

White Rose University Press Quarterly Report

April 2025 - June 2025

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Production

Monographs

In development: 26

In production or published this quarter: 2

Published to date: 13

Journals

Live: 5

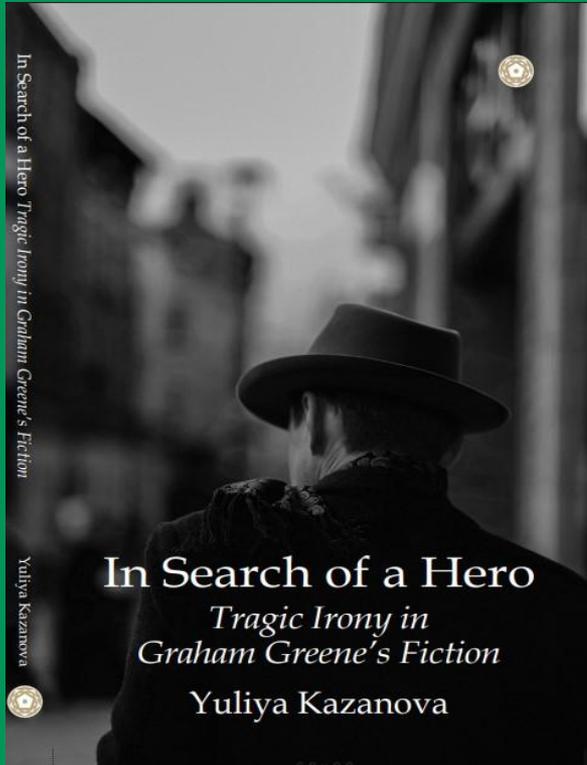
Total articles published to date: 430

Total views to date: 700,956

Total downloads to date: 52,141

WRUP has seen a number of titles commissioned in this quarter including one of the Sheffield Thesis Prize winners *Rationality and Sensibility in Handel's London Stage: A Study of His 1730–1745 Works* by Yiyun Liu. Exploring Handel's pivotal years of oratorio composition (1730–1745), examining how his music navigates the interplay between rationality and sensibility.

Forthcoming Titles



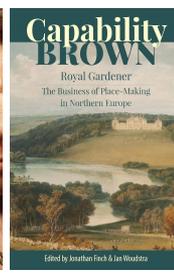
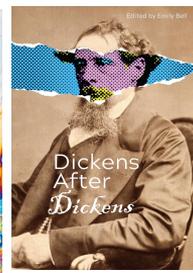
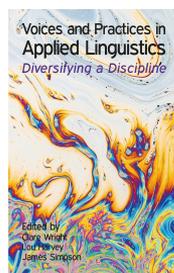
WRUP had a number of titles enter production during this period, including two from the inaugural Leeds Doctoral Publishing Prize: Yuliya Kazanova's *In Search of a Hero: Tragic Irony in Graham Greene's Fiction* and Elena Bracey's *An Invisible Group: Russian-Speaking Migrant Children in UK Primary Schools*. WRUP is excited to see these projects move into their final stages.

We also saw Alice Siberry's volume, *Diversity, Difference, or Disorder? Exploring Neurodiversity within British Policing*, from the most recent Sheffield Thesis Prize, enter the production phase. Alice's book will feature a range of multimedia content, including videos and podcasts, and we will also be exploring turning it into an audiobook.

For more information on our forthcoming titles, please visit the [WRUP website](#).

Monograph download statistics

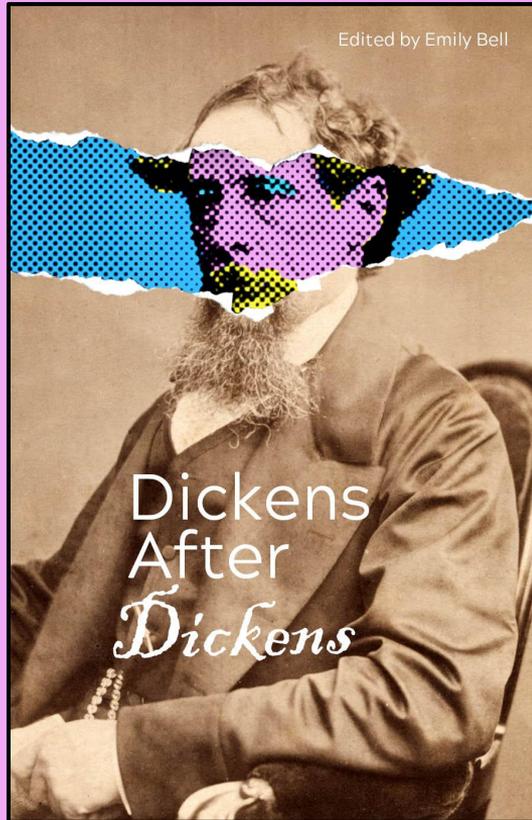
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Monograph	Citations	Abstract views	Reads (Year to date)	Total Downloads (Year to date)
Voices and Practices in Applied Linguistics	0	1168	271	1015
Dickens After Dickens	0	4791	3508	684
Hidden Depths	0	1912	406	1129
Star Carr Volume 1	2	4454	521	1407
Capability Brown, Royal Gardener	1	1007	347	538
Star Carr Volume 2	1	4843	625	1480
Children's Culture and Citizenship in Argentina	0	1881	383	1612
Oysters, nightingales and cooking pots	0	998	149	607
Sheffield Castle	0	1447	358	471
320 rue St Jacques	0	1710	759	487
Consensus on Environmentally Sustainable Oral Healthcare	4	1040	120	204
Understanding Mental Causation	0	2296	783	705
Screening the Fleet	0	1495	130	531

Spotlight:

Dickens After Dickens



Dickens After Dickens, published 2020, explores the ongoing cultural impact of one of English Literature's most significant authors.

