

Diversity and Gender in Scholarly Publishing

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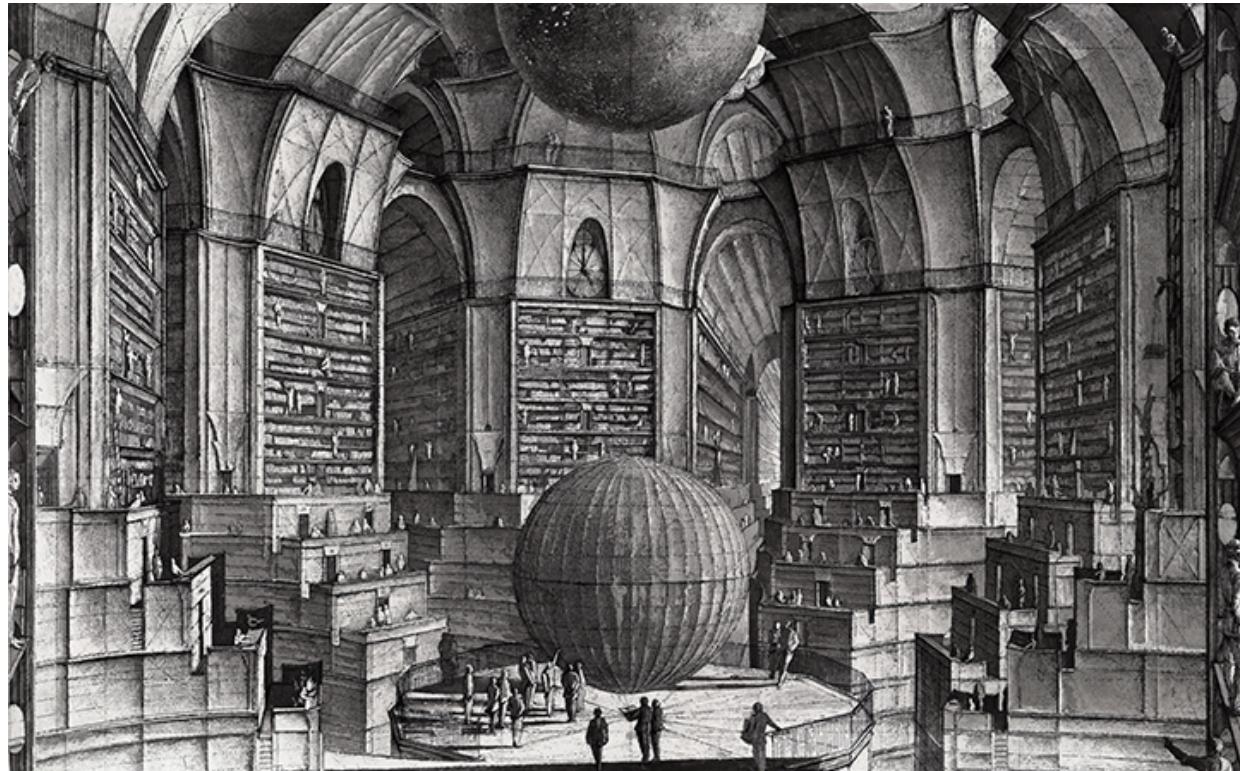
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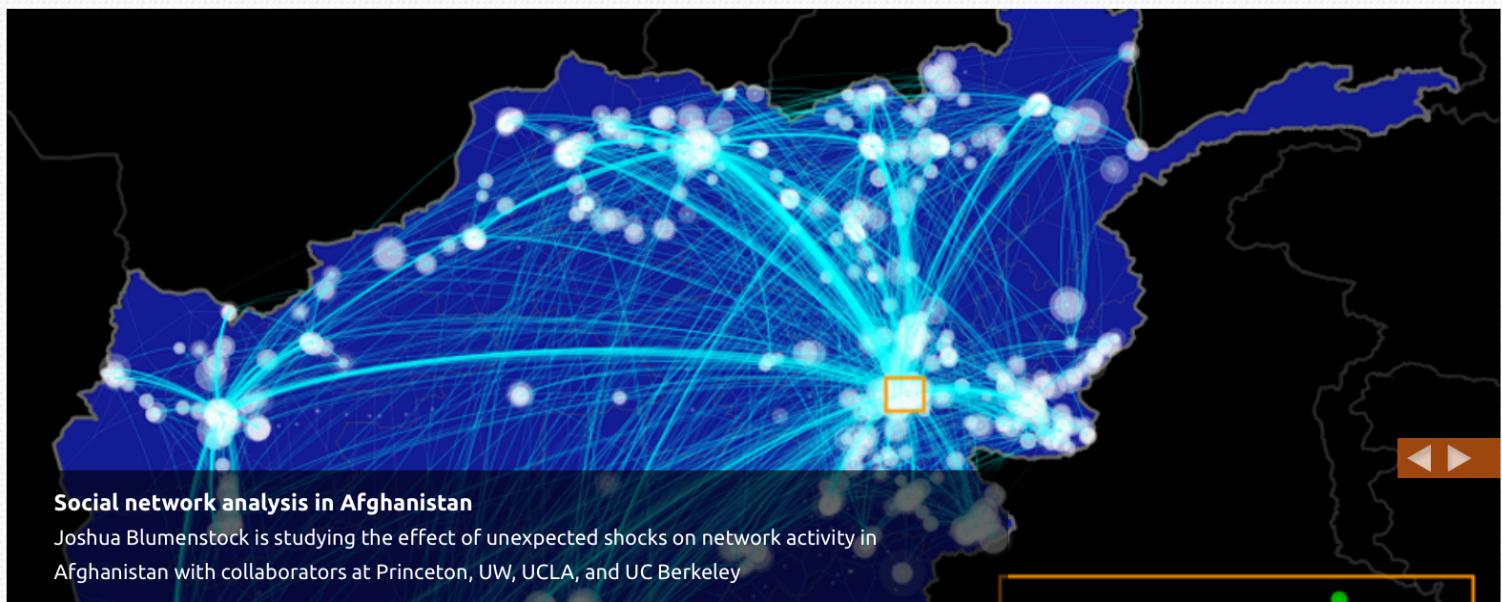
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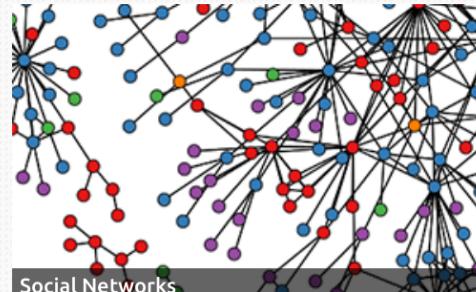
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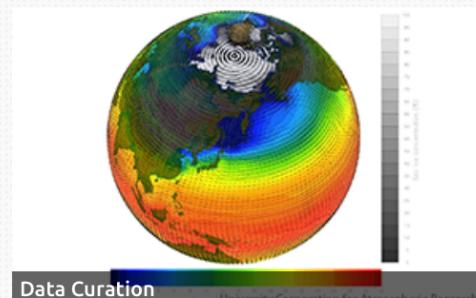
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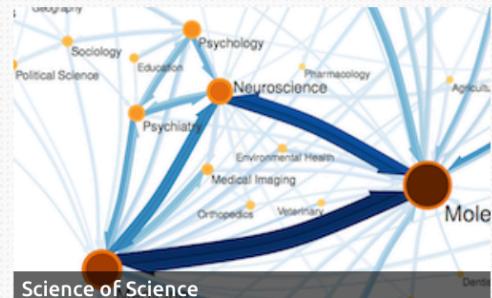


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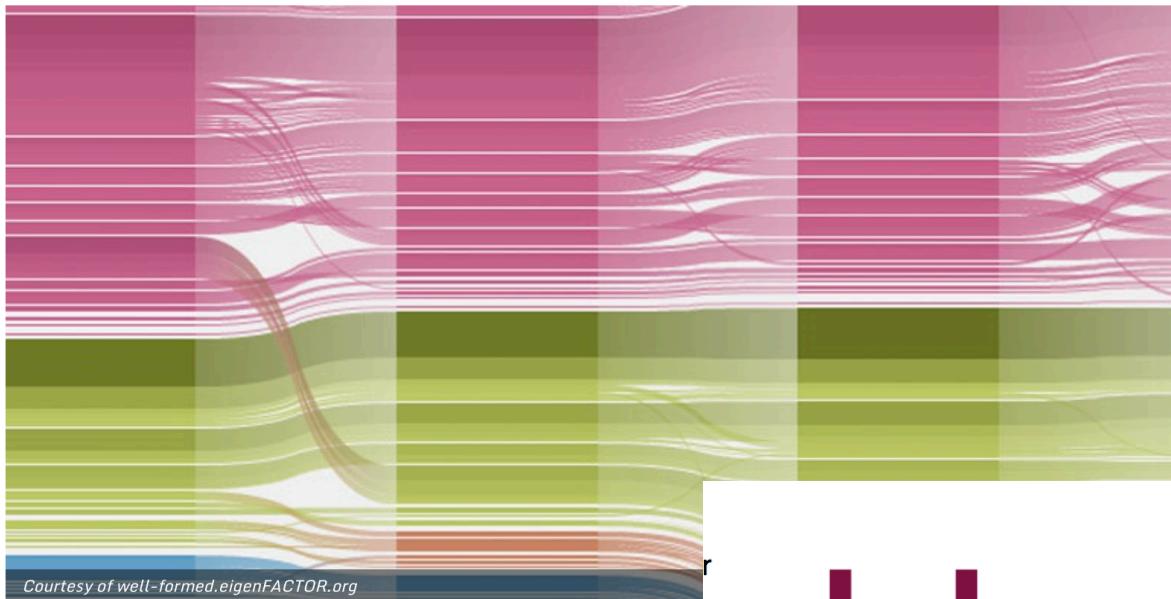


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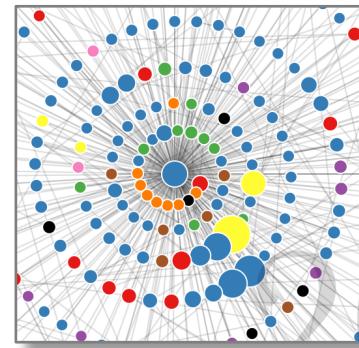
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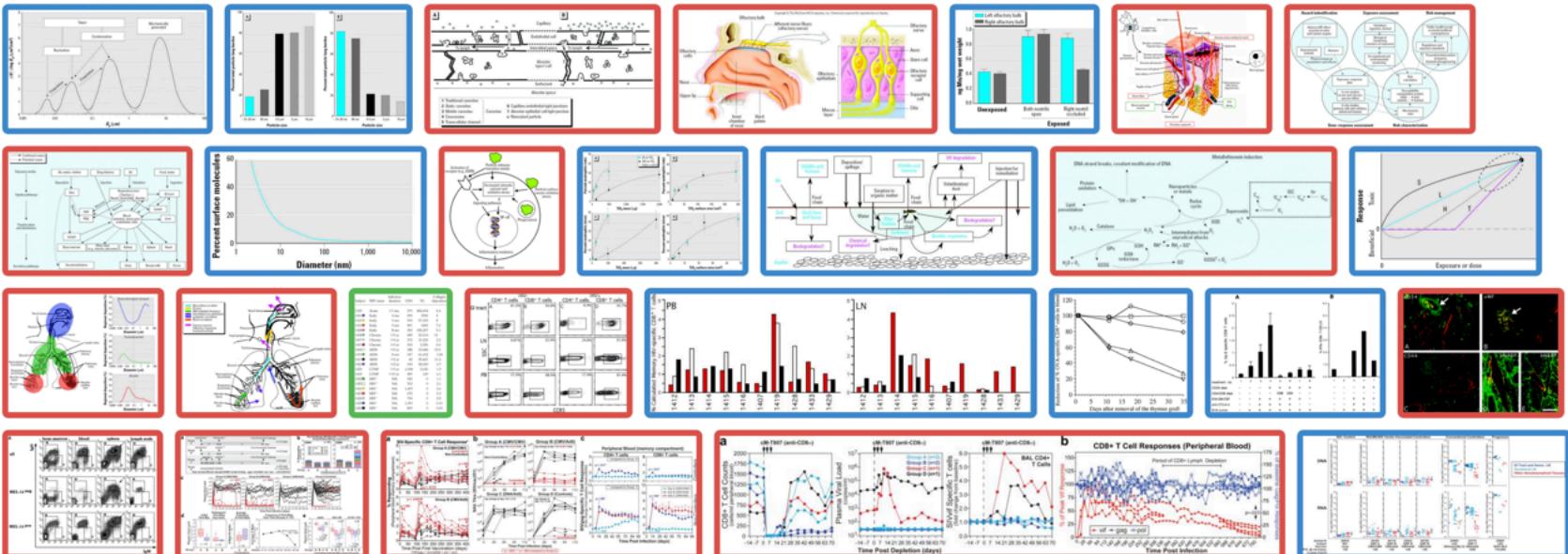
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Talk Outline

- Gender in Academic Authorship
- Self-citation Differences
- Patents and Inventorship
- Homophily versus Heterophily
- Recommendations

The Role of Gender in Scholarly Authorship

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Abstract

Gender disparities appear to be decreasing in academia according to a number of metrics, such as grant funding, hiring, acceptance at scholarly journals, and productivity. Yet it might be tempting to think that gender inequality will soon be a thing of the past. However, a large-scale analysis by 10 authors on eight disciplines in the natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities finds a number of understated and persistent ways in which gender inequities remain. For instance, even where raw publication counts seem to be equal between genders, close inspection reveals that fields, men predominate in the prestigious first and last author positions. Moreover, women are underrepresented as authors of single-authored papers. Academics should be aware of the subtle ways disparities can occur in scholarly authorship.

