at Harvard over claims of abuse” (Saul, 2018).
5. “No safe space on campus to debate bathroom politics” (Kay, 2018).
6. “Danish police charge 1000 in child porn case” (Sorensen, 2018).
7. “60% of youths say they've ‘sexted’” (Bresge, 2018).
8. “Drug regimen is said to enable transgender breastfeeding” (Yeginsu, 2018).
9. “Defending a legitimate therapy: Pelvic massage, when prescribed correctly, can provide pain relief” (Rabin, 2018).
10. “Killings in Toronto's gay community anger activists” (Levin, 2018).

In case you are wondering, I don't save newspaper articles on the sex life of Donald Trump.

While Foucault is rolling over in his grave, I think about the interface between what appears in the everyday discourse about sex/gender life and the work we, as sex/gender clinicians and scientists, do: writing papers, writing grants, giving talks,

speaking to the media, writing trade books, fretting about writing papers, fretting about writing grants, teaching sex/gender/sexual science, fretting about teaching sex/gender/sexual science, and seeing clients in the consulting room. It is my hope that sexual science will continue to have impactful benefits for the public that we serve and that *Archives* will remain part of that mission.

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