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WELCOME TO THE 7ᵀᴴ VOLUME

Linguistic Portfolios (LP) continues to make important strides in the crowded field of online, open-access academic journals. In previous volumes, I have touted the success of LP using two metrics: the sheer number of downloads and the quality of the institutions that download articles. The two metrics still hold true. This year, I'm adding a third metrics, i.e., the global reach of LP. Readers from all corners of the world download articles from LP, as shown on the map below:
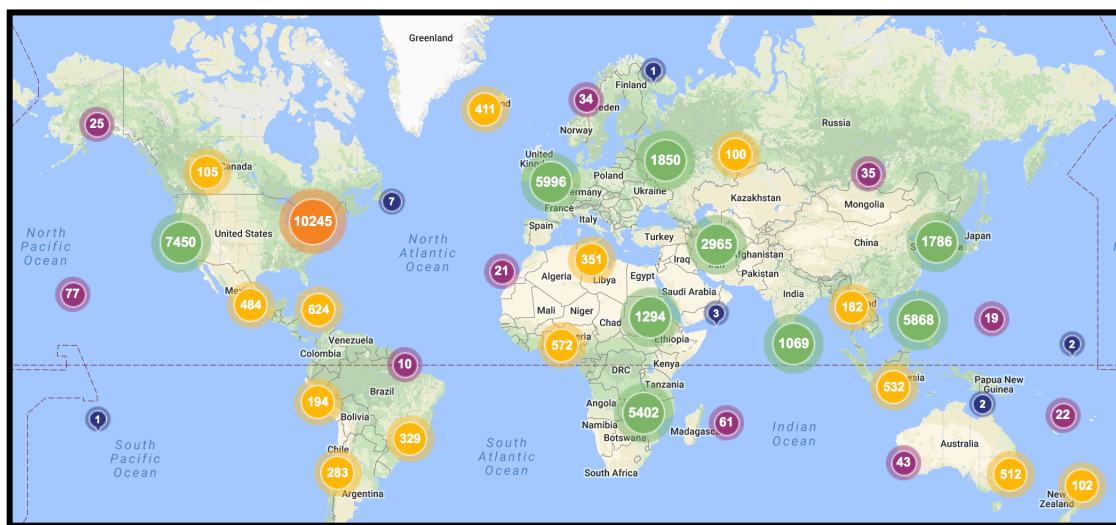
The aggregates of downloads per region are as follows: North America (17,719), South America (1,923), Africa (7,701), Europe (8,456), Asia/Oceania (11,318). These downloads cover the first five years since LP has been in existence. As of 4/06/2018, the 80 papers in LP's repository have been downloaded 65,810 times. The number of downloads for this year alone is 16,205!

Starting with this issue, LP is adopting the authorship policy stated in **Recommendation Five** (p. 5) of *Fostering Integrity in Research*, namely, "In addition to specifying all authors, standards should 1) provide for the identification of one or more authors who assume responsibility for the entire work, 2) require disclosure of all author roles and contributions, and 3) specify that gift or honorary authorship, coercive authorship, ghost authorship, and omitting authors who have met the articulated standards are always unacceptable. Societies and journals should work expeditiously to develop such standards in disciplines that do not already have them."[1]

LP is open to all students from Minnesota and neighboring states whose papers are innovative and of extremely high academic quality. The only requirement is that papers be recommended by the faculty member who taught the course or who supervised the research project. His/her name appears at the end of the paper as the recommender. The deadline for submission is always **December 31ˢᵗ** of each year. *We are now accepting submissions for Volume 8, 2019*.

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[1] National Academy of Sciences. 2018. *Fostering Integrity in Research*. National Academic Press. Online at: www.nap.edu/21896.