



# Does the data ring true?

An Analysis of Electronic Music Journals at McGill University



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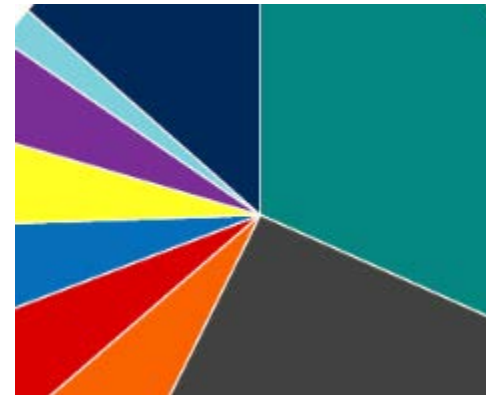
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# About a year of data





# Data Collection Tools

Tool	Type of data gathered
COUNTER usage statistics	Number of articles downloaded
<a href="#">ARL MINES For Libraries</a>	Reasons why patrons selected a resource
<a href="#">1Science institutional report</a>	Number of articles downloaded, and McGill faculty publications and citations
Faculty survey - CRKN Journal Usage Project	Journals that McGill faculty identified as top choices for teaching and research

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# COUNTER Data



Good for libraries that:

- have limited resources to purchase other data products and services
- SUSHI statistics harvesting can automate processes

Limitation:

- takes time to set up the accounts, extract the data and analyze it



# MINES

## Measuring the Impact of Networked Electronic Services

Good for libraries that:

- want patron reports on why they selected an e-resource
- want to customize survey questions
- have technical resources that can build the survey

Limitations:

- reliability of self-reported data
- timing of survey



# MINES @ McGill

**Are you a McGill University:**

(If you are using this resource on behalf of someone else please answer as if you were that person.)

Master's or Doctoral student

**Are you affiliated with:**

Faculty of Education

**Your location:**

Off campus

**Primary purpose today:**

(select one)

Sponsored (funded) research

**Why did you choose this resource?:**

(select one)

Important resource in my field



# 1Science Report

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Good for libraries that want data on:

- journals in which faculty publish and cite
- number of faculty publications published over time

Limitations:

- uses Web of Science, which is better for sciences
- relies on library staff to provide some data



# CRKN Faculty Survey

Canadian Research Knowledge Network (CRKN), a Canadian consortia for licensing content, conducted surveys with faculty across Canada called the “Journal Usage Project”

- Asked faculty to list top journals in their field for teaching & research
- Combined survey responses with data from Web of Science on article downloads, faculty publications and citations





# CRKN Faculty Survey

Good for libraries that wanted data on:

- professors' opinions on 'top' journals
- what journals are they using for teaching and research
- journals in which faculty are publishing and being cited

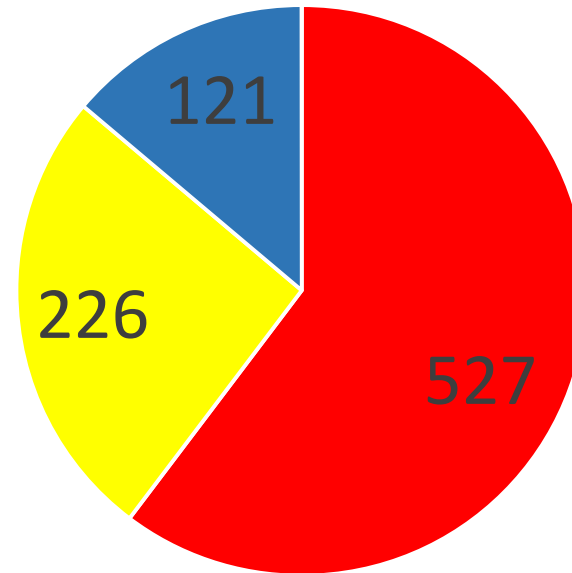
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2017:

- 191 professors
- 913 students



■ Undergraduates   ■ Masters   ■ Doctoral



# Results





# Schulich School of Music – MINES Results

- 134 (3% of McGill) respondents from the Schulich School of Music
- MUSIC: 52% master's or doctoral students, 35% undergraduates, 9% academics
  - All FACULTIES: 30% master's or doctoral students, 42% undergraduates, 28% academics



# Schulich School of Music – MINES Results

- 48.5% selected 'assignments' as the purpose for their library search
- 50.1% selected 'important resource in my field' the reason for selecting that particular resource