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Introduction

Gender inequities and gender biases persist in higher education. After decades of high female enrollment in most PhD fields, women represent one-quarter of full professors and earn on average 80% of the salary of men in comparable positions [1]. A recent report [2] surveyed 1800 faculty across six science and engineering disciplines and found that women publish significantly more in chemistry and mathematics, while women publish less in electrical engineering (there were no significant differences found in biology, civil engineering, and physics). A recent experiment tested the role of gender in hiring by asking 127 science faculty to evaluate the resumes of two equally qualified candidates who gave identical applications higher scores if the applicant had a female name [3]. Another recent analysis of commissioned articles in two prestigious journals published in 2010 and 2011 showed that women scientists are underrepresented; for instance, women wrote just 11% of editorials and 13% of the articles in *Nature* and *Science & Nature*, although they represent 20% of the scientists in this discipline [4]. With the use of alphabetical authorship listings declining over time [5], and given the complexity of evaluating intellectual contributions [6] in increasingly collaborative efforts, understanding patterns of authorship order becomes increasingly important.

Here we use the JSTOR corpus—a body of academic papers from a range of scholarly disciplines spanning five centuries—to examine trends in the gender composition of academic authorship through 2013. We pay particular attention to the first and last authors, given that first and last author publications are at least as important as raw publication counts for hiring, promotion, and tenure, particularly in scientific fields [7]. Studies of authorship in the medical literature reveal, for instance, that women have historically been underrepresented in the prestige positions of first and

last author, and that while discrepancies have reduced over time, women remain underrepresented in the first author position [8,9,10,11]. To view authorship patterns more broadly, we must move beyond the individual researcher approach to categorize gender across our study corpus. This yields a hierarchical classification of papers in our study and allows us to study and compare gender representation in individual fields of any

Methods

The JSTOR corpus

The JSTOR corpus (<http://www.jstor.org>) is a publicly available scholarly research dataset that spans the humanities from 1545 to the present day. At the time of this analysis, the JSTOR corpus comprised 8.3 million articles. Approximately 1.8 million of these documents are research articles, cite or are cited by other documents in the corpus. We refer to these articles as *research articles*. We call this group the JSTOR network dataset. In total, these 1.8 million articles are part of a single global citation network, such that any of these articles from any other may follow citation trails to later articles. We refer to this dataset as a network dataset because this is the pattern of the JSTOR network. The citation information of the main fields available in JSTOR dataset, gender composition of the identified authors dataset (21.9% female) is close to that of the entire corpus (20.8% percent).



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The Academic Advantage: Gender Disparities in Patenting

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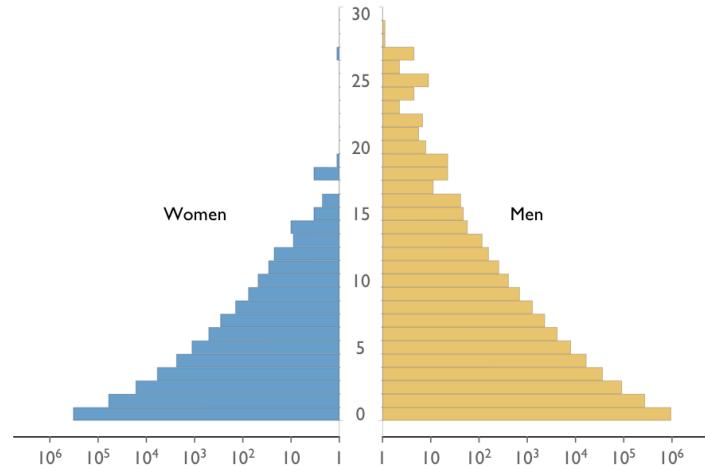
Abstract

We analyzed gender disparities in patenting by country, technological area, and type of assignee using the 4.6 million utility patents issued between 1976 and 2013 by the United States Patent and Trade Office (USPTO). Our analyses of fractionalized inventorships demonstrate that women's rate of patenting has increased from 2.7% of total patenting activity to 10.6% over the nearly 40-year period. Our results show that, in every technological area, female patenting is proportionally more likely to occur in academic institutions than in corporate or government environments. However, women's patents have a lower technological impact than that of men, and that gap is wider in the case of academic patents. We evidence that patents to which women—and in particular academic women—are associated with a higher number of International Patent Classification (IPC) and co-inventors than men. The policy implications of these disparities and accompanying advantages are discussed.

Introduction

Innovation is critical to economic development [1] and depends upon the full participation of the scientific workforce [2]. Yet, the growing field of “innovation studies” [3] demonstrates that there are many disparities in the exploitation of human capacity for innovation. Particularly well-noted areas are the dearth of academic and female innovators [4, 5], to this lack of innovation in the academic sector has been to stress academic entrepreneurship which encompasses the varied ways in which faculty at educational institutions engage in innovative and high risk activities which have the potential for financial rewards for them or the institution with which they are affiliated [6]. This is most typically operationalized through commercialization of science activities such as patenting [2], which was heavily promoted following the enactment of the Bayh-Dole Act in 1980 in the United States and similar in other countries [5].

Number of authorships with n self-citations



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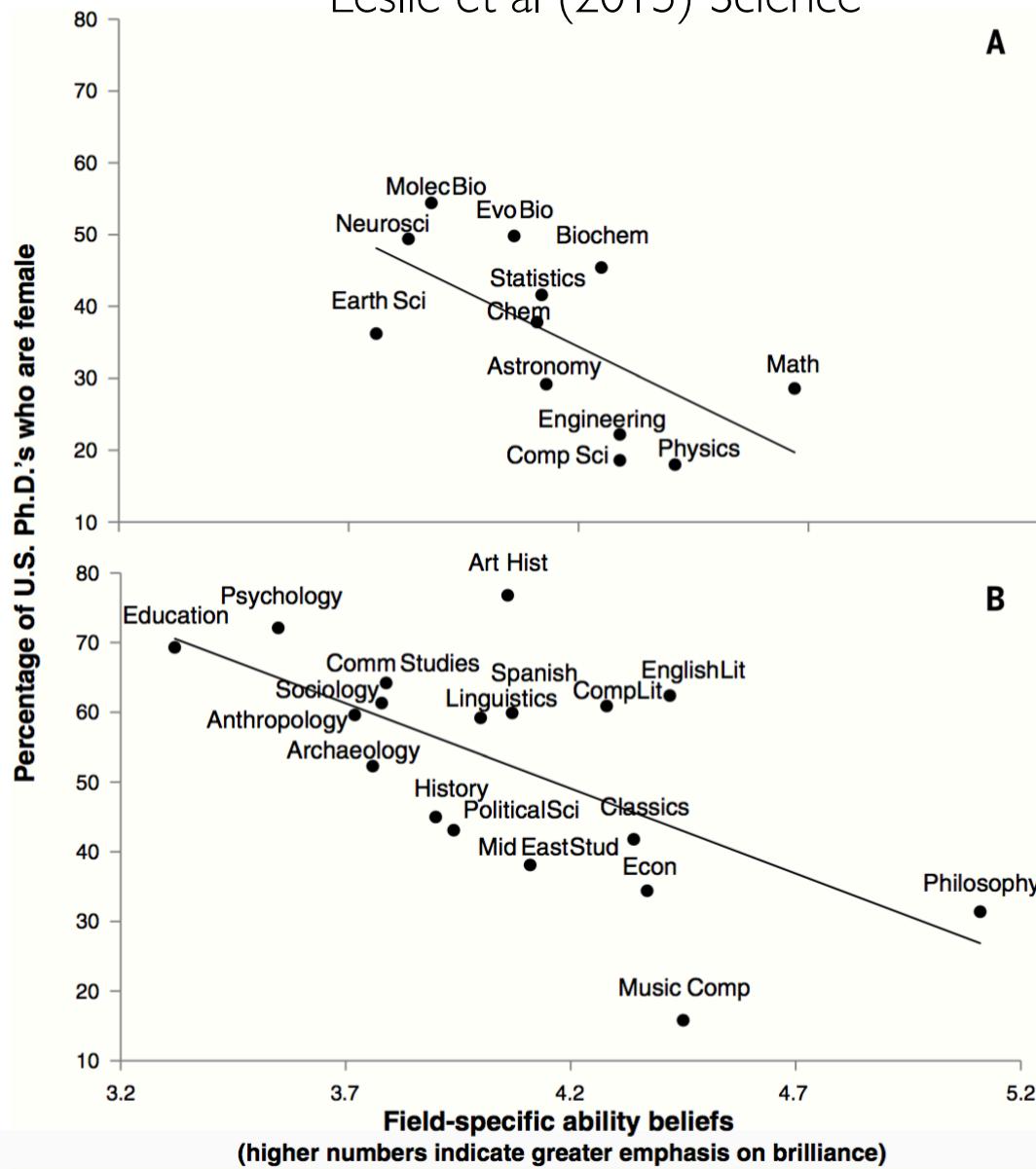


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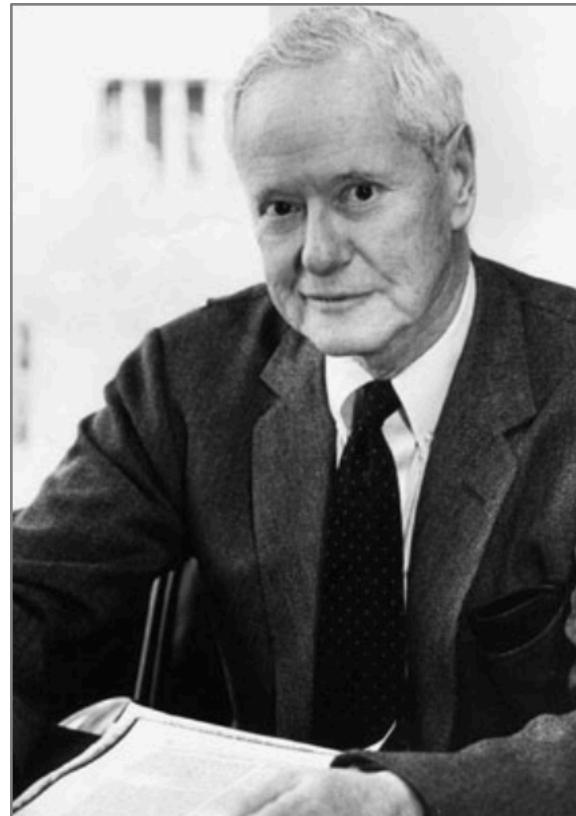
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Reviewer's conclusion: we should get a man's name on MS to improve it (male colleagues had already read it) (2/4)



It would probably also be beneficial to find one or two male biologists to work with (or at least obtain internal peer review from, but better yet as active co-authors), in order to serve as a possible check against interpretations that may sometimes be drifting too far away from empirical evidence into ideologically biased assumptions.

Mathew Effect



Robert Merton

Matilda Effect

Denial of the contribution of women scientists in research
first described by Matilda Joslyn Gage



Mary is a female researcher working in an interesting field. She has got relevant ideas and has obtained promising results

but



it is **Marc**, male fellow researcher in the same field, who is going to get the credit for Mary's work.

