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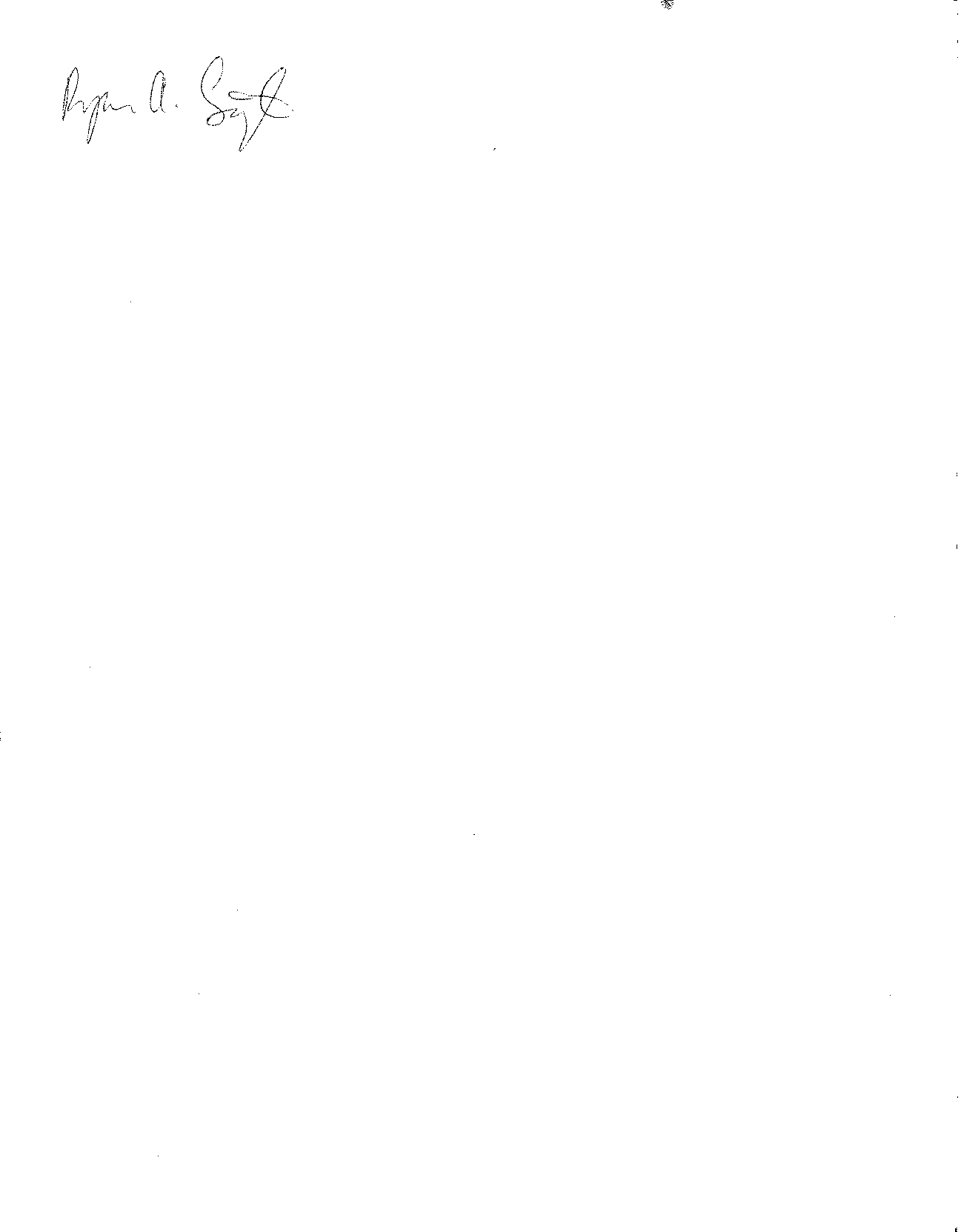
Dear Editors:

Thank you for considering this manuscript, Misapplied Metrics: Variation in the *h*-index within and between disciplines, for publication in *PLOS ONE* that I co-authored with Jill Ann Harrison. This manuscript draws on several articles published in *PLOS ONE* at the intersection of quantitative science studies and inequality, including X and X, and we, therefore, hope that you agree that it is a good fit.

In this manuscript, we address a sources of inequality in the use of the *h­­*-index for evaluative purposes. While critiques against the use of bibliometrics for evaluative purposes are well-known, there use by university and grant administrators continues. We extend prior research on this topic evaluating within- and between-discipline differences in the *h*-index. Drawing on data on high-performing scholars in dozens of disciplines, we build multilevel models of the *h*-index. Results indicate that significant within-discipline and between-discipline inequalities contribute differences in *h*-index scores. The universal application of the *h*-index likely contributes to persistent inequalities in the academy.

Editors interested in sociology and bibliometrics, like Frank Havemann, or sociology and science generally, like Nora Engel, are well-positioned to assess this manuscript.

Sincerely,



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