# Schulich School of Music – MINES Results

Schulich School of Music	<i>n</i>	<i>% of Group</i>	<i>% of All</i>
McGill-affiliated hospital	1	0.75	0.02
Off campus	83	61.94	1.88
On campus, in a library	31	23.13	0.70
On campus, not in a library	19	14.18	0.43
<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>3.04</b>

### 3 Frequency by Location

	<i>n</i>	<i>%</i>
McGill-affiliated hospital	468	10.61%
Off campus	2,814	63.77%
On campus, in a library	530	12.01%
On campus, not in a library	601	13.62%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,413</b>	<b>100.00</b>



# Schulich School of Music – 1Science Report

2006-2015: 68 papers, 128 references

<b>1Science, journals where faculty publish</b>	<b>Papers</b>
Computer Music Journal	11
Journal of New Music Research	8
Early Music	6
Organised Sound	5
International Journal of Music Education	3

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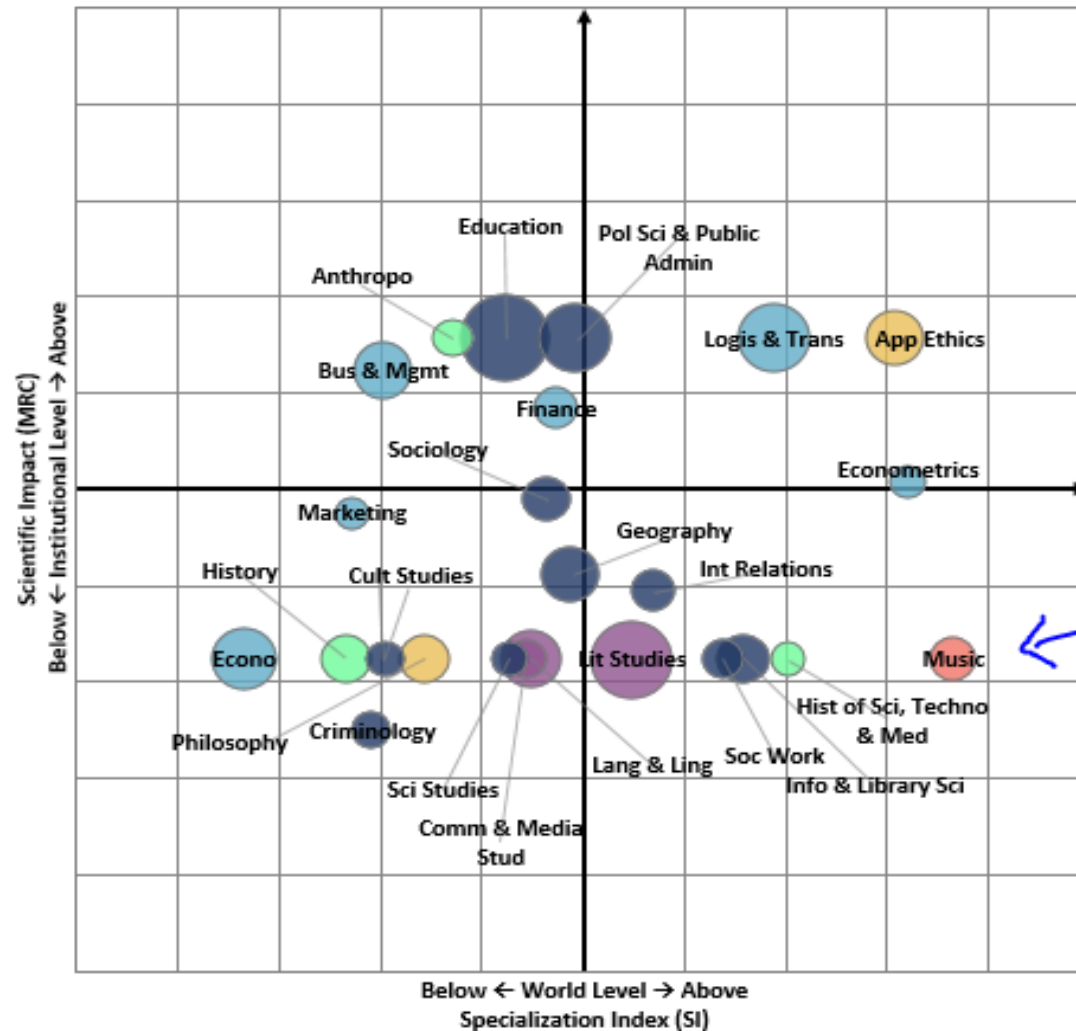
# Schulich School of Music – 1Science Report

