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For the sixth year in a row, the number of positions advertised in the MLA *Job Information List* (*JIL*) decreased. The decline for 2017–18 was, however, significantly smaller than it was in 2016–17, when both editions, English and languages other than English, suffered a drop of 11.5%. (For ease of reading, "languages other than English" will be referred to as "languages" throughout this report.) In 2017–18 the number of English positions dropped from 837 to 828 (a 1.1% decline), and the number of positions in languages dropped from 808 to 770 (a 4.7% decline).

Figure 1 shows the trends for the number of positions announced in each edition across the forty-three years from 1975–76 to 2017–18. The declines of the past six years bring the number of advertised positions to below the level reached after the severe drop between 2007–08 and 2009–10. Positions in the English edition declined by 54.7% between the prerecession academic year 2007–08 and the academic year 2017–18, and positions in the edition for languages declined by an almost identical percentage, 54.2%. After the recession, the years 2010–11 and 2011–12 saw modest increases: English positions rose by 8.2% in 2010–11 and by 3.8% in 2011–12, and positions in languages rose by 7.1% and 3.0%. But as figure 1 shows, the numbers never approached the prerecession peaks of 1,826 positions in the English edition and 1,680 positions in the edition for languages. English has been below the historical threshold of 1,000 positions for three years now, and languages have been below it for four years.

Until 2013–14, the *JIL* appeared in print in several seasonal issues: October, covering jobs submitted through early September; December, for jobs submitted through mid-October; February, for jobs submitted through mid-January; April, for jobs submitted through mid-March; and the Summer supplement, for jobs submitted through early July. Positions were counted for each of the issues starting in 1975. It is still useful to divide the electronic list by "issue" and to compare the trends in the number of positions over the long span of time since 1975.[1] Figure 2 shows the number of positions by issue for the English edition, and figure 3 does the same for languages. The most notable trend is the diminished weight of the October list over time. In the late 1980s, the 1990s, and the early 2000s, the October list dominated, typically listing more than half the number of positions for the academic year.

The electronic version of the *JIL* first appeared in 1997–98, and weekly updates began in 1998–99. It was no longer necessary for advertising departments to rush to meet the October issue deadline, since their positions would appear the week of their submission or the week after. It took several years for advertisers' habits to change, but that change is reflected in the increasing significance of the December list in the early 2000s. By the mid-2010s, the December list was larger than the October list.

Since the recession, the number of positions advertised in the second half of the *JIL* (the February, April, and Summer issues) has consistently been more than half

the number of positions published in the list; the delay in the advertisement of positions may reflect the increasing difficulty in securing funding for positions.

In addition to reading *JIL* listings to count the number of positions announced, staff members in the MLA's office of programs analyze the data in the *JIL* database to determine the number and characteristics of the ads departments place. The number of ads is always somewhat smaller than the number of positions the ads list, since some ads list more than one position. In 2017–18 the English edition contained 713 ads, and the edition for languages contained 712. The number of interdisciplinary ads was 145; interdisciplinary ads appear in both the English and languages editions.

Tables 1 and 2 show the breakdown of ads by rank—instructor, assistant professor, associate professor, professor, and postdoctoral fellow (this last rank has been counted since 2013–14). The tables cover two decades and show the changes in both the number and percentage of ads for each rank. Ads marked solely "assistant professor" dominate the listings. In English, 58.2% of ads in 2017–18 were for assistant professors, up slightly from 54.6% in the previous year (table 1). In languages, 48.5% of ads in 2017–18 were for assistant professors, down from 50.9% in the previous year—and the lowest percentage in two decades (table 2). The highest percentage of assistant professor ads was reached in 2002–03 for both English (67.1%) and languages (60.9%). In the last decade, the increase in the percentage of ads tagged "instructor" in the languages edition is notable; these ads now make up more than a fifth of all ads in languages.

Virtually all positions announced in the *JIL* are full-time, and the *JIL* thus provides no insight into hiring for the part-time faculty positions that have been the fastest-growing segment of the academic workforce. Moreover, not all departments have used the *JIL* to advertise faculty positions they seek to fill. Only a handful of two-year colleges have used the *JIL* to advertise openings on their faculties. Despite these limitations, the number of ads tagged as openings for full-time tenure-track assistant professors and for non-tenure-track instructors is a valuable barometer of trends in full-time, entry-level academic employment in four-year institutions for new and recent graduates of PhD programs.

