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JARE Editors’ Report

June 1, 2023–May 31, 2024

The *JARE* editorial team of Jeffrey Reimer, Christian Langpap, Dayton Lambert, and Timothy Park began their three-year term with manuscript 2020-3762, submitted January 2021. Their first issue as an editorial team was Volume 47, Issue 1, published in January 2022.

To date, the team has handled 696 manuscript submissions and oversaw the publication of 103 papers in nine issues. They will continue to manage submissions begun during their tenure, and this is the last issue they will oversee before management passes entirely to the new editorial team, which took over the manuscript submission process on January 1, 2024.

The new editorial team, led by Vardges Hovhannisyan of the University of Wyoming, comprises Simanti Banerjee, University of Nebraska; Liang “Jimmy” Lu, University of Idaho; and Fabio Santeramo, University of Foggia. Between January 1 and May 31, they managed 118 submissions. Their first issue, Volume 50, Issue 1, will be published in January 2025.

Of note this year is the transition from Express Academic to Editorial Express for the journal’s submission management system. This transition began with the new team on January 1, 2024.

Table 1 reports publication details for the three issues published in 2024.

Table 1: Articles and Page Counts

January 2024 Volume 49(1)	May 2024 Volume 49(2)	September 2024 Volume 49(3)	Total
10 articles (202 print pages, 44 pages online supplements)	10 articles (207 print pages, 40 pages online supplements)	10 articles (199 print pages, 17 pages online supplements)	30 articles (608 print pages, 101 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 and include editors’ stipends (\$3,500/year/editor) and subscription fees for the manuscript submission software and database (\$2,500/year). Assuming that each volume (a total of three issues) contains 500–600 printed pages, these costs total approximately \$27–\$33/page.

Publications Editing involves both copyediting and formatting final documents into PDFs that are used by Sheridan Press during the printing process and posted online in various locations. This process involves line editing, 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 \$22–\$24/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 \$7/page.

In summary, *JARE*'s costs per printed page are approximately \$56–\$62/page. These costs are met through a combination of page charges (\$79–\$89/page), member dues, subscriptions, royalties, and WAEA assets. Thus, *JARE* averages a net income of approximately \$17–\$30/page, or \$8,500–\$18,000, assuming 500–600 pages per volume.

JARE Manuscript Management

Table 2 reports submission details from June 1, 2023, to May 31, 2024. Together, the teams handled 259 submissions, close to the 5- and 10-year averages. The acceptance rate was 8.7%, which somewhat below the 5- and 10-year averages. Around two-thirds of submitted articles were desk-rejected, significantly higher than in previous years.

Table 2: Status of Manuscripts Submitted June 1, 2023–May 31, 2024

Submissions:	253	(11 pending)
Total Rejected:	221	(91.32%)
Desk Rejected:	156	(64.46%)
Rejected after Review:	22	(9.09%)
w/ Option to Resubmit:	43	(17.77%)
Accepted and Published:	21	(8.68%)

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 previous years have been completed.

Table 3: Manuscripts Submitted, June 2009–May 2024*

	Total	Rejected (Total)	Rejected (w/o Review)	Rejected (w/ Review)	Revise & Resubmit	Accepted	Acceptance Rate
2009–2010	231	195	81	38	76	36	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	257	237	128	53	54	20	7.84%
2015–2016	302	268	132	82	55	32	10.63%
2016–2017	236	216	105	63	48	19	8.05%
2017–2018	265	201	103	58	72	28	12.50%
2018–2019	269	231	116	55	59	33	14.50%
2019–2020	273	230	124	40	63	39	16.85%
2020–2021	352	302	163	66	73	46	12.78%
2021–2022	260	225	138	37	50	33	12.78%
2022–2023	203	185	113	39	33	18	8.87%
2023–2024*	253	221	156	22	43	21	8.68%
Average	258	227	122	50	55	31	11.98%

*As of August 2, 2024, 11 articles remained in process for this year.