It happened to the work of such extraordinary female scientists as:

Lise Meitner

Rosalind Franklin

Marietta Blau



Harriet Zuckerman

Margaret Rossiter (1993)

Visualizing Scholarly Influence Over Time

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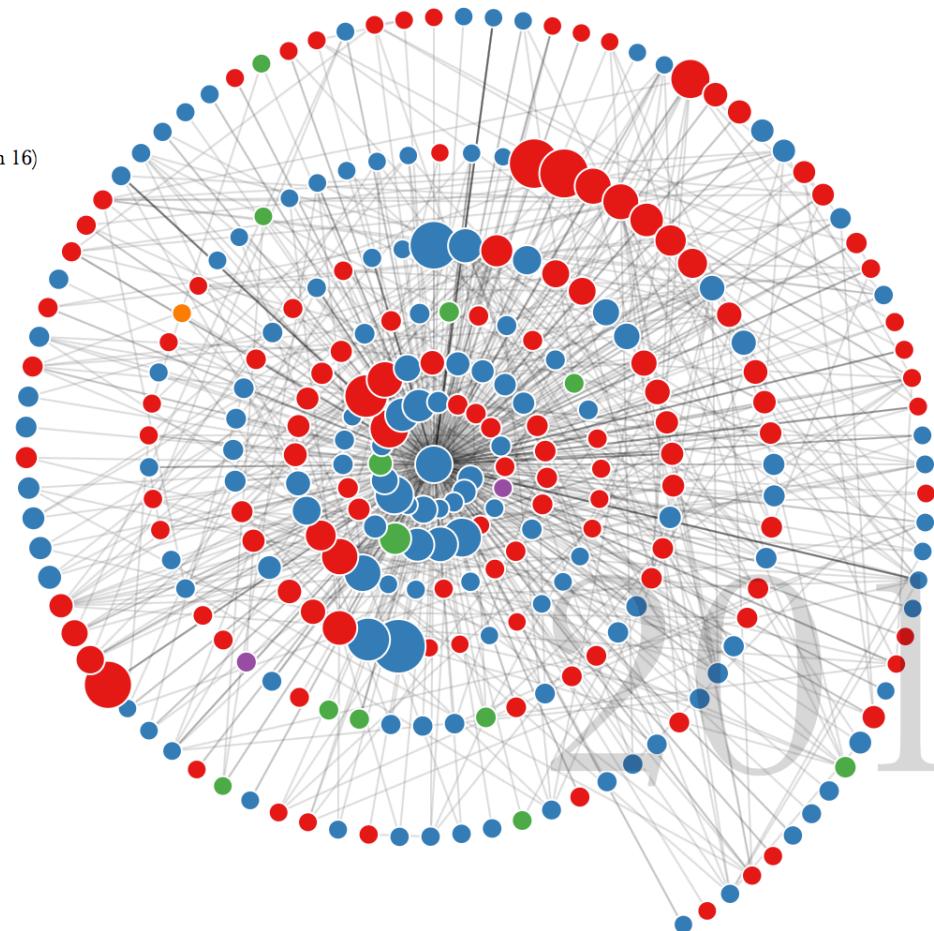
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% PhDs overall	7–9	9–22	23–30	29–37	38–40
Computer sciences	n/a	n/a	9–18	14–19	16–21
Engineering	0–1	1–3	4–8	9–15	16–20
Life Sciences	8–14	13–25	26–39	38–46	47–52
Mathematics	5–7	6–16	13–18	18–24	25–30
Physical Sciences	3–5	5–11	11–19	19–24	25–29
Psychology	18–24	24–41	42–56	58–67	67–71
Social Sciences	8–12	11–26	27–35	33–42	43–46
% Tenure track faculty	n/a	n/a	10–15	16–22	24–28
Full Professors	n/a	5	5–8	9–14	16–19

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Full Professors	n/a	5	5–8	9–14	16–19
% Authors overall	10.6	14.2	20.1	25.3	29.2
Single author	8.7	12.5	18.7	24.5	28.5
1st author	9.2	12.9	19.3	25.3	30.9
2nd author	14.8	16.2	20.8	25.0	28.8
Last author	15.0	15.2	17.6	20.1	22.8

What gender disparities still exist across academia?



Full text for
8.2 million articles over
345 Years



Names from over
300 million boys and girls
from 1880 - 2010

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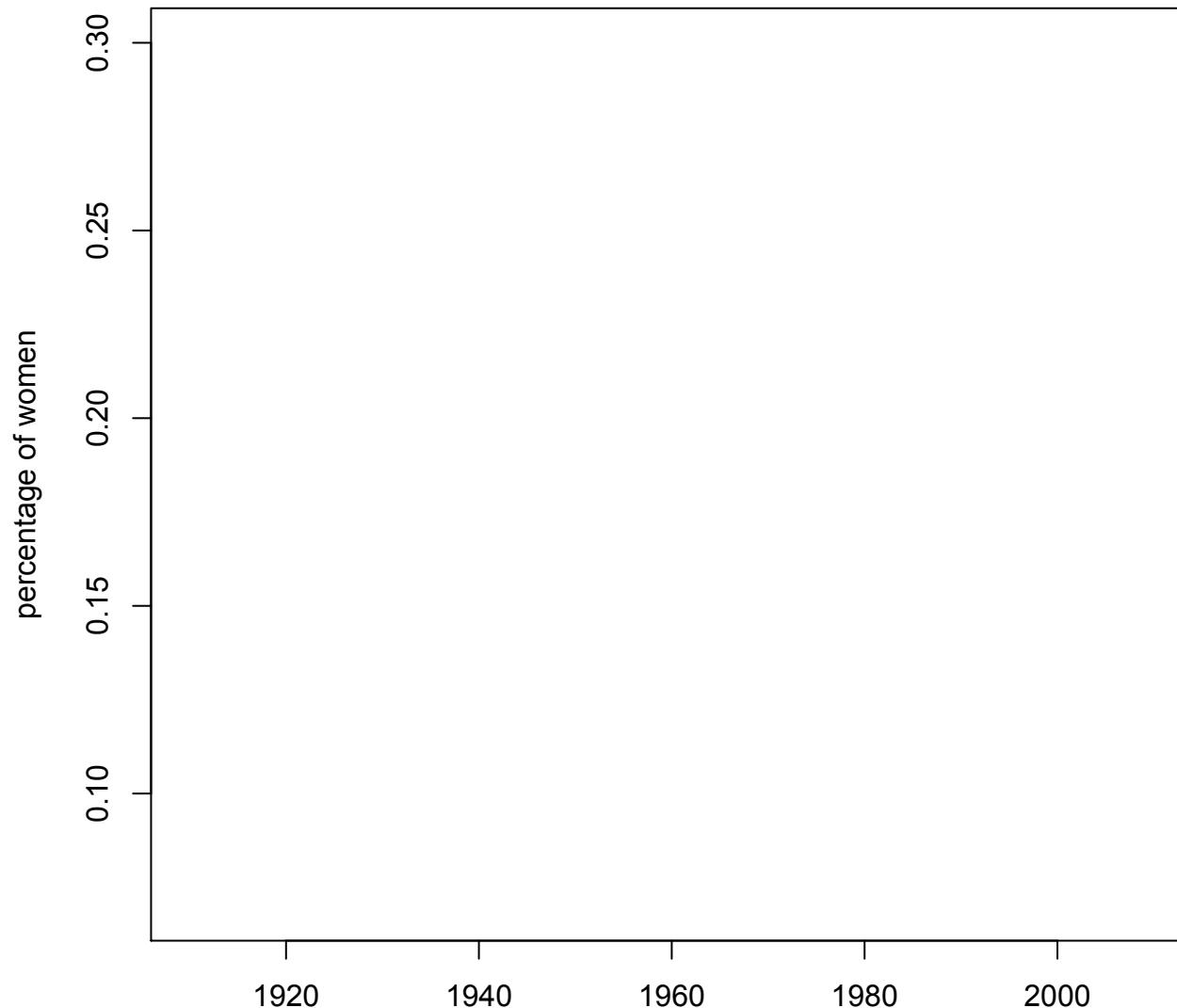
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a paper for which the person is
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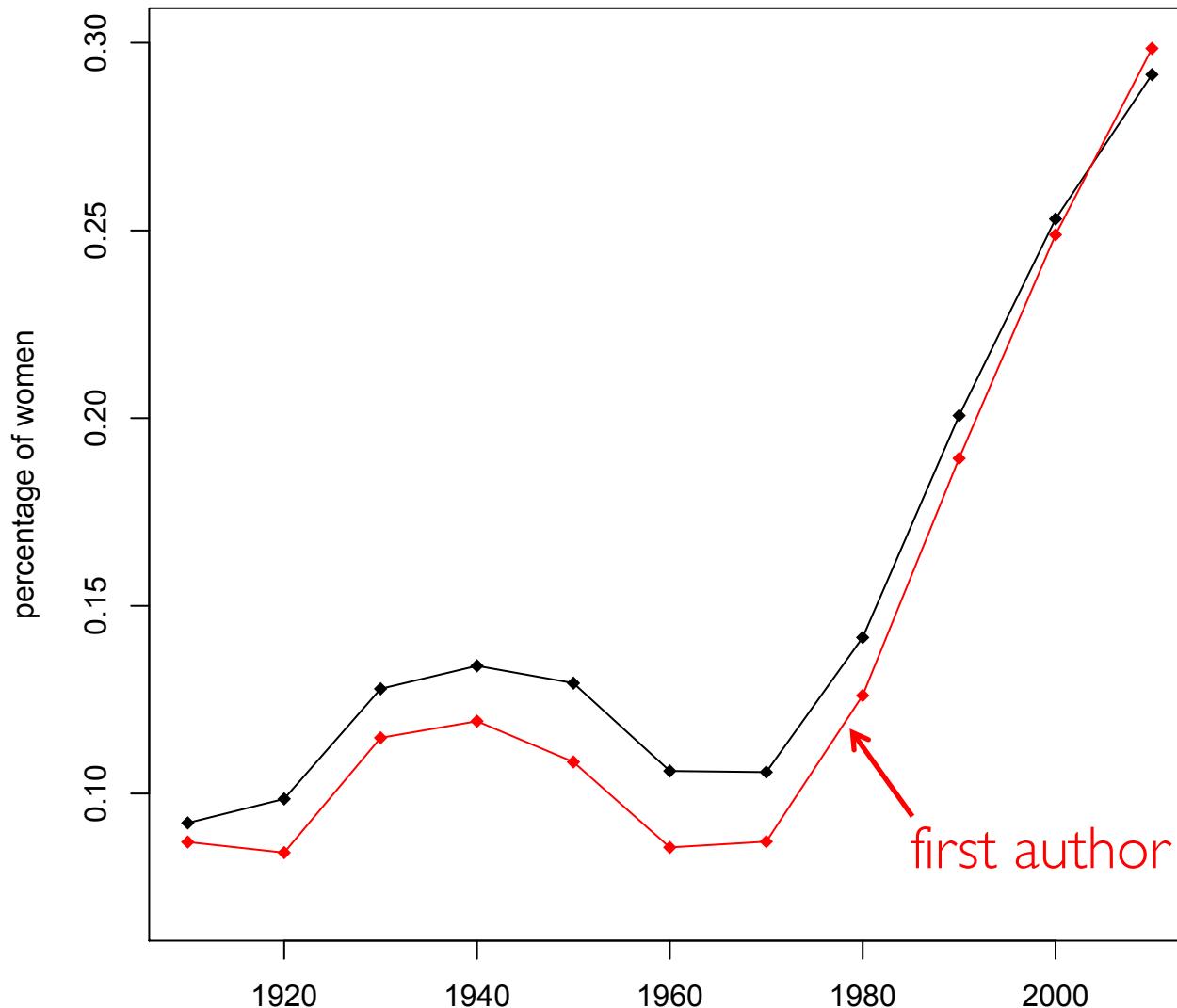
3.6 million authorships

Field	% female	authorships
Mathematics	10.64	6134
Philosophy	12.04	12190
Economics	13.68	69142
Probability and Statistics	18.11	28324
Political science - international	19.07	14908
Political science-US domestic	19.09	15705
Ecology and evolution	22.76	279012
Law	24.21	18503
Organizational and marketing	25.44	32119
Physical anthropology	27.05	16296
Radiation damage	27.69	7825
Classical studies	28.88	6372
Molecular & Cell biology	29.25	277032
History	30.47	15585
Veterinary medicine	31.81	10960
Cognitive science	32.12	12786
Anthropology	36.46	19900
Pollution and occupational health	37.57	32108
Sociology	41.41	44895
Demography	41.90	7600
Education	46.35	28635