Table 3 shows the number and percentage of ads in the *JIL*'s English edition, broken out by the index terms for tenure status and rank that advertisers have selected for listings placed since 2007–08. Table 4 shows the equivalent information for listings in the edition for languages. The tables quantify the scale of the contraction in academic job opportunities in the field, especially in tenure-track assistant professor positions, that began in 2008–09 and has persisted since.

From 2009–10 to 2017–18, ads that call for tenure-track assistant professors have claimed an average of 49.0% of ads in the English edition and 37.0% of ads in the languages edition. Earlier, for the two year period from 2007–08 to 2008–09, the corresponding average percentages were several points higher—52.9% and 43.7%. Ads that use "tenure-track assistant professor" and another rank add several more percentage points to the proportion of tenure-track assistant professor ads but are not a large category.

Figure 4 and figure 5 slice the data more simply, by showing only tenure-track status without rank, but they cover a longer span of time than tables 3 and 4. The

graphs show that, over time, as the total number of ads rises, the number of ads for tenure-track positions rises, and as the total number of ads falls, the number of ads for tenure-track positions falls. But a closer look reveals a disturbing trend. In the five years leading to the recession (2004–05 through 2008–09), the percentage of ads for tenure-track positions in English averaged 77.4%, and the percentage for languages averaged 61.8%. In the nine years that followed (2009–10 through 2017–18), the English average was 66.8% and the average for languages was 51.1%. That is, the average percentage of ads for tenure-track positions dropped by more than 10% in both English and languages. The percentage of ads for non-tenure-track positions has correspondingly grown. In languages, ads for tenure-track positions now represent less than 50% of the total; ads for non-tenure-track positions have exceeded ads for tenure-track positions since 2016–17.

Instead of counting the number of ads, tables 5 through 13 count the number of times field categories were tagged in the *JIL*. Language field categories are presented in tables 5, 6, and 11, English field categories in tables 7, 8, and 12, and general field categories, which span both English and languages, are in tables 9, 10, and 13. Because some ads call for more than one field category, the sums of the numbers in these charts do not match the number of ads for each edition.

Table 5 shows the number of times that ads in the languages *JIL* were tagged with specific language designations; the numbers are broken out by tenure status. The row percentage shows the percentage breakdown within a particular language by tenure status, and the column percentage shows the percentage breakdown within a tenure category for all the languages combined. Table 6 presents a subset of these numbers, covering those ads that were tagged for the rank of assistant professor (including ads that were tagged as assistant professor or another rank). Spanish and Latin American had the largest share of ads, both overall and for tenure-track positions; the category French and Francophone was next, followed by Germanic and Scandinavian.

Table 7 shows the number of times that ads in the English *JIL* were tagged with one of three writing categories, with one of five literature categories, or with the category of English education; the numbers are broken out by tenure status. Table 8 presents a subset of these numbers, covering those ads that were tagged for the rank of assistant professor (including ads that were tagged as assistant professor or another rank). In the writing category, composition and rhetoric had by far the largest share, and in the literature category, British literature led but American literature was a close second. In the writing categories taken together, 52.2% of the tags were for tenure-track positions, as compared with 66.6% in the literature categories. For those ads tagged for assistant professor, 70.5% in the writing categories were for tenure-track positions, as compared with 85.5% in the literature categories.

Table 9 shows the number of times that ads in the *JIL* across English and languages were tagged with one of thirteen general categories; the numbers are broken out by tenure status. Table 10 presents a subset of these numbers, covering those ads that were tagged for the rank of assistant professor (including ads that were tagged as assistant professor and another rank). Overall, cultural studies was the category most commonly tagged, followed by comparative literature, linguistics and ESL, interdisciplinary fields, and criticism and theory (excluding the catchall category "other

academic specializations"). For assistant professor positions, postcolonial literature had the highest percentage tagged tenure-track, at 87.8%, followed by criticism and theory, technology and digital media, and world literature (excluding the category "department chair or other administrator"), all of which had tenure-track percentages at 80.0% or higher.

