

White Rose University Press Annual Report

October 2023 – September 2024

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Production

Since September 2023, WRUP has published one monograph, *Children's Culture and Citizenship in Argentina*; commissioned 3 new works; and has seen 3 already commissioned works move into the final phases of development. Since its publication in November 2023, *Children's Culture and Citizenship in Argentina* has had 1,256 downloads and 4,911 abstract views.

Currently WRUP has 20 commissioned monographs in development. WRUP also has 5 fully [open access journals](#) publishing in a range of disciplines.

Monographs

In development: 20

Published to date: 11

Journals

Live: 5

Total articles published to date: 395

Total views to date: 327,673

Total downloads to date: 41,169

Governance



Strategic oversight for WRUP lies with the Management Board, whilst the Editorial Board enjoy academic sign off on all commissioning decisions and publications. Membership for both Boards is drawn from the three parent institutions.

Editorial Board

The [Editorial Board](#) welcomed new members (Professor Lauren Rea, Sheffield and Professor Rachel Cowgill, York), renewing engagement and bringing fresh perspectives. The Board also saw longstanding members, who had been instrumental in the founding of WRUP, step away, and there is now an area of the WRUP website celebrating [previous Editorial contributions](#). Tom Stoneham (Professor of Philosophy, York) stepped down from his role as Chair, and the Board thanked him for his service and support of WRUP. The Board welcomed Nick Plant (Deputy Vice Chancellor, Research and Innovation, York) as the new Chair.

Management Board

The [Management Board](#) oversees the strategies and policies of the press. This year they have been working on raising WRUP's profile, through advocacy events and the development and implementation of a unified comms plan, which the Board have been working with colleagues at the institutions to facilitate. WRUP also recently renewed the publishing services contract with Ubiquity Press.

Monographs

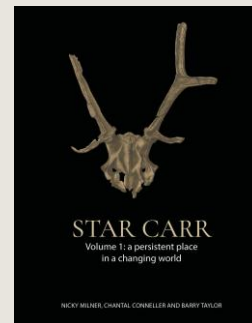
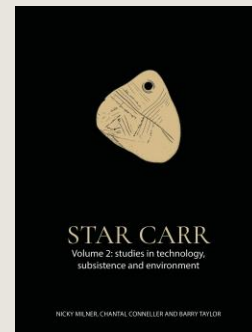
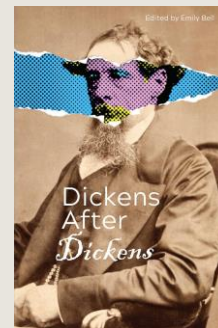
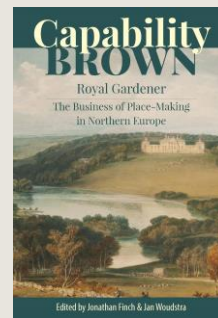
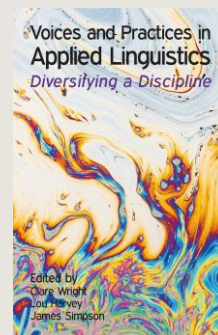
To date, WRUP has published 11 OA monographs, all of which are freely available from the [WRUP website](#).

The top 5 most downloaded books so far this year are:

1. [Voices and Practices in Applied Linguistics](#) – **1,361 downloads**
2. [Star Carr Volume 1](#) – **1,230 downloads**
3. [Capability Brown; Royal Gardener](#) – **1,212 downloads**
4. [Dickens After Dickens](#) – **1,207 downloads**
5. [Star Carr Volume 2](#) – **1,191 downloads**

Across all of our books, WRUP has seen a combined total of 9,607 downloads this year.*

*January – October 2024



Monograph download statistics*

January – October 2024

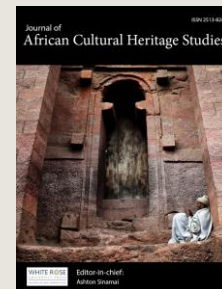
Book	Citations	Abstract views	Reads	Downloads	Downloads (all time)
320 Rue St Jacques	0	1,105	105	437	5,164
Star Carr Volume 1	1	2,757	197	1,230	21,680
Star Carr Volume 2	1	3,213	138	1,191	22,125
Dickens After Dickens	0	1,711	41	1,207	5,266
Capability Brown, Royal Gardener	1	1,494	66	1,212	6,170
Sheffield Castle	0	1,835	197	751	4,228
Oysters, nightingales and cooking pots	0	1,096	38	462	2,526
Voices and Practices in Applied Linguistics	9	1,791	40	1,361	6,863
Consensus on Environmentally Sustainable Oral Healthcare	4	472	47	189	574
Children's Culture and Citizenship in Argentina	0	2,482	125	532	1,256
Hidden Depths	4	2,465	160	1,035	3,827

*Statistics accurate as of 15/10/24

Journals

WRUP has 5 live journals covering a range of disciplines. The most viewed article from each journal in 2024 is:

