

Editorial Preface

RENEWED CALL FOR A SINGLE CITATION STYLE

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This is my farewell issue, Volume 32 Number 2, of JOEUC. I would like to reiterate my call for all publishers to work to make a single citation format standard that was published in my editorial at the end of last year (Walczak, 2019). This is especially critical for interdisciplinary and cross-disciplinary researchers, since they will be the ones who most frequently encounter the need for vastly different citation styles under the current schema. After all, isn't one of the qualities that businesses which will be hiring our students ask us to teach them: interdisciplinary problem solving skills? It is reasonable then that many august faculty will explore multiple disciplinary areas during their tenure as academic researchers and be faced with the citation and reference conversion problem.

All publishers, whether corporate, academic, organizational, governmental, or other, should work together to facilitate the generation of citation references by researchers and their consequent interpretation by readers. The best way to accomplish this is to agree on a single citation and reference format or style. This will also help our students trying to learn how to be ethical writers and also ethical researchers by enabling them to learn a single citation format, versus the 5 or six popular styles and other formats currently required by publishers. Please see Walczak (2019) for suggestions on a single style.

Finally, I would like to say a very sincere thank-you to my Associate Editors and all of the Editorial Board members for your reviews, suggestions to authors, and the high quality of your work in helping JOEUC continually rise in the Clarivate Analytics (Web of Science) metrics and become a premier journal in Information System. I wish the incoming Editor-in-Chief, starting next issue though his name has appeared on the JOEUC website previously since review of articles starts 8-12 months in advance of an issue's publication, the best of fortune in maintaining the positive direction of JOEUC.

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