Tables 11, 12, and 13 count the number of times field categories were tagged in the *JIL* over the four year time span from 2014–15 through 2017–18. Language field categories are presented in table 11, English field categories in table 12, and general field categories in table 13. The trends over time generally reflect the decline in the overall number of positions seen in figure 1, but there are increases here and there in individual categories. The number of tags for composition and rhetoric rose from 217 to 238 between 2016–17 and 2017–18, French and francophone increased from 127 to 150, and linguistics and ESL from 108 to 132.

Note

1. We use these cutoff dates to establish the "issues" for ads published since the elimination of the seasonal print publication.

Fig. 1. Number of Positions Advertised in the MLA *Job Information List*, 1975–76 to 2017–18
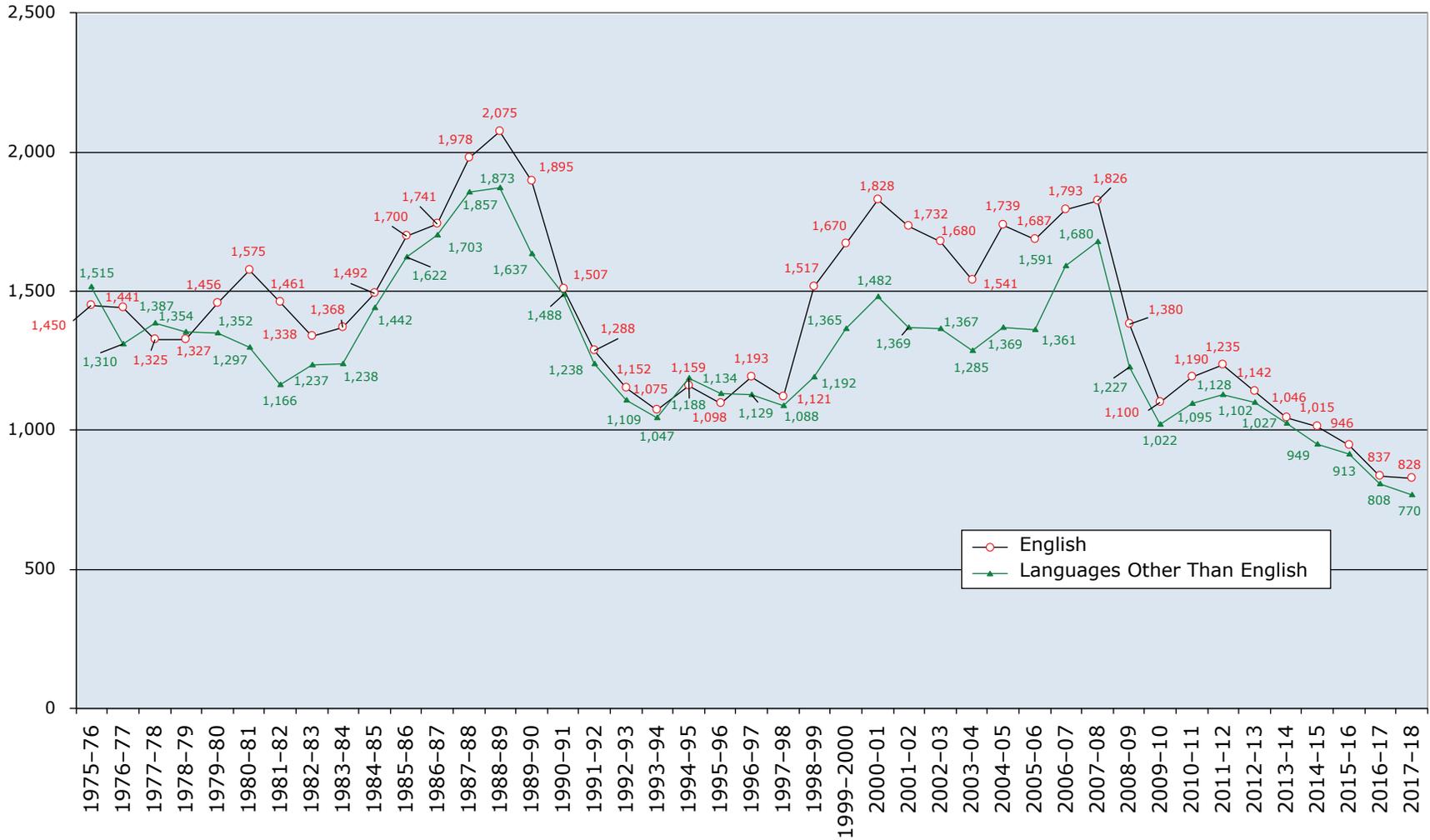
Fig. 2. Number of Positions Listed, by Issue, in the English Edition of the *JIL*, 1975–76 to 2017–18

