



JOURNAL *of* INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

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About the Journal

Purpose: To produce high quality published articles while facilitating professional development for the SIS graduate student community.

Mission Statement: To serve the SIS graduate community by providing opportunities to increase writing skills, experience the publication process, and share ideas with the wider SIS community through publishing professional articles.

Who we are: JIS is a team of editors, peer reviewers, and staff committed to accomplishing the mission and goal of the Journal. The senior staff consists of the Editor-in-Chief, the Director of Operations, the Creative Director, the Director of Data & Analytics, the Director of Outreach, the Director of Resources & Training, the Editorial Director, and the Director of Submissions who all work together the further the mission of the Journal.

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2016-2017 Accomplishments

Throughout the summer term, the Journal has flourished. Below is the start of year evaluation of our goals.

1. Increase the journals trained staff.

The Journal had 33 staff members who have completed the basic training required of any new member. Additionally, more new staff members will complete the basic training in the coming weeks. In addition to those members who have completed the basic training, the Journal also has 15 editors who have complete supplementary editor training.

2. Increase the total number of submissions to 30.

Since the end of the 2017 Spring semester the Journal has received a total 37 submission. Of these, 6 have been terminated (sent to the writing center and never returned, withdrawn or rejected for plagiarism), 25 have completed the peer reviewer stage, 11 have passed the editor stage and 2 are nearing completion. Additionally, 11 submission are published online and 9 will be published in the print journal.

3. Events

In the spring semester the Journal held our Symposium which showcased three selected authors' work. This event was attended by approximately 25 students, faculty and staff, many of whom were not affiliated with the journal.

Last year, the journal also held two writing workshops a semester. For the academic year 17-18 the Journal wants to continue this service and has four writing workshops planned covering the topics of plagiarism, concision, ESL/sentence structure and structuring and argument.

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4. Meetings

The Journal holds six internal meetings a semester in order to promote staff cohesion, continual improvement and clear communication. Of these meetings, three are for the full staff of the Journals, and the remaining three are for the senior staff.

5. The Journal sent three staff members to the JPIA reading weekend

At this weekend these staff members assisted JPIA in the selection process of pieces for further editing and eventual publication.

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Future Goals

For the this semester, we have aimed to achieve (4) goals that will increase the robustness and sustainability of the Journal and develop the capacity of graduate students, both in the Journal and at the School of International Service (SIS) at large:

1. Increase program representation.

The Journal offers equal publication opportunities to all SIS programs. In order to broaden our publication to include a more diverse range of topics the Journal it in the process of raising more awareness about our publication and staff opportunities within the SIS programs.

2. Increase inter- AU Journal communication.

The journal wishes to create strong relationships with other journals on campus. Doing so will allow JIS to learn from and collaborate with other journal leadership on campus. Our direct and immediate goal will be to work with other journals to increase writing workshop attendance, but a number of smaller benefits will come from such relationships too; namely help and guidance in streamlining processes for both the Journal and the other writing resources on campus.

3. Increase APSIA journal communication.

After a successful JPIA reading week last year, the journal reaffirmed the importance of working with outside journals. Not only will working with other APSIA journals incur the same benefits of working with internal journals, it will also work to increase the prestige of JIS and SIS via proxy.

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4. One of our ongoing goals is to continually increase student attendance at these workshops.

The Journal puts together four writing workshops a year with the intent of being a resource to the SIS community. To continually work toward improving the writing of the SIS students the Journal is committed to the continual growth of the writing workshops.

The Journal has made great strides from the near collapse prior to the start of the 2016 fall semester. We believe these efforts have increased the robustness and sustainability of the Journal and contributed to our mission. If you have any questions about this report or the data in it, please contact the Editor-in-Chief Valentine Gilson at ausisjournal@gmail.com.

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