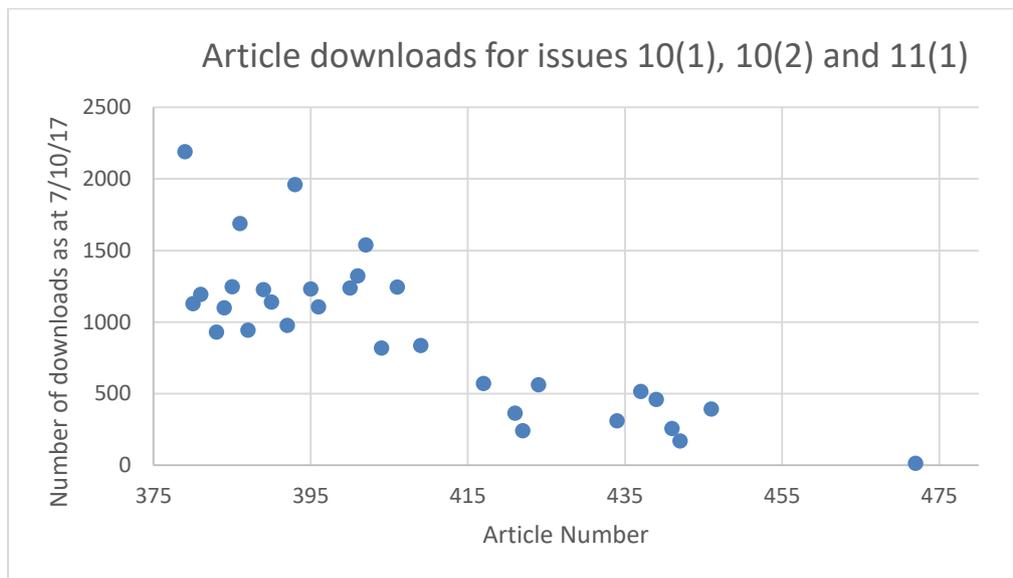


Journal News – 2017

This year has been another strong year for the journal with nine articles published so far and at least another two likely to be published before the end of the year, including a paper on research done at the University of Botswana, illustrating the international interest in the journal.

It has also been pleasing the extent to which JALL continues to make authors' work highly visible, with the chart below revealing that authors can expect around 500 or more downloads per year. (Note that higher article numbers have been published more recently, and so have not had as much time to accumulate downloads as articles with smaller numbers.)



A good number of papers have also been submitted for consideration for being included in the AALL Conference special issue, which is due to be published at the end of January, so look out for that. Fiona Henderson (Victoria University) and Corinna Ridley (Deakin University) have taken on the big job of being the editors for this special issue.

During the year, one of the founding co-editors of JALL, Rosemary Clerehan, decided to stand down from her position on the editorial team. On behalf of the rest of the editorial team, and all of the authors who have benefited from her editorial guidance over the years, I would like to express our deepest gratitude for her contributions and hope that she gets to enjoy many great articles in the future from “the other side of the fence.”

On a not so happy note, it is becoming increasingly difficult to find reviewers for papers. And worse still, a growing number of prospective reviewers are not even responding to requests to say they cannot take on a review at the time of asking, consequently leading to delays in the reviewing process and frustrations to the editors as they need to chase up nonresponding reviewers and then look for someone new to approach when they still get no response. So, if you are a prospective reviewer who *would* be happy to review one or two papers per year for the journal, then we'd love to hear from you.

On a more positive note, a big thank you to all the reviewers and the regular editorial team, Kate Chanock, Claire Aitchison, Cally Guerin, Rosemary Clerehan, Tim Moore and Andrew Johnson, who *have* all volunteered considerable amounts of their time and expertise to ensure JALL continues to publish high quality work of value to the academic language and learning community.

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