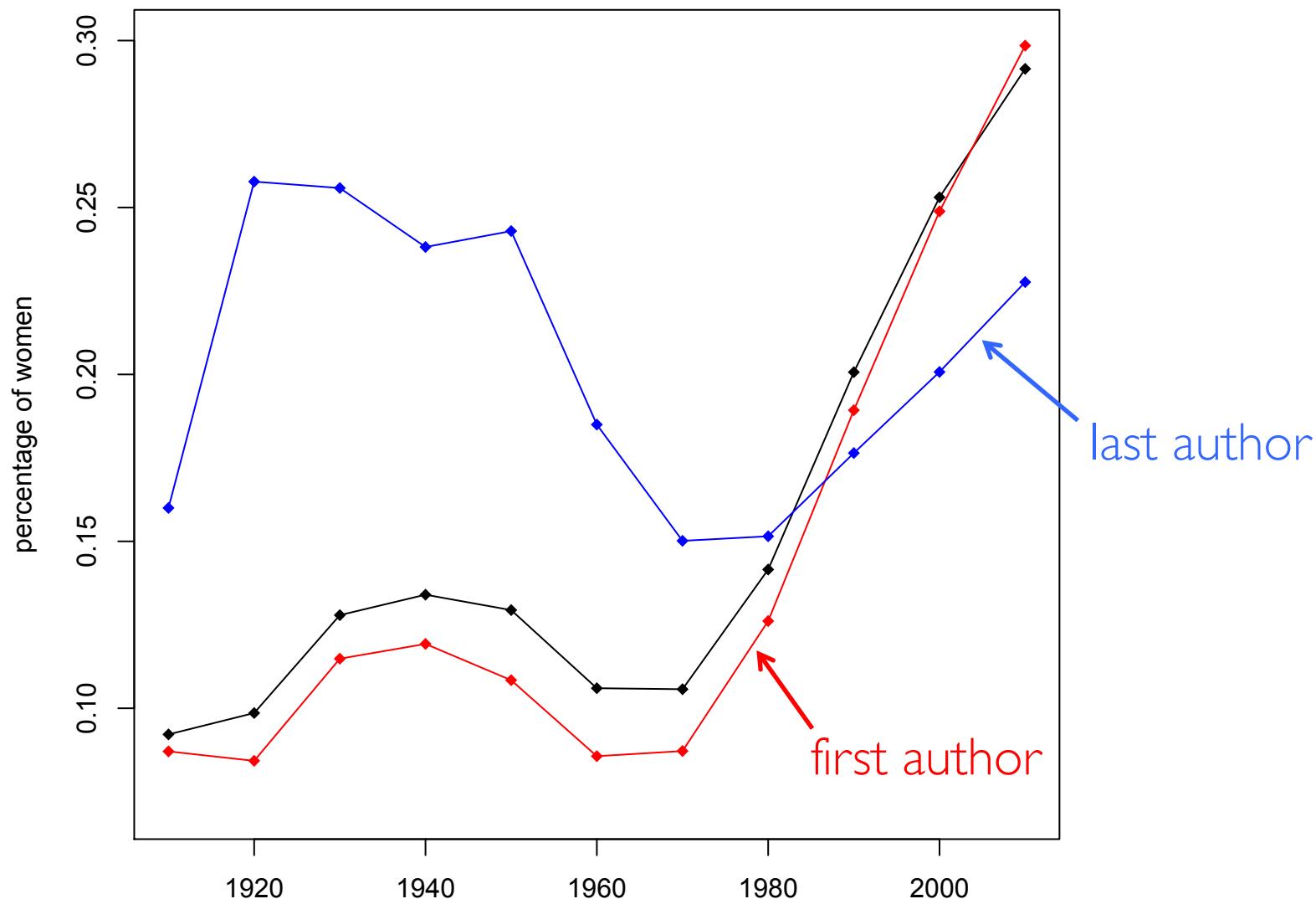
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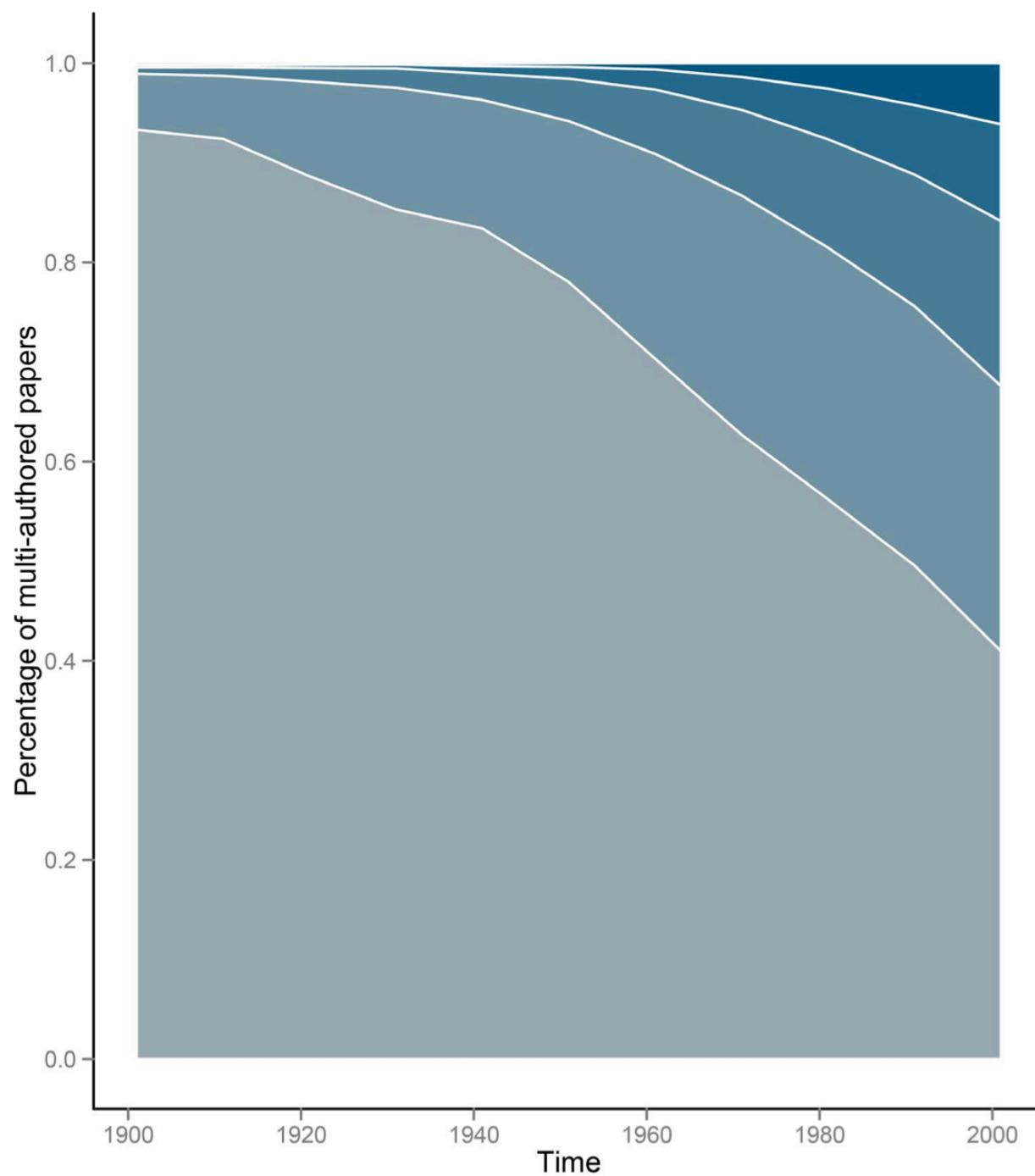


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Ecology and evolution

Plant ecology

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Phylogeny

Population genetics

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Species diversity and conservation

Map

Molecular & Cell biology

Cell growth

Exosome

The tree

Values for new sequence

Economics

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Stock markets

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Yellow

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Law

Sociology of the family

30 other areas under investigation

10 different areas

Probability and Statistics

Anthropology

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Education

Organizational and marketing

Classical studies

Mathematics

Philosophy

DATA

Women as Academic Authors 1665-2010

Women's presence in higher education has increased, but as authors of scholarly papers—keys to career success—their publishing patterns differ from those of men. Explore nearly 1,800 fields and subfields, across four centuries, to see which areas have the most female authors and which have the fewest, in this exclusive *Chronicle* report. See how overall percentages differ from the important first-author position and—in two major bioscience fields—from the prestigious last-author position. See "About these data" for details.

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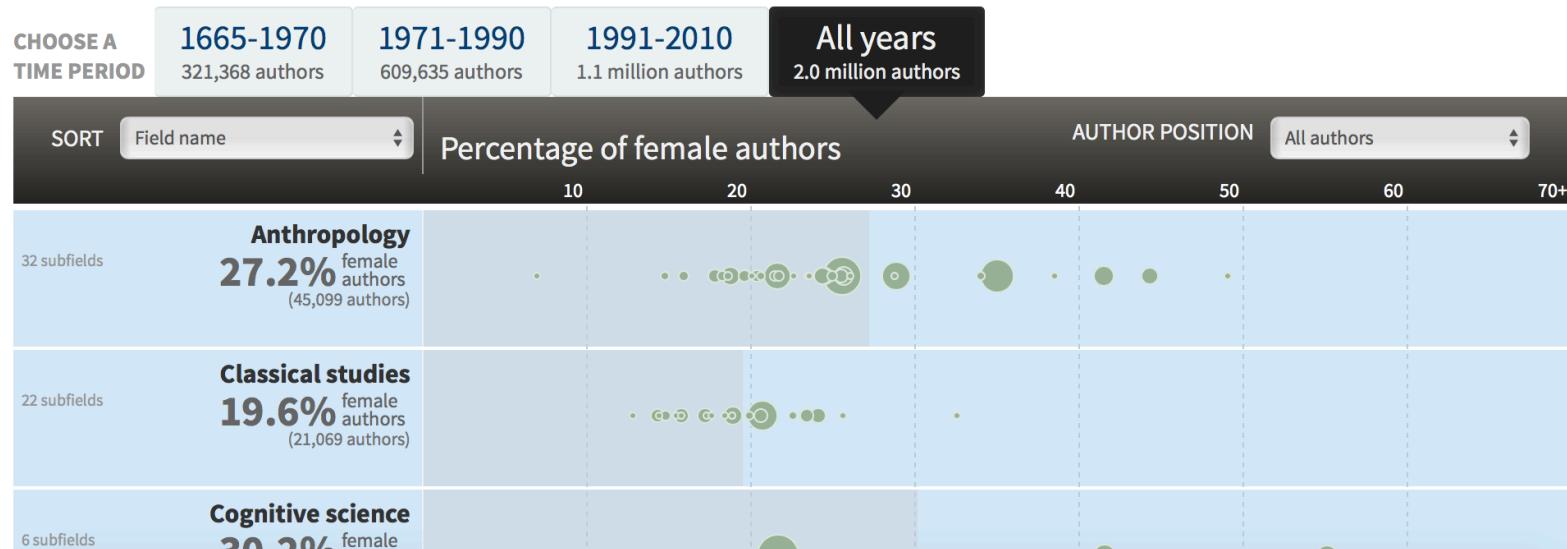
KEY

+ 32 subfields Anthropology 36.7% female authors (18,764 authors)

Select field name to view its subfields.

Bars show percentage of female authors in field.

Circles are subfields size corresponds to number of authors. L corresponds to percentage of female authors.



Talk Outline

- Gender in Academic Authorship
- Self-citation Differences
- Patents and Inventorship
- Homophily versus Heterophily
- Recommendations

Motivation: Why Study Self-Citation?