- [Parental Awareness of the Preschool Orthoptics Visual Screening in Brunei-Muara District and Factors Contributing to Defaulters](#), *British and Irish Orthoptic Journal* **(1,702 views)**
- [Words, clauses, sentences, and T-units in learner language: Precise and objective units of measure?](#), *Journal of the European Second Language Association* **(1,854 views)**
- [Cosmopolitan Hybridity, Cultural Memory and Curation in Hong Kong Poetry](#), *Writing Chinese: A Journal of Contemporary Sinophone Literature* **(545 views)**
- [Youth \(Monyomiji\) and Conflict Resolution in the South Sudan Civil War](#), *Journal of African Cultural Heritage Studies* **(6,070 views)**
- [The Growth of Incarceration in the United States: Leaving Proportionality Behind](#), *Undergraduate Journal of Politics and International Relations* **(526 views)**



Journal download statistics*

January – October 2024

Journal	Total Articles	Views (year to date)	Downloads (year to date)
British and Irish Orthoptic journal	275	60,941	2,482
Journal of the European Second Language Association	63	31,215	1,107
Writing Chinese: A Journal of Contemporary Sinophone Literature	16	4,714	264
Journal of African Heritage Studies	30	10,805	211
Undergraduate Journal of Politics and International Relations	11	3489	46

*statistics accurate as of 15/10/24



Doctoral Publishing Prize

WRUP works with the parent institutions to support ECRs through a Doctoral Publishing Prize initiative. This award aims to allow recent PhD graduates to explore opportunities develop their doctoral research into an open access book, published by WRUP.

This has run previously in Leeds and Sheffield, and we're delighted that the resulting volumes are moving through the production process, with many looking to be published in the coming months. Visit the WRUP website for information on these [forthcoming titles](#). The [next iteration of the Prize](#) is currently underway in Sheffield, and the prize winners will be announced soon. There has been good engagement from potential authors in Sheffield so far. Conversations are currently underway to explore running this again at the University of Leeds, with the hope of launching the next iteration of the prize here in 2025.

WRUP Events



In 2024, the WRUP team worked with local colleagues to run a series of events to promote WRUP and Open Access publishing at each of the three institutions. These highlighted the work of the press and allowed academics and authors to share their experience of working with WRUP. The events reinforced the message "White Rose University Press: our university press" to reinforce the institutional connection to WRUP, and raise awareness of how it - and open access publishing more widely - fits with institutional strategy, and emerging policy and practice. It was a fantastic opportunity for sharing knowledge and celebrating the work of the press, and attendees included academic staff and PGRs. You can read more about the events on the [WRUP News page](#).

The WRL team are currently engaged in conversations at the three sites to identify the potential for the next iteration of WRUP advocacy events.



OIPA Symposium

In June, WRUP hosted the [Open Institutional Publishing Association \(OIPA\)](#) Symposium at the University of York, welcoming OIPA members and supporters to discuss open access publishing. There were a fantastic series of keynotes, workshops, and lightning talks from representatives from institutions across the UK, including the Irish Open Access Publishers, Edinburgh Diamond Press, UCL Press and many more. Kate Petherbridge opened the event in her role as OIPA Chair and White Rose University Press Manager, setting the tone for the event by highlighting the strength that results from collaboration and of the importance of diversity within open institutional publishing.

The Symposium was a great opportunity to share knowledge and connect with colleagues working in OA across the UK, and this will hopefully be the first of many similar events. The slides from the day can now be accessed on the [OIPA website](#).

External engagement



WRUP is pleased to engage with a range of organisations in the academic publishing and Open Access community. Kate Petherbridge (WRUP Press Manager) and Lucy Cook (WRUP Publishing and Communications assistant) attended the Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers (ALPSP) [University Press Redux](#) in May, which was a valuable opportunity for building connections and hearing updates from the industry.

In September, Kate attended the ALPSP Annual Conference, which facilitated open discussion on the challenges and opportunities in publishing today. Looking forwards, Kate is sitting on the Conference Programme Committee for the 2025 conference.



Next steps for WRUP

Upcoming monographs

WRUP now has several monographs entering the production stage to be published in the coming year. Check out some of the [forthcoming titles](#) on the WRUP website.

Doctoral Publishing Prize

Alongside the local team in Leeds, WRUP are working towards the next iteration of the prize here. We're also looking forward to the announcement of the prize winners of the Sheffield iteration of the prize.

Institutional events

As part of a renewed drive for advocacy and focus on promoting WRUP, we're working with local teams to identify possibilities for future events showcasing WRUP as the institutions' university press.

WRUP displays

The WRL team are working on creating physical displays at each of the parent institutions to celebrate recent publications and raise awareness of WRUP as the institutional university press. The display in York can be found on the ground floor entrance of the Morrel Library, and displays at Leeds and Sheffield will follow shortly.