Table 4 reports summary statistics for reviewers. As can be seen, roughly 50% of closed reviewer assignments were completed, somewhat below the long-term average (see Table 5). Mean and median review times were roughly average.

Table 4: Reviewer Details, June 1, 2020–May 31, 2024*

Total reviews assigned:	349
Pending:	18
Closed:	331
Status:	
Expired or unassigned:	63 (19.03%)
Declined:	105 (31.72%)
Completed:	163 (49.24%)
Completed review time (in days):	
Mean:	41.84
Median:	45

*Reviewer details are for papers submitted between June 1, 2023, and May 31, 2024, and were current as of August 2, 2024.

To provide context, Table 5 presents review information from previous years. Please note that these numbers are not directly comparable, as all of the submissions from these previous years have been completed.

Table 5: Reviewer Details, April 2009–May 2024

	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	47.70	37.5
2011–2012	230	26	48	156	41.80	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	431	70	90	271	39.80	37
2016–2017	324	55	54	215	43.17	36
2017–2018	372	69	88	215	37.46	37
2018–2019	349	73	71	205	40.40	37
2019–2020	332	62	74	196	36.34	35
2020–2021	531	105	127	288	39.31	36
2021–2022	277	46	57	175	46.02	42.5
2022–2023	269	59	62	148	48.0	50
2023–2024*	349	63	105	163	41.8	45
Average	343	58 (17.0%)	76 (22.2%)	194 (60.5%)	42.4	42

*As of August 2, 2024, 18 reviews remained pending for this year.

Conclusion

The editors greatly appreciate the efforts of Amy Bekkerman, our Publications Editor; Kelley Mazur and Arnie Tayag of IMI; and Cindy Fullerton and the staff of Sheridan Press for overseeing the review process, publication, and distribution of each issue. The editors would also like to offer much appreciation to Matthew McFadden (MM Outreach Solutions) for maintaining the *Journal* website. We also wish to thank the hundreds of reviewers who have provided us with extensive comments on the suitability of submitted manuscripts.

Respectfully submitted.

Vardges Hovhannisyan, managing editor

Simanti Banerjee, Jimmy Lu, and Fabio Santeramo, co-editors

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Glynn Tonsor, Kansas State University.

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Thomas Krumel, North Dakota State University, less than 10 years’ experience.

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Joshua Strine, Texas Tech University. “Analyzing the Effectiveness and Likability of the ‘Got Milk?’, ‘Milk Life,’ and #GotMilkChallenge.” Advisor: Oral Capps, Jr.

Honorable mention: *Logan Haviland*, Utah Tech University. “Livestock Risk Protection: An Analysis of Coverage Length and Level to Determine Optimal Contract Selection.” Advisor: Ryan Feuz.

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David Rossi, and *Olli-Pekka Kuusela*. 2023. “Carbon and Timber Management in Western Oregon under Tax-Financed Investments in Wildfire Risk Mitigation.” *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics* 48(2): 376–397. doi: 10.22004/ag.econ.320670

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2024 WAEA Fellows***Jeff Luckstead, Washington State University***

Dr. Jeff Luckstead earned his Ph.D. in Economics from the School of Economic Sciences at Washington State University in 2013. He worked at the University of Arkansas as an Assistant and Associate Professor from 2013 to 2020. Dr. Luckstead joined the School of Economic Sciences as an Associate Professor in 2020 and has been promoted to full professor, which takes effect in August 2024. Dr. Luckstead's research focuses on domestic and international agricultural policy analyses. His recent research on domestic agricultural policy focuses on the implications of the Dairy Margin Coverage insurance program on market outcomes such as price, production, and entry and exit of dairy farms. His recent research has also focused on the implications of non-tariff measures in meat and dairy trade, domestic subsidies on dairy and aggregate agricultural trade, globalization in agri-food trade, and the determinants of agricultural productivity in a structural gravity model with capital accumulation.

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