- Women authors: fewer cites
- Could be due partly to self-cites
 - +1 self-cite → +3 cites from others over 5 years (Fowler & Aksnes 2007)
- Case of workplace self-promotion

Men set their own cites high: Gender and self-citation across fields and over time

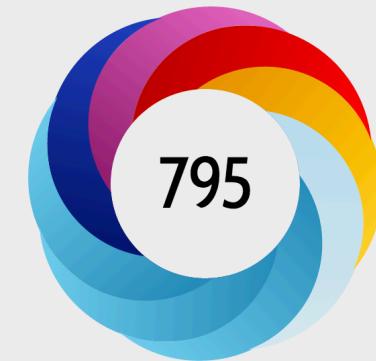


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Men set their own cites high: Gender and self-citation across fields and over time

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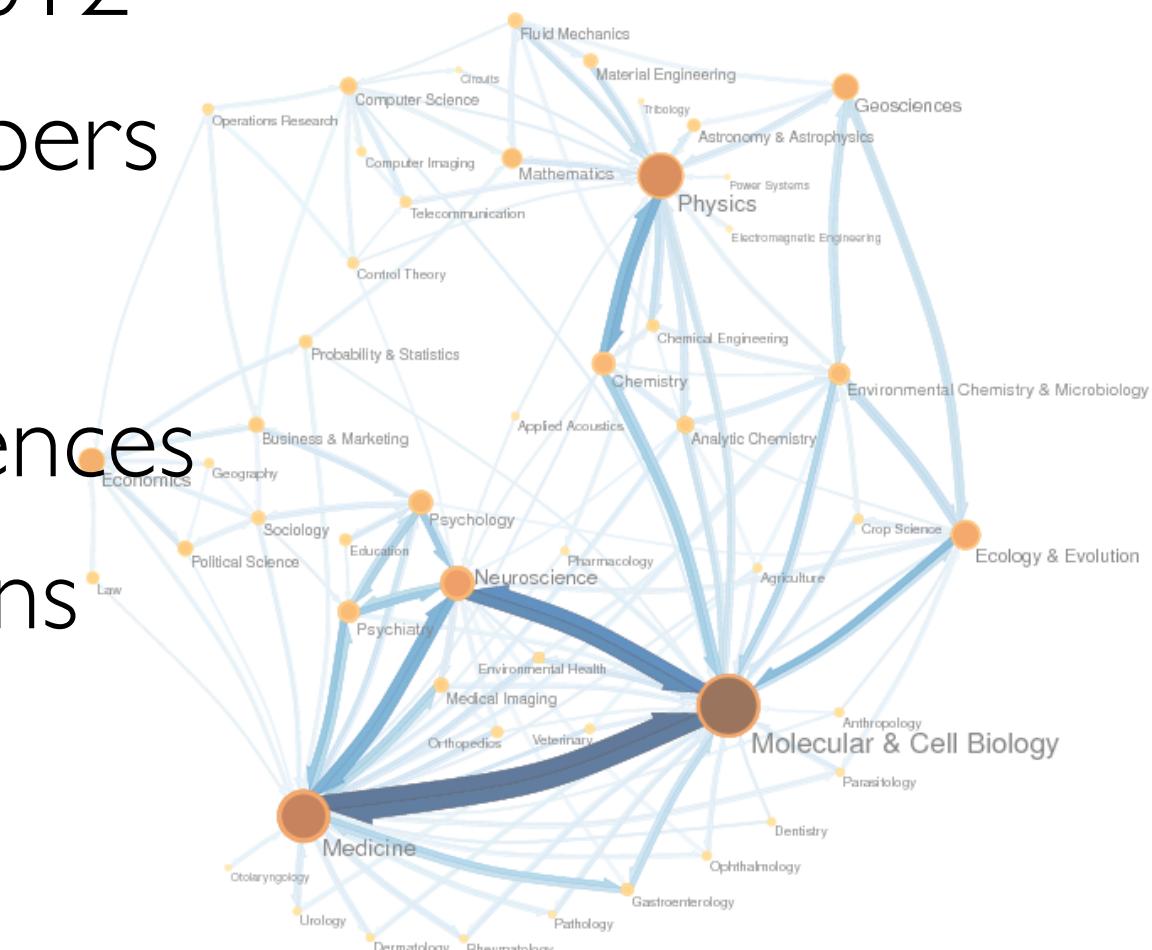
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Data: JSTOR “Network Dataset”

- Years 1950-2012
- 1.6 million papers
- 9.4% of references
are self-citations



Methods: authorship-to-authorship citations

Pooja Gupta, Colin Jones, and John Williams (2010)
cites the paper

Rita Paulson, Colin Jones, and Sarah Erikson (2008)

9 authorship-to-authorship citations **39.4M**
| self-citations: Colin Jones to Colin Jones **1M**

Self-citation rates

678,768 author self citations that are male-to-male

121,923 author self citations that are female-to-female

216,671 author self citations that I cannot tell the gender

Men self-citations represent 84.8% of the population

Women self-citations represent 15.2% of the population.

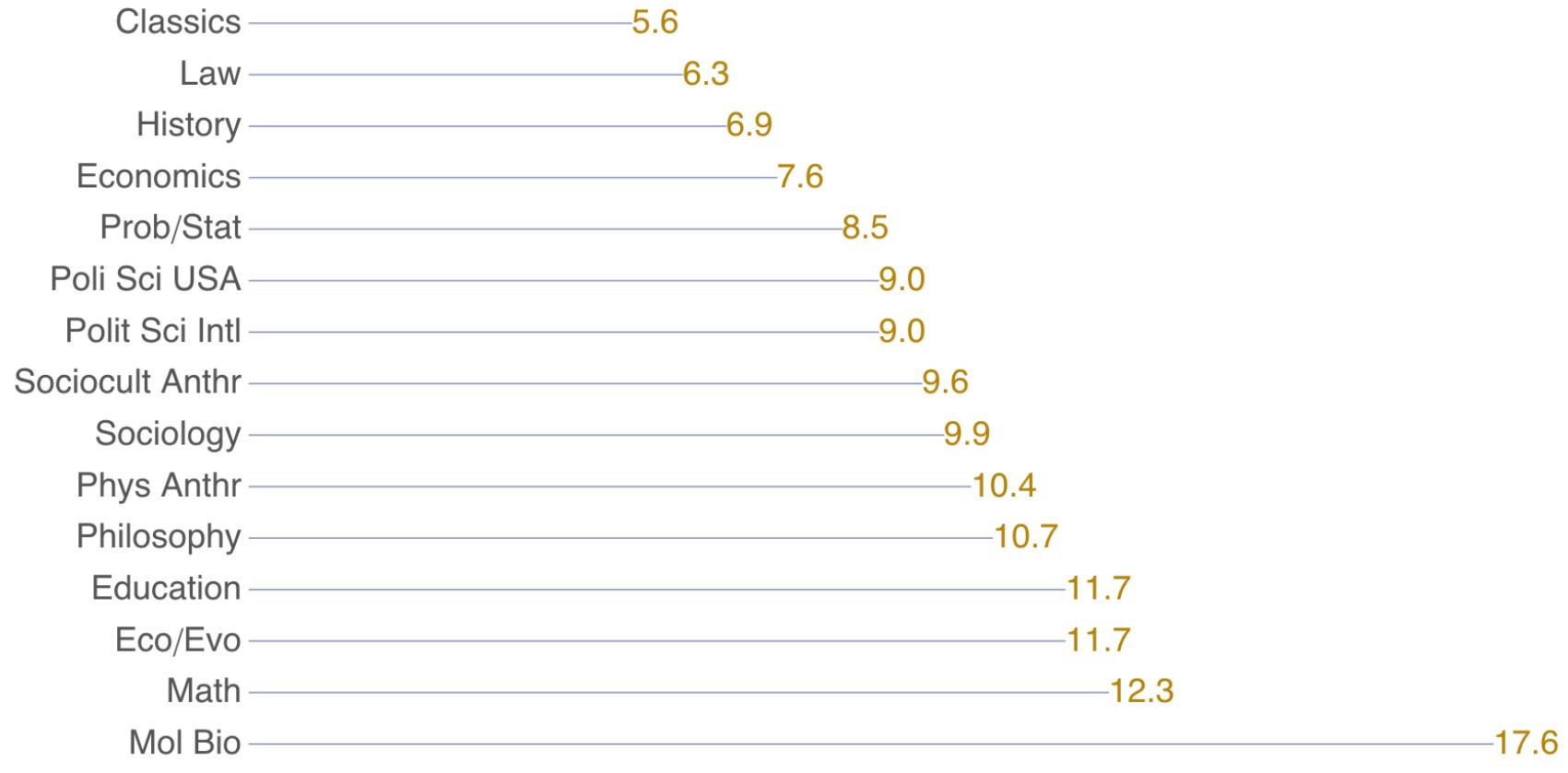
448,389 women

1,596,125 men

Men represent 78.1% of the population.

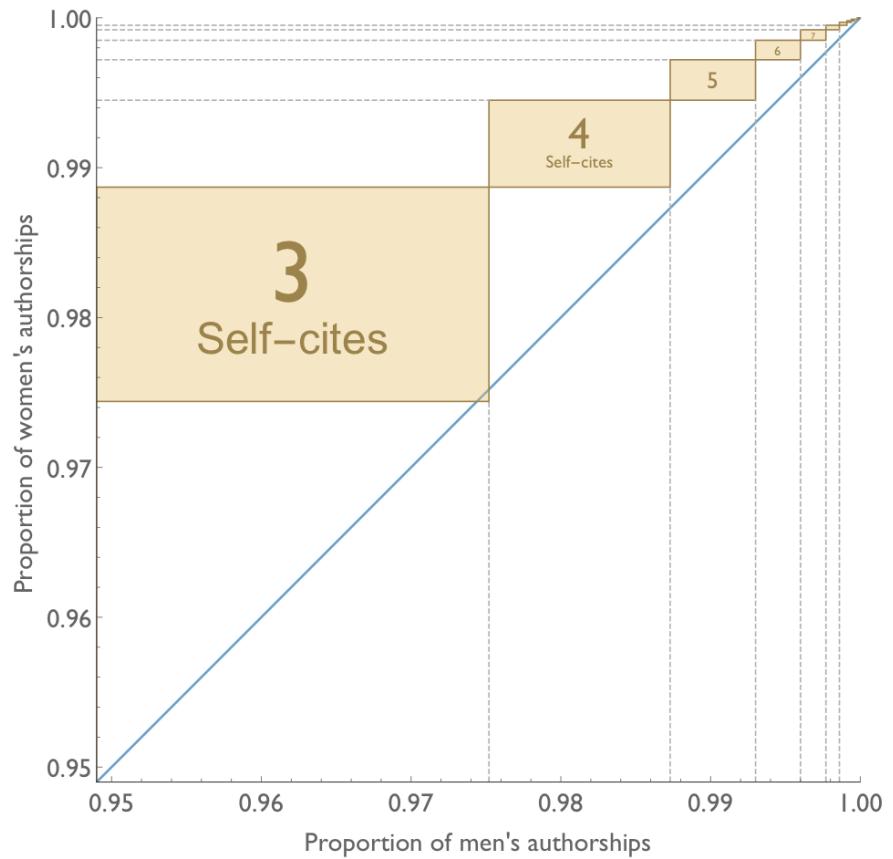
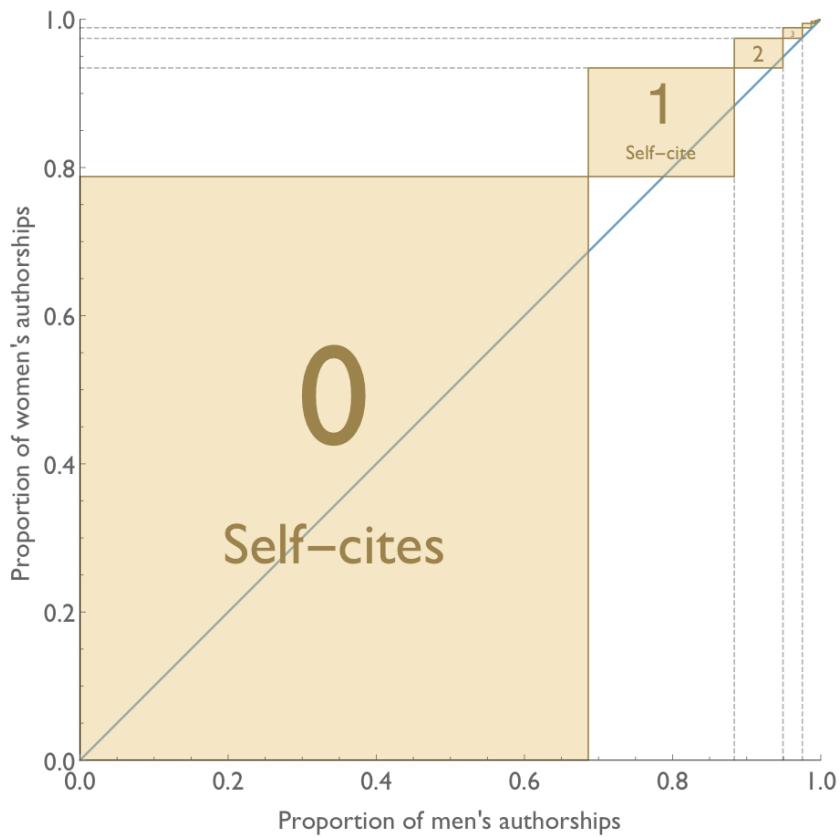
Women represent 21.9% of the population.