<b>1Science, top 5 journals by downloads, 2015</b>	<b>Downloads</b>
1. Music Quarterly	1098
2. Music and Letters	969
3. Popular Music	610
4. Music Analysis	605
5. Journal of Music Theory	563



# Schulich School of Music – 1Science Report

Positional analysis in the subfields of Arts & Humanities and Economics & Social Sciences (2006–2015)



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Sort	Subject	Abbreviation	Papers oalIdx	SI <sub>OA</sub>	MRC <sub>OA</sub> /MRC
46	Arts & Humanities				
47	Communication & Textual Studies				
48	Communication & Media Studies	Comm & Media Stud	21	1.32	1.00
49	Languages & Linguistics	Lang & Ling	35	1.22	5.00
50	Literary Studies	Lit Studies	16	1.05	1.00
51	Historical Studies				
52	Anthropology	Anthropo	18	0.91	2.00
53	Archaeology	Archaeology	9	1.39	N/A
54	Classics	Classics	0	0.00	N/A
55	History	History	11	1.36	1.00
56	History of Science, Technology & Me	Hist of Sci, Techno &	9	1.05	N/A
57	History of Social Sciences	Hist of Soc Sci	6	1.65	N/A
58	Philosophy & Theology				
59	Applied Ethics	App Ethics	33	0.88	1.00
60	Philosophy	Philosophy	17	0.84	1.00
61	Religions & Theology	Relig & Theo	4	0.77	N/A
62	Visual & Performing Arts				
63	Art Practice, History & Theory	Art Prac, Hist & Theor	7	2.80	N/A
64	Drama & Theater	Drama & Theater	1	0.82	N/A
65	Folklore	Folklore	0	N/A	N/A
66	Music	Music	26	2.51	1.00



# Schulich School of Music – CRKN Faculty Survey

## Top 5 by downloads, 2015

Sight and Sound (3307)

Shakespeare Quarterly (1736)

Journal of Popular Culture (1613)

Early Music (1455)

Music and Letters (1335)

## Top 5 by downloads, averaged 2011-2015

Shakespeare Quarterly (1555/year)

The Musical Times (1408/year)

Journal of Research in Music Education (1368/year)

The Musical Quarterly (1152/year)

Journal of the American Musicological Society (1137/year)



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# Schulich School of Music – CRKN Faculty Survey

<b>CRKN, faculty's 'top' journals for teaching</b>	<b>"Mentions"</b>
Journal of American Musicological Society	10
Nineteenth Century Music	6
Early Music	5
Music and Letters	5
The Musical Quarterly	5
Music Theory Online	5
Theatre Survey	5



# Schulich School of Music – CRKN Faculty Survey

Combination of 3 measurements:

Top downloads, 2015	Top download, averaged 2011-2015	Top “mentions”
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3. Journal of Popular Culture	3. Journal of Research in Music Education	3. Early Music
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## Faculty Survey with 1Science Report

CRKN Faculty Survey		1Science	
	Downloads	"Mentions"	Faculty Publications
Sight and Sound	3307	0	0
Shakespeare Quarterly	1736	1	0
Journal of Popular Culture	1613	0	2
Early Music	1455	5	6
Music and Letters	1335	5	1
Journal of the American Musicological Society	1103	10	2
The Musical Quarterly	1098	5	2
Nineteenth Century Music	1056	6	1
Computer Music Journal	543	2	11
Journal of New Music Research	228	3	8
International Journal of Music Education	203	1	3
Organised Sound	139	3	5
Theatre Survey	37	5	1
Music Theory Online	15	5	9

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# Titles without downloads, citation or references

Need to review, because could be various reasons:

- Not a current publication
- We don't have a subscription
- It is open access and we don't have the usage statistics



# What did we learn?

- Almost half of the usage is coming from graduate students
- Some journals are top in usage, mentions and where articles are published
- Some journals are high in one survey, but not the others
- In tight budget times, if we are considering canceling journals, you might need to look at more than just usage, but these other factors, too.
- There are some titles not on any of the lists, which could be reviewed as candidates to cancel
- We found that we did subscribe to all of the titles in the faculty mentions

# Questions for future

- How does open access play into usage and these 'top' titles?
- How can we capture usage from journals in non-English languages in a better, more holistic way?



# Final thoughts

- We will continue to do this review for our other subjects
- Lots of data to review
- Interesting & useful information
- We would like to publish our findings

Questions?  
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Thank you!