To date, the volume has achieved:

- **Citations 4**
- **Total Abstract Views 10,185**
- **Total reads 5,065**

We are also excited to announce a second Dickens volume from Dr Middleton (*née* Bell), due in 2026: *Digital Dickens*. This volume brings together the diverse world of online projects related to the Victorian author Charles Dickens, offering both a contextual and theoretical overview of what is happening with Dickens in the digital space.

Journal download statistics

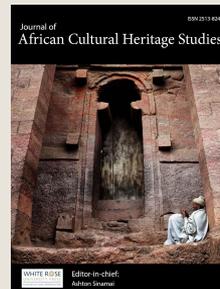
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Journal	Total Articles	Total Views	Total Downloads
British and Irish Orthoptic journal	287	138,175	26,567
Journal of African Cultural Heritage Studies	30	41,304	2860
Journal of the European Second Language Association	73	190,286	17,562
Undergraduate Journal of Politics and International Relations	11	46,475	2,304
Writing Chinese: A Journal of Contemporary Sinophone Literature	29	28,388	2,848

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)
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	3450	513
Writing Chinese: A Journal of Contemporary Sinophone Literature	Hong Kong Poetry: The Making of a Sinophone Literary Genre	2149	278
Journal of the European Second Language Association	The Trajectory of English Foreign Learners & rsquo; Emotions and Motivation from the Start to the End of their Learning Journey: A Pseudo-Longitudinal Investigation	2520	441
Journal of the European Second Language Association	Multicompetence in Second Language Academic Writing: Reframing Salient Topics in Writing Research Through the Lens of the Work of Vivian Cook	3792	236
Journal of African Cultural Heritage Studies	"Myths, Dreams and the Business of Spiritual Heritage in Uganda & nbsp;"	754	232



Early Career Publishing prize



Sheffield Doctoral Publishing Prize

The commissioned monographs from the [first cohort of winners](#) of the Sheffield Doctoral Publishing Prize are progressing well. Alice Siberry's volume has moved into production, while Adele Mason-Bertrand's manuscript is currently under peer review.

Proposals from the prizewinners from the [second iteration of the Sheffield prize](#) now in peer review.

Leeds Early Career Publishing Prize

The final two volumes from the first iteration of the [Leeds Early Career Publishing Prize](#) entered production during this period: An Invisible Group: Russian-Speaking Migrant Children in UK Primary Schools and In Search of a Hero: Tragic Irony in Graham Greene's Fiction.

The [second round of the Leeds Prize](#) is now open for submissions until 30 September 2025. Open to University of Leeds doctoral graduates who received their degree between January 2022 and the submission deadline, entrants submit a proposal outlining how they would present their doctoral research as a book, along with a sample chapter.

WRUP Advocacy and Comms Update



Activity across communications and advocacy continues steadily, showing progress across digital platforms, promotional materials, and engagement.

- **Social media:** Engagement remains consistent, continued activity over a longer period will provide more insight. Social media content is being planned on a monthly basis, with additional posts scheduled as needed.
- **Website and platforms:** The [new WRUP website](#) is now live and includes a Bluesky feed. Transitioning to a new Ubiquity-provided platform is ongoing.
- **Promotional materials:** Standard WRUP promotional materials are being refreshed. New-look postcards are now available, with plans to update banners and explore additional promotional formats.
- **Institutional engagement:** Meetings with institutions on incorporating WRUP into existing sessions have been productive. Planning is underway for WRUP activity during Open Access Week (Oct 20-26, 2025).
- **Enquiries and interest:** We are seeing an increase in enquiries and interest in publishing with WRUP, both from internal and external authors.

Upcoming Events

Celebrating spaces event: Connecting Researchers 2025

The WRUP team will be hosting a stall at the Exhibition Centre as part of a vibrant event bringing together York's research community. The day will showcase cutting-edge research, the people behind it, and the unique spaces that enable real-world impact. WRUP will be on hand to highlight the support and opportunities we offer to both established and early career researchers.

Editors and Publishers Network lunch and event

Lucy will be attending this event, which offers networking and support for colleagues with editorial or publishing roles, as well as those interested in learning more about these activities. The Network aims to better support University of Sheffield editors and to further develop institutional support and services around publication practices.



Next steps for WRUP

WRUP 10 Year Anniversary Event

Kate will take a proposal for a WRUP 10-year anniversary event, marking the Press's anniversary in 2026, to the Executive Board for consideration and approval.

Audiobook Trial: Progress and Next Steps

The WRUP Management Board have approved a pilot for audiobooks. Lucy will be taking this forwards to explore whether there is a place for audiobooks in the Press. The pilot project will help define what engagement metrics look like in practice, how to promote audiobooks, and what the user experience will be. The two main drivers for audiobooks are accessibility and increased engagement.