Self-citation by Field



Percentage of self citations per publication

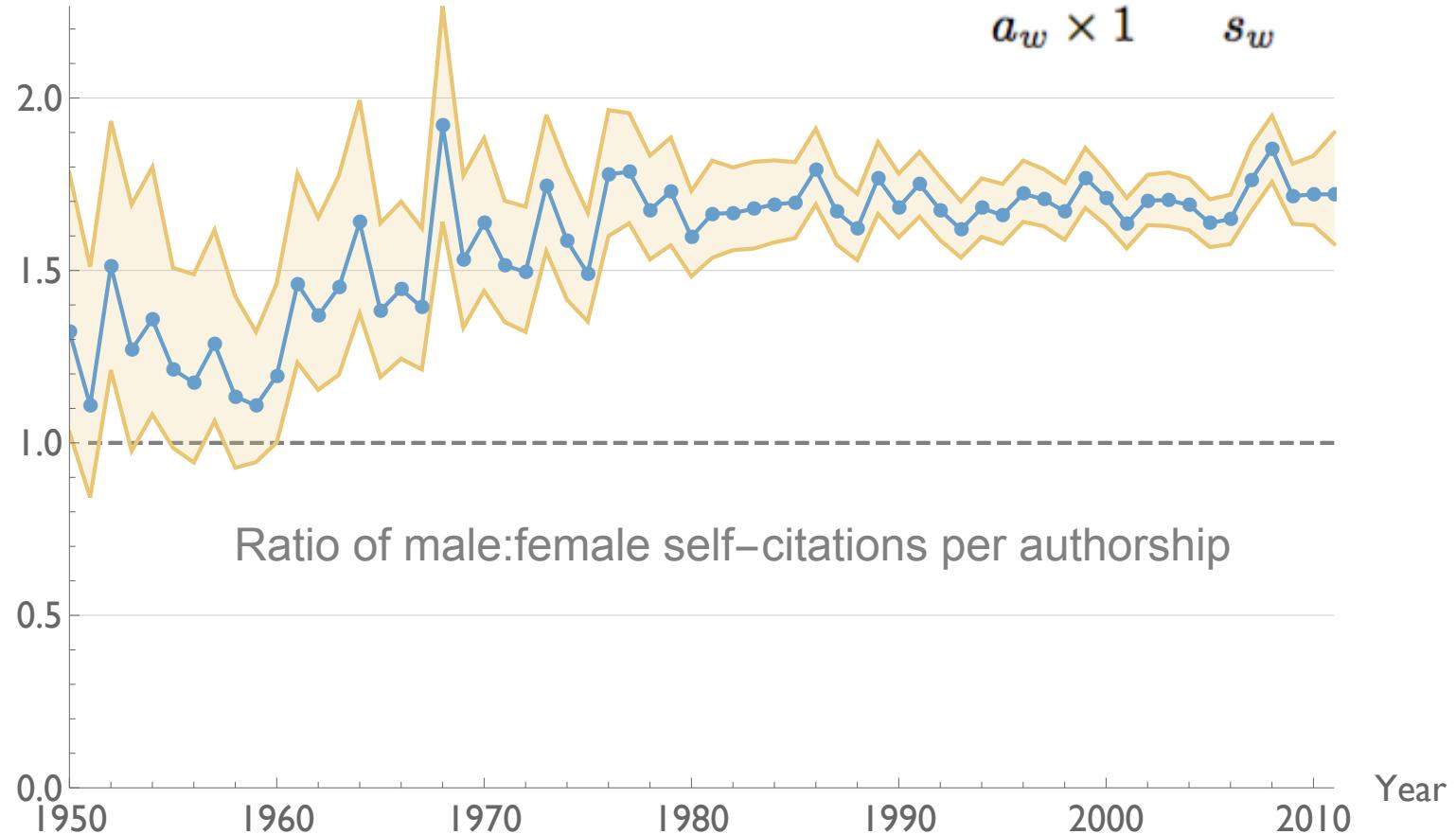
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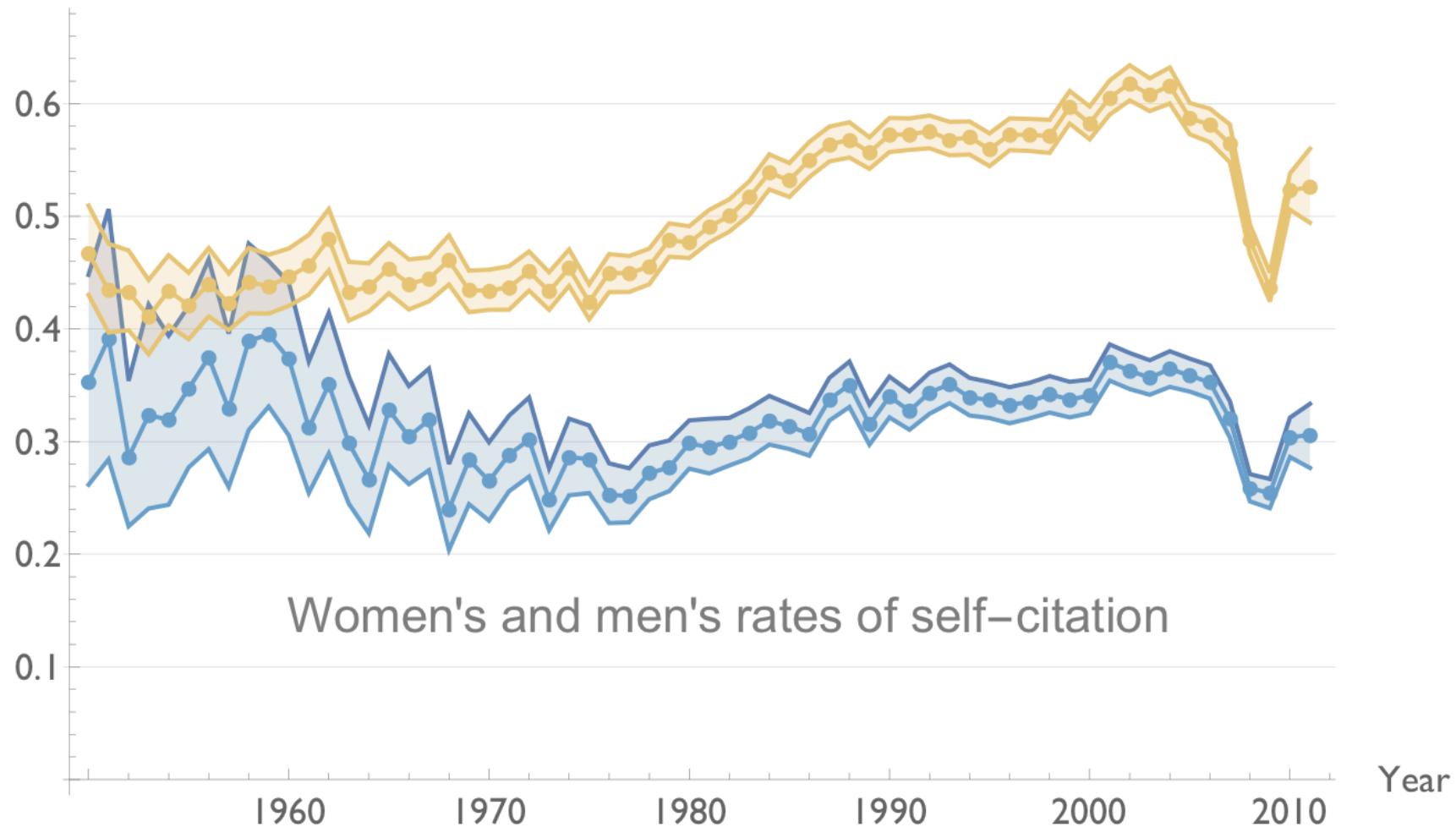
Self-citation over time

