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Introduction

Sociological Imagination is the longest continuously published peer-reviewed state sociology journal in America. It was originally named *The Wisconsin Sociologist*, which started in 1960 (66 years ago).

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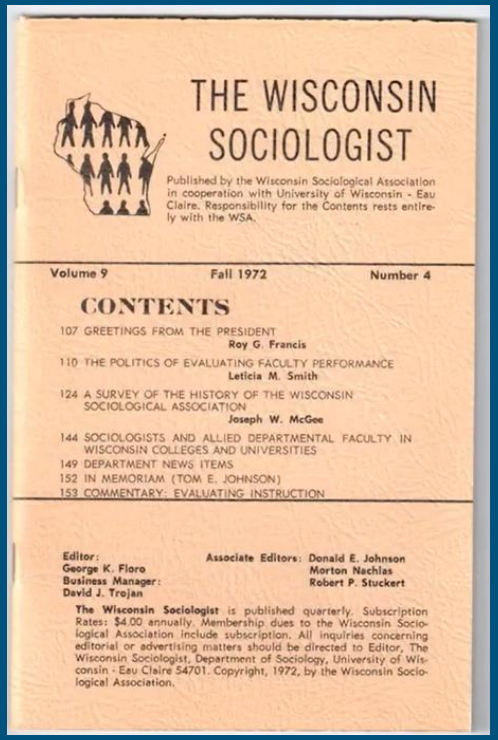

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Publishing in Sociological Imagination

- 2 issues a year, accessed through EBSCOhost (printed copies sent to libraries and authors)
- Approximately 5 articles per issue
- Watch for the Call for Papers in Spring and Fall for the Summer and Winter issues
- Email your manuscript to one of the co-editors or to theWSA@live.com
- Instructions are on the WSA website for formatting and other submission details
- Articles are sent to 2 peer reviewers before a decision is made to accept, reject, or revise & resubmit the paper



How to be a peer reviewer

- Email one of the co-editors or submit an interest form via the WSA website
- Every attempt is made to select peer reviewers with content expertise on the topic of the article
- We welcome both faculty and graduate students as peer reviewers!
- A simple form will be emailed to you in which you list overall strengths, weaknesses, questions/notes and complete the following rating table:

	Excellent	Good	Acceptable	Marginal	Unacceptable
Contribution to knowledge					
Quality of research design					
Clarity of work					
Comprehensiveness and coherency					
Implications for future research or theory					
Potential to stimulate ideas					

Possibilities for Guest Editing

- The journal has a long tradition of offering guest editor opportunities
- In recent years, the winter issue is often the special issue
- Special issues are based on a topic of interest to the guest editor
- An excellent chance to contribute to the profession
- An impressive line on your CV!
- Who has ideas for special issue topics? Please share



Questions for the group

- What are your ideas for…
  - improving the journal or its processes?
  - encouraging participation for submissions (both faculty and grad students)?
  - attracting peer reviewers (both faculty and grad students)?
  - getting the word out to grow readership?

- Who do you think may be a good guest editor for the journal?

If anything occurs to you along these lines in the future, please reach out to me or Erik.



Q&A and further discussion

Any questions for me?

Anything else to share?