

White Rose University Press Quarterly Report

October 2024 – December 2024

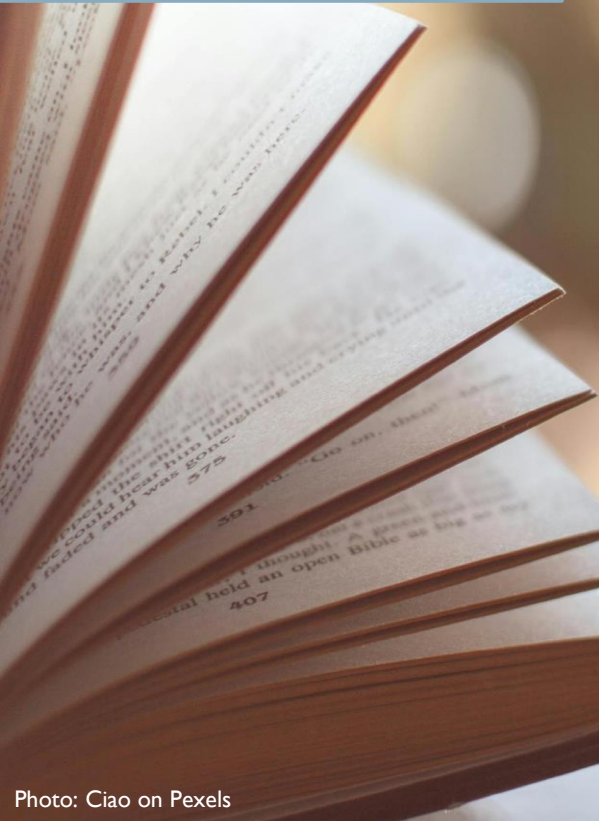


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Production



Monographs

In development: 26

In production or published this quarter: 5

Published to date: 13

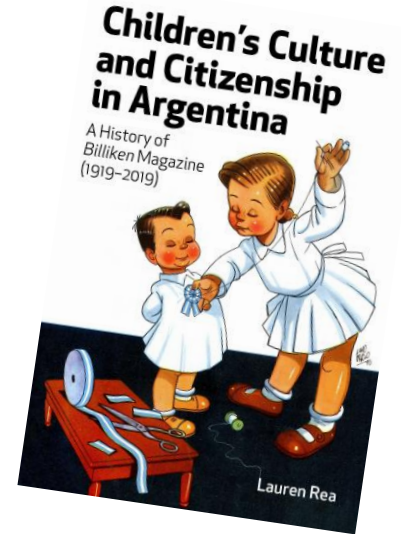
Journals

Live: 5

Total articles published to date: 404

Total views to date: 435,535

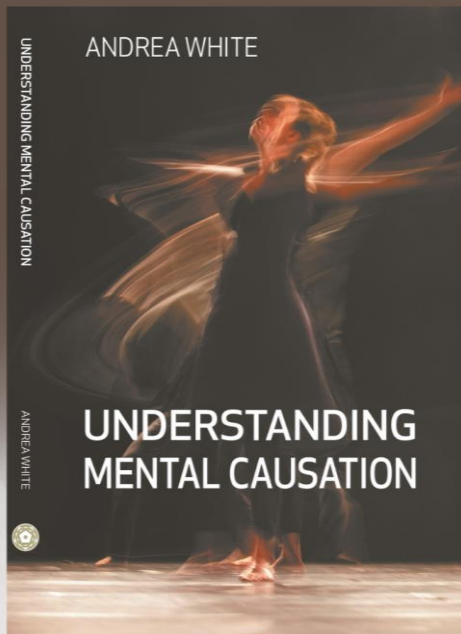
Total downloads to date: 44,129



This quarter WRUP published its latest monograph, *Understanding Mental Causation*; received several enquiries for potential new works; and saw 4 already commissioned works move into the final phases of development.

This quarter also sees the first anniversary of the publication of *Children's Culture and Citizenship in Argentina*. Since its publication in November 2023, this volume has seen 5220 views and 1382 downloads.