Ratio M:F

$$\frac{a_m \times k}{a_w \times 1} = \frac{s_m}{s_w}$$

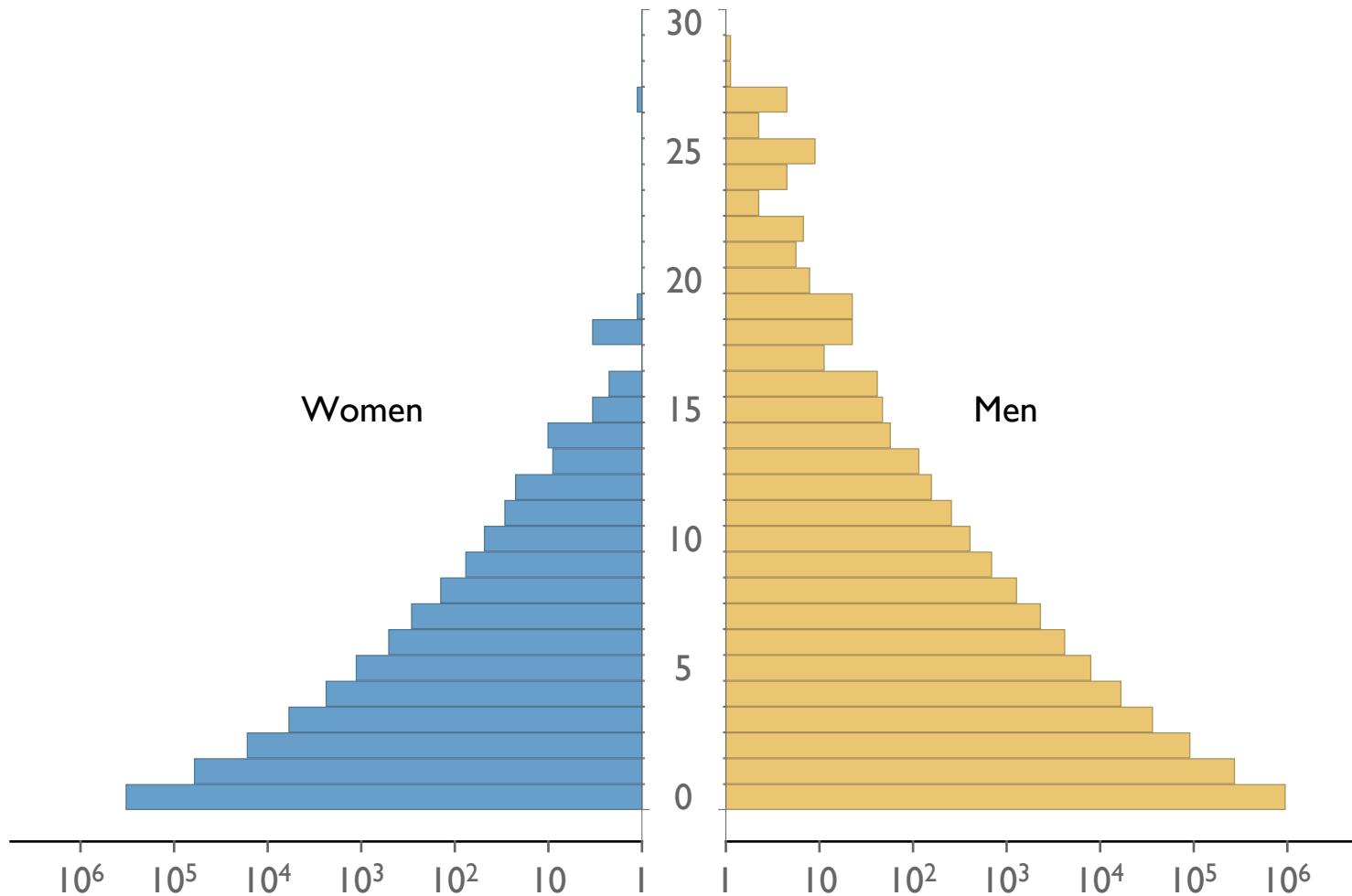


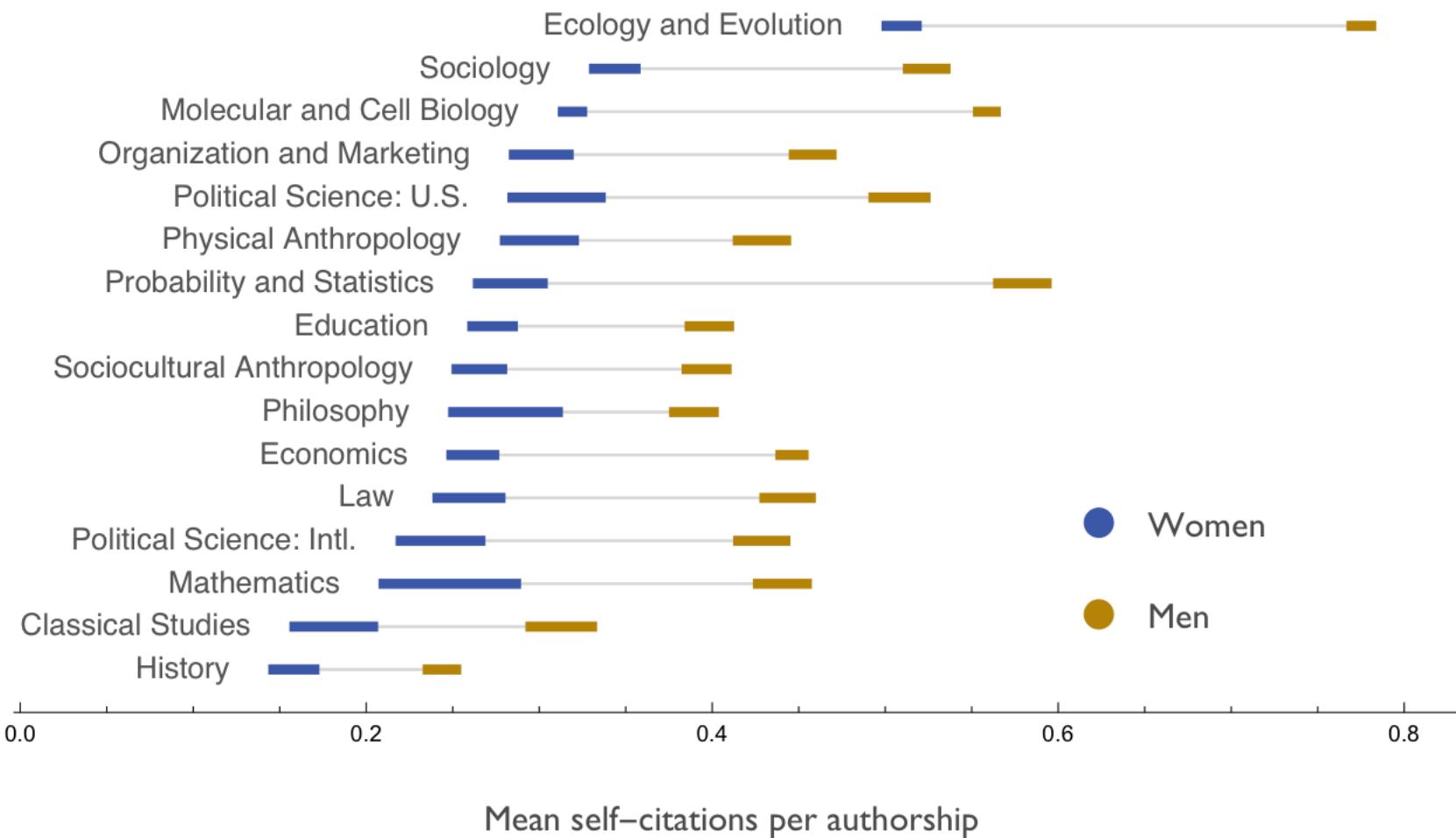
Self-cites / authorship



Excessive Self Citation

Number of authorships with n self-citations







Potential Mechanisms

- Men may self-cite more because they evaluate their abilities more positively than women
- Men face fewer social penalties for self-promotion.
- Men specialize more in academic subfields, and specialization may encourage more self-citation
- Men publish more papers, particularly earlier in their careers, and therefore have more work to cite
- Men publish different types of papers; namely, the types of papers an academic may be more likely to self-cite
- Women switch fields more often so reduce their need for self-citation
- What else?

Talk Outline

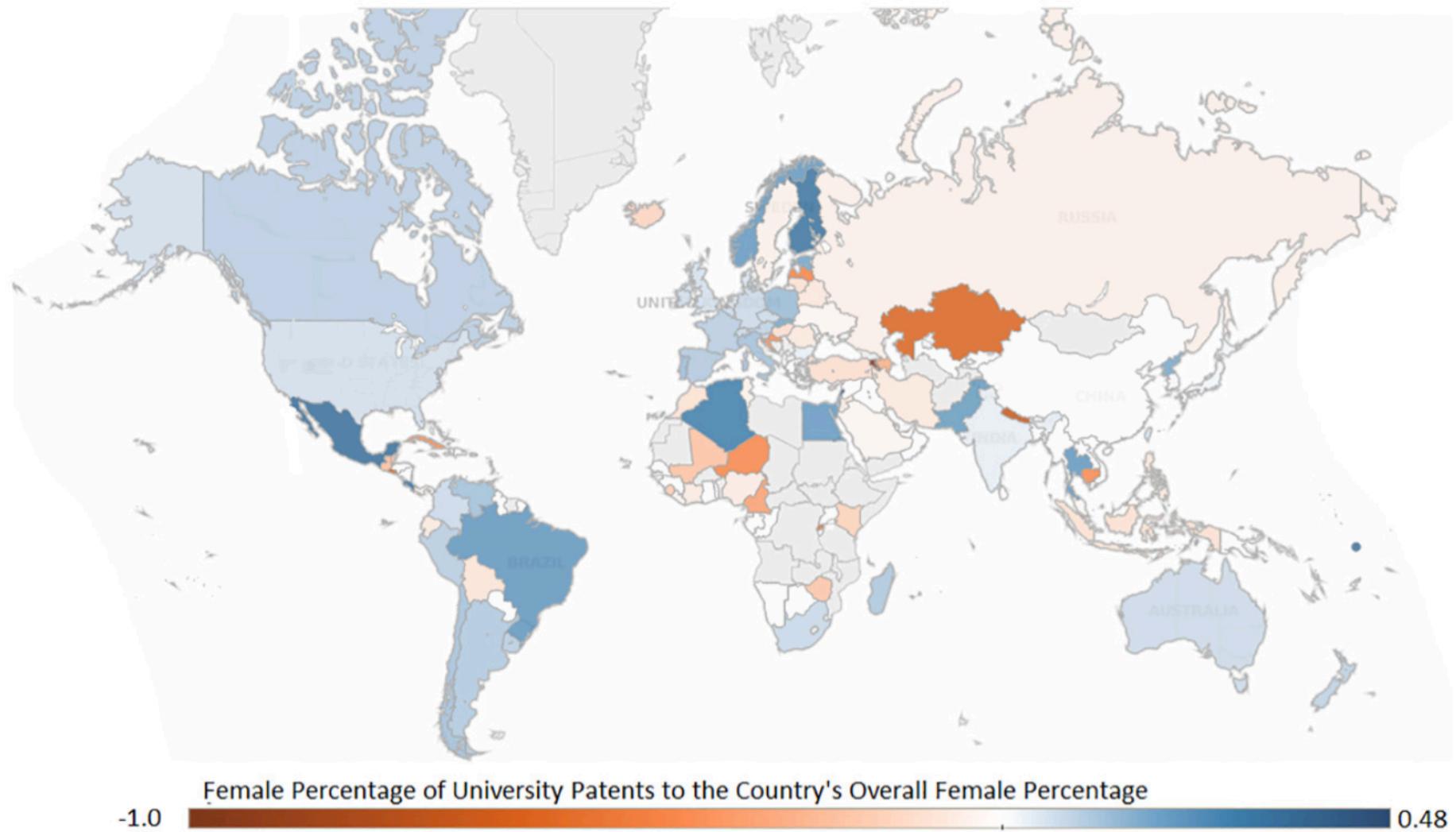
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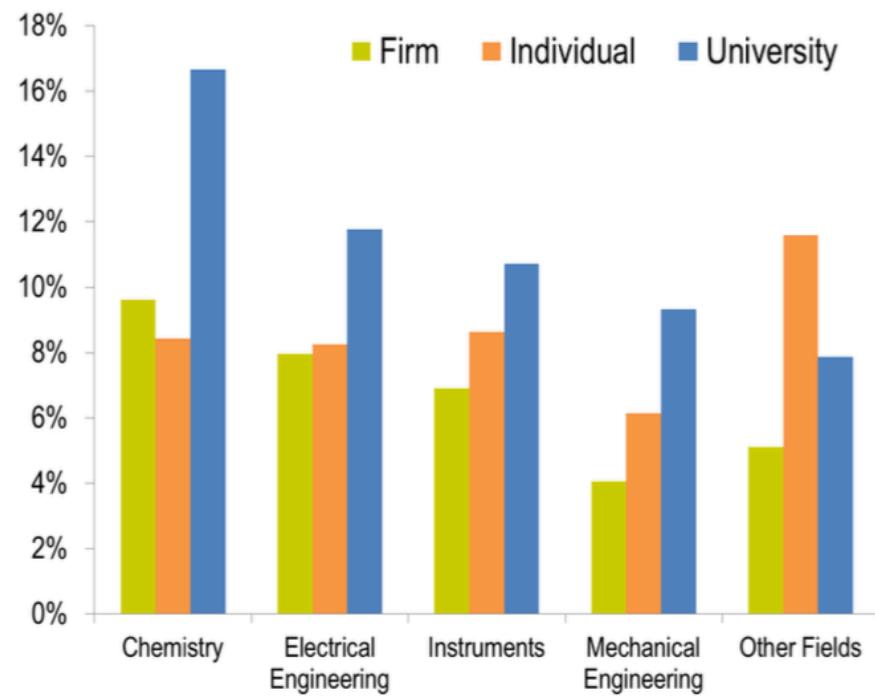
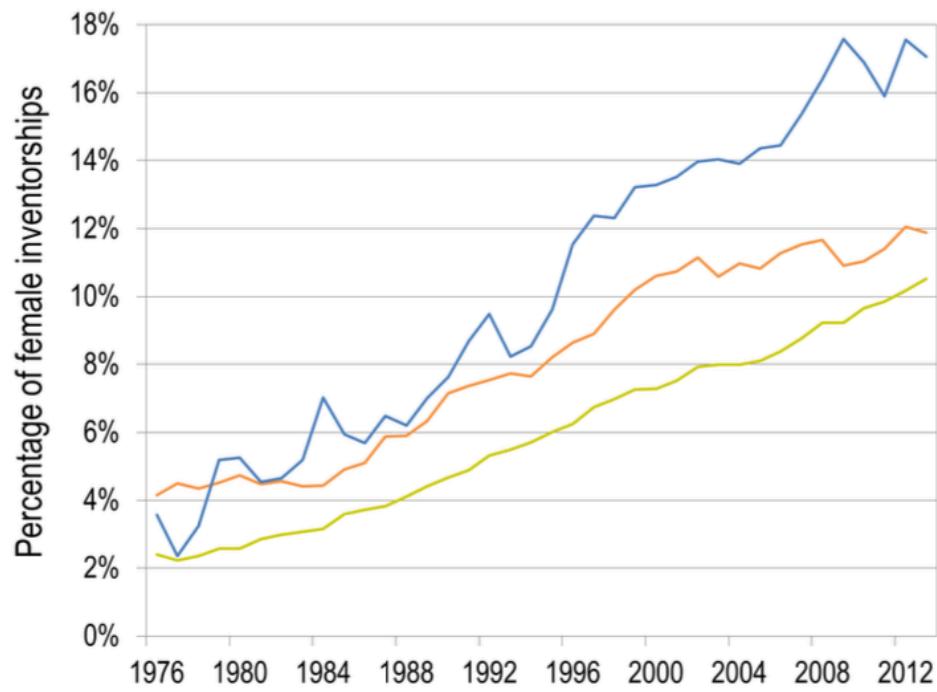
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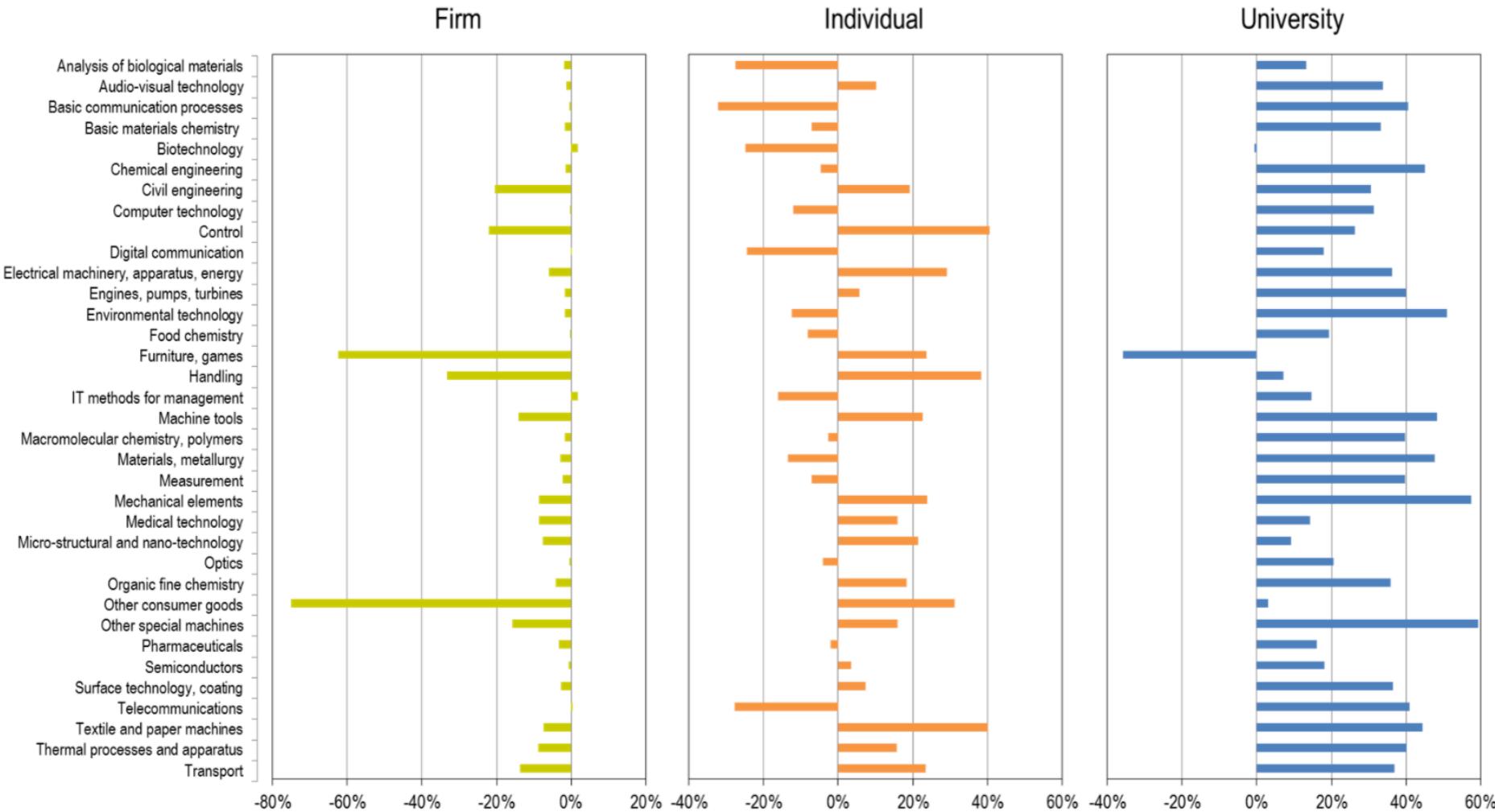
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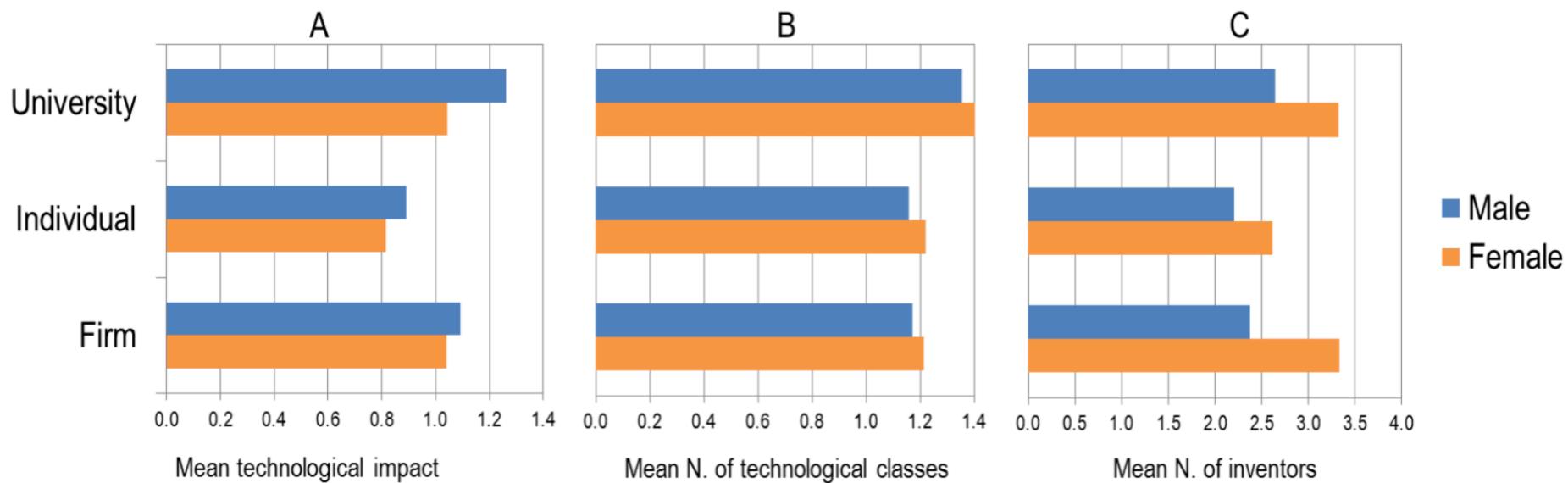
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Gender Differences by Industry



