Getting Into Print: Ethical Issues in the Editorial Process

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Background

- Current Editor, Rural Sociology
- Past Editor, Rural Studies Series, Penn State Univ Press
- Reviewer: Social Science, Public Health, CDC, NIOSH, USDA-NRI
- William Neal Reynolds Professor of Sociology
- Adjunct Professor, HBHE, Gillings School of Global Public Health, UNC-CH
- Injury Prevention Research Center
Research Ethics Sources: What Is and What To Do

- Grad School: Responsible Conduct of Research

- Open Seminar in Research Ethics
  - http://openseminar.org/ethics/

- Discipline
  - http://www.asanet.org/cs/root/leftnav/ethics/ethics
Publication Issues

- Authorship: **RCR Module**
  - University/Funder: explicit policy
  - Lab/Research Org: formal policy statement
  - Informal Group: discuss
  - Not All Roles Are Equal
  - Not All Roles Result in Authorship
Submitting to Journals

- When Is It Ready?
- Where To Send It?
- How To Submit?
- How Blind is the Review?
- Who Will Review?
- When To Ask?
Journal Impact Factors

- Journal Impact Factor is from Journal Citation Report, Thomson ISI
- Frequency “average article” cited over time
- MUCH DEBATE about significance

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A = \text{number of times articles published in 2006=7 in indexed journals during 2008}
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B = \text{number of articles, reviews published in 2006-7}
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\text{Impact Factor 2008} = \frac{A}{B}
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Journal Editor: Behind the Scenes

- Initial Quality Control
- Editor: Is It Appropriate?
- Reviewers
  - Comments for editor
  - Comments for author/s
- Editorial Decision: reject, revise & resubmit, accept
- Revise and Resubmit
  - Revise paper
  - Respond to comments
Common Errors

• Not Appropriate
  – References to publications in journal

• Technically Deficient
  – Style sheet; previous articles

• Not Ready for Prime Time