Latest publication

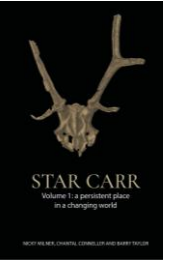
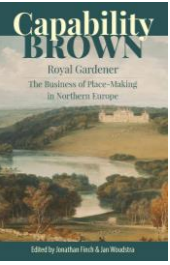
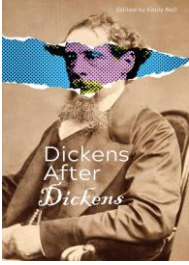
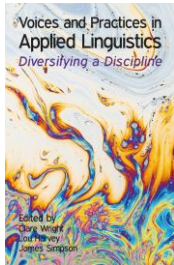


WRUP was very pleased to announce the publication of our latest monograph in December: *Understanding Mental Causation*, by Dr. Andrea White. Within the first month of its launch, *Understanding Mental Causation* had over 1200 views and 350 downloads

“I’m really pleased to share my research in [Understanding Mental Causation](#),” said Dr. White, “and the fact that this book is open access and so can reach the widest possible audience should lead to interesting discussions. I think open access publishing is really important and hope it will become more commonplace.” Dr White’s volume is the first publication from the inaugural [Leeds Early Career Publishing Prize \(ECPP\)](#). The next iteration of the prize will be launched in February 2025. A full news item about this publication is available on the [WRUP website](#).

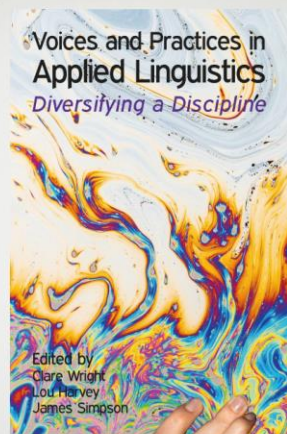
Monograph download statistics

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Monograph	Reads	Citations	Downloads (UPLO/OPAEN/OPERAS)	Downloads (JSTOR)	Total Downloads this quarter
Voices and Practices in Applied Linguistics	40	4	702	1582	2,284
Dickens After Dickens	178	0	550	615	1,165
Hidden Depths	127	0	492	650	1,142
Star Carr Volume 1	116	2	516	465	981
Capability Brown, Royal Gardener	19	0	501	456	957
Star Carr Volume 2	64	0	421	339	760
Children’s Culture and Citizenship in Argentina	26	0	371	128	499
Oysters, nightingales and cooking pots	27	0	279	130	409
Sheffield Castle	58	0	302	96	398
320 rue St Jacques	62	0	184	71	255
Consensus on Environmentally Sustainable Oral Healthcare	18	2	74	46	120
Understanding Mental Causation	7	0	118	2	120

Spotlight: *Voices and Practices in Applied Linguistics*



At WRUP we like to periodically highlight one of our published volumes, to celebrate their reach and impact. *Voices and Practices in Applied Linguistics: Diversifying a Discipline* is a selection of original applied linguistics-based research, drawing together papers from the 2017 British Association for Applied Linguistics (BAAL) conference. The volume highlights current globalised perspectives on diversity in language use and communication, across a variety of contexts, and with a rich mix of frameworks, methodologies and participants.

This volume has seen significant and global usage since its publication, with over **10,800 views** and **7,600 downloads**. It's also WRUP's most cited monograph, with **63 citations** in other works.

Journal download statistics

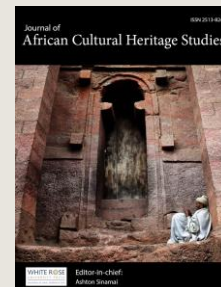
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Journal	Views	Downloads
British and Irish Orthoptic journal	62,397	1,410
Journal of the European Second Language Association	30,079	1,052
Writing Chinese: A Journal of Contemporary Sinophone Literature	5,162	345
Journal of African Heritage Studies	6,079	153
Undergraduate Journal of Politics and International Relations	4,145	0

Article download statistics

The most downloaded articles from all of our journals this year were:

Journal	Article	Views (year to date)	Downloads (year to date)
British and Irish Orthoptic Journal	An Investigation Into the Orthoptist Experience of Instilling Eye Drops in Children Attending the Eye Clinic	2295	264
Journal of the European Second Language Association	Aptitude for Explicit and Implicit Learning	2333	193
Journal of the European Second Language Association	Spelling error analysis in young English language learners from a German background: A comparison of three literacy intervention programmes	1584	174
British and Irish Orthoptic Journal	The Assessment of Vision in Children with Severe Learning Difficulties: A Systematic Review	1508	173
British and Irish Orthoptic Journal	The Impact on Vergence Parameters After Smartphone Gaming	2221	166





Sheffield Doctoral Publishing Prize

WRUP was thrilled to share details of the three winners of the [Sheffield Doctoral Publishing Prize](#) in December:

- **Lucas Gastiarena** (Education) - *Argentine tango through the lens of cynicism: Elements of disenchantment, pessimism, and rebelliousness in tango culture across its history*
- **Owen Gurrey** (English) - *John Burnside's poetics*
- **Yiyun Liu** (Music) - *Rationality and sensibility in Handel's London stage: A comprehensive study of his 1730-1745 works*

We're looking forward to working with these individuals, who will have the opportunity to present a monograph proposal to the WRUP Editorial Board for consideration. Preparation is underway for the upcoming Leeds iteration of the prize, which will be announced in the new year.

WRUP advocacy and comms



This quarter has seen the beginning of a renewed focus on advocacy and unified comms for WRUP, to raise awareness and emphasise its role as the University Press for the three institutions. To support this, a Unified Comms Plan has been developed, ratified by the Management Board, detailing key strategies for raising WRUP's profiles across the sites.

Together with institutional colleagues, Lucy Cook (WRUP Publications and Communications Assistant) has been working hard to strengthen WRUP's online presence through renewed social media and a review of institutional webpages, engaging with teams across the sites to raise awareness of the Press, and beginning the process of organising events and sessions for the coming year.

Online engagement



In December, the [updated White Rose Libraries website](#) was launched, with new and informative pages for each of WRL's strands of activity, including [White Rose University Press](#). This allows visitors to see how WRUP fits into the overall strategy and work of White Rose Libraries, and provides a space to surface reports on WRUP activity.

WRUP further increased its online presence in December by launching a dedicated [Bluesky account](#). This will allow the Press to reach academics and colleagues in the wider community and engage in conversations across the sector.

Open Access Week



From 21st-27th October, WRUP celebrated [International Open Access week](#), joining other institutions globally in celebrating the theme of *Community over Commercialisation*.

The team was thrilled to take part in events and conferences throughout the week, attending virtual events including the British Library's Open and Engaged Conference, focused on open scholarship, open infrastructure, emerging technologies, skills development and sustainable models. Kate Petherbridge (WRUP Press Manager) also spoke at a bitesize webinar hosted by the University of Sheffield to offer an introduction to WRUP and open access publishing. The [recording from this session](#) is available online.

Read our [blog post](#) from October to find out more about how White Rose Libraries uses its collaborative approach to put community over commercialisation.

Events



WRUP was pleased to attend both virtual and in-person events this quarter.

In October, WRUP Press Manager Kate Petherbridge was invited to speak at the [Plan S and Beyond for Publishers and Societies](#) event hosted by ALPSP.

The team attended a screening of the short film *The Nervous State* at the University of Sheffield, the subject of an upcoming WRUP volume. It was great to celebrate the project with the authors of the monograph and we look forward to publishing this work soon.

In November, the team attended the Open Research Champions Network and Open Research Hub launch event in Leeds. As an open access press, WRUP works closely with the Open Research team in Leeds, and it was wonderful to celebrate the progress being made in this area.



Next steps for WRUP

Doctoral Publishing Prize in Leeds and Sheffield

We're excited to begin working with the winners of the Sheffield Doctoral Publishing Prize, and look forward to launching the next iteration of the prize in Leeds in February. This will be launched with an Open Lunch event at the university of Leeds.

Upcoming monographs

WRUP has several books currently in production which will be published in the new year. See the WRUP website to find details of [forthcoming titles.](#)

Author event

The team are in the process of organising an event to celebrate Andrea White's research in WRUP's latest monograph, *Understanding Mental Causation*.

Online engagement

WRUP will continue to focus on engagement and building connections through Bluesky, and is looking towards launching a presence on LinkedIn in the new year.