'Impact' differences by gender



Gender differences

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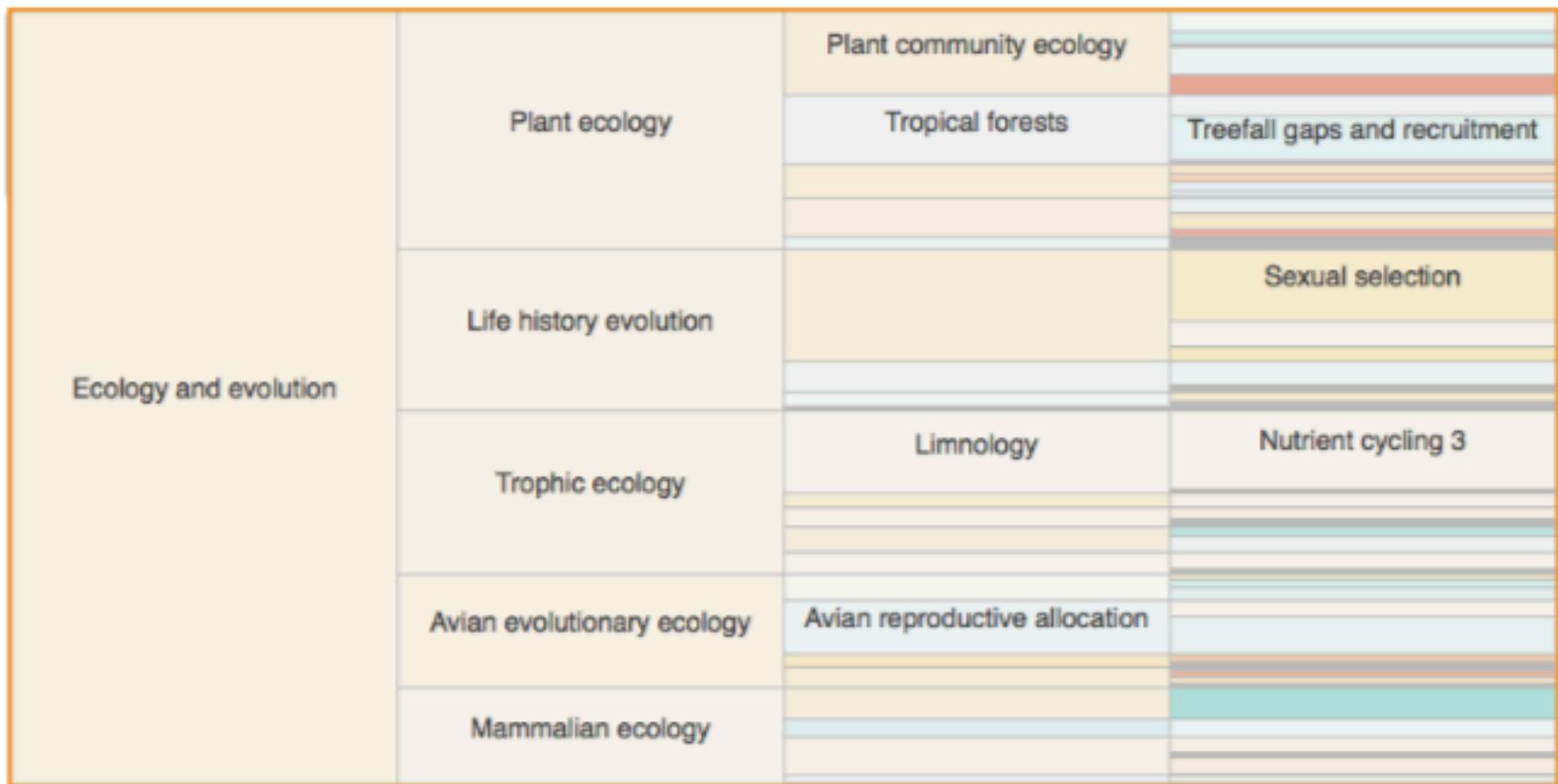
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Time Period (1665 - 2009)



Future Directions

- Full disambiguated author data set
- Paper and journal status effects
- Homophily versus Heterophily
- Patent acceptance rates
- What else?

What to do?

Avoiding gender bias in reference writing

Got a great student? Planning to write a super letter of reference?
Don't fall into these common traps based on unconscious gender bias.

Mention research & publications

Letters of reference for men are 4x more likely to mention publications and twice as likely to have multiple references to research. Make sure you put these critical accomplishments in every letter!

Don't stop now!

On average, letters for men are 16% longer than letters for women and letters for women are 2.5x as likely to make a minimal assurance ('she can do the job') rather than a ringing endorsement ('she is the best for the job').

Emphasize accomplishments, not effort

Letters for reference for men are more likely to emphasize accomplishments ('his research', 'his skills', or 'his career') while letters for women are 50% more likely to include 'grind-stone' adjectives that describe effort. 'Hard-working' associates with effort, but not ability.

We all share bias

It is important to remember that unconscious gender bias isn't a male problem. Research shows that women are just as susceptible to these common pitfalls as men. This is a problem for all of us - let's solve it together!

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Keep it professional

Letters of reference for women are 7x more likely to mention personal life - something that is almost always irrelevant for the application.

Also make sure you use formal titles and surnames for both men and women.

Stay away from stereotypes

Although they describe positive traits, adjectives like 'caring', 'compassionate', and 'helpful' are used more frequently in letters for women and can evoke gender stereotypes which can hurt a candidate. And be careful not to invoke these stereotypes directly ('she is not emotional').

Be careful raising doubt

We all want to write honest letters, but negative or irrelevant comments, such as 'challenging personality' or 'I have confidence that she will become better than average' are twice as common in letters for female applicants. Don't add doubt unless it is strictly necessary!

Adjectives to avoid: Adjectives to include:

caring	successful
compassionate	excellent
hard-working	accomplished
conscientious	outstanding
dependable	skilled
diligent	knowledgeable
dedicated	insightful
tactful	resourceful
interpersonal	confident
warm	ambitious
helpful	independent
	intellectual

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