October   December   February   April   Summer
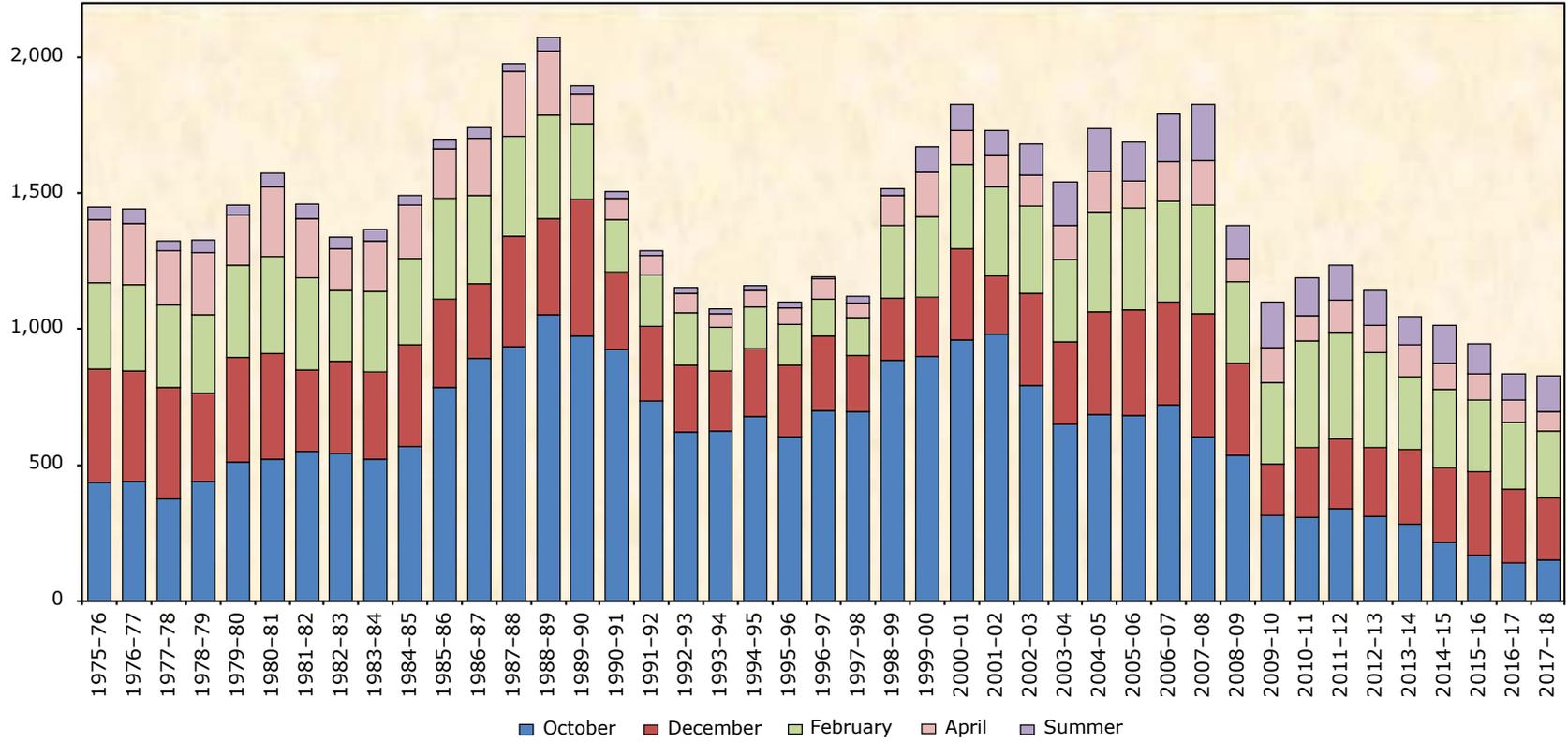
Fig. 3. Number of Positions Listed, by Issue, in the Edition for Languages Other Than English of the *JIL*, 1975–76 to 2017–18
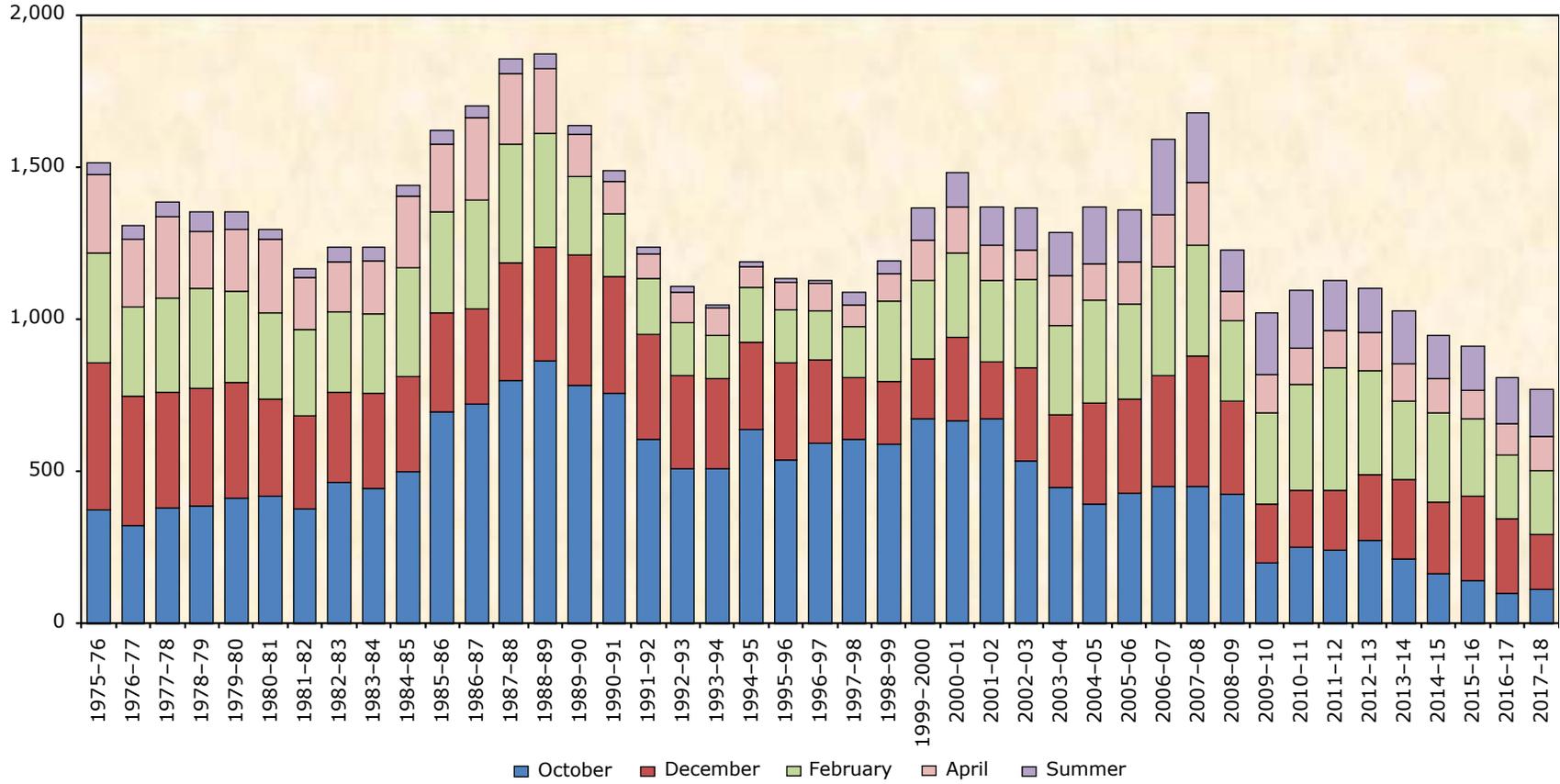
Fig. 4. Number and Percentage of Ads Indexed as Tenure-Track, Non-Tenure-Track, or with
Tenure Status Not Specified in the English *JIL*, 2004–05 to 2017–18

Fig. 5. Number and Percentage of Ads Indexed as Tenure-Track, Non-Tenure-Track, or with Tenure Status Not Specified in the Edition for Languages Other Than English of the *JIL*, 2004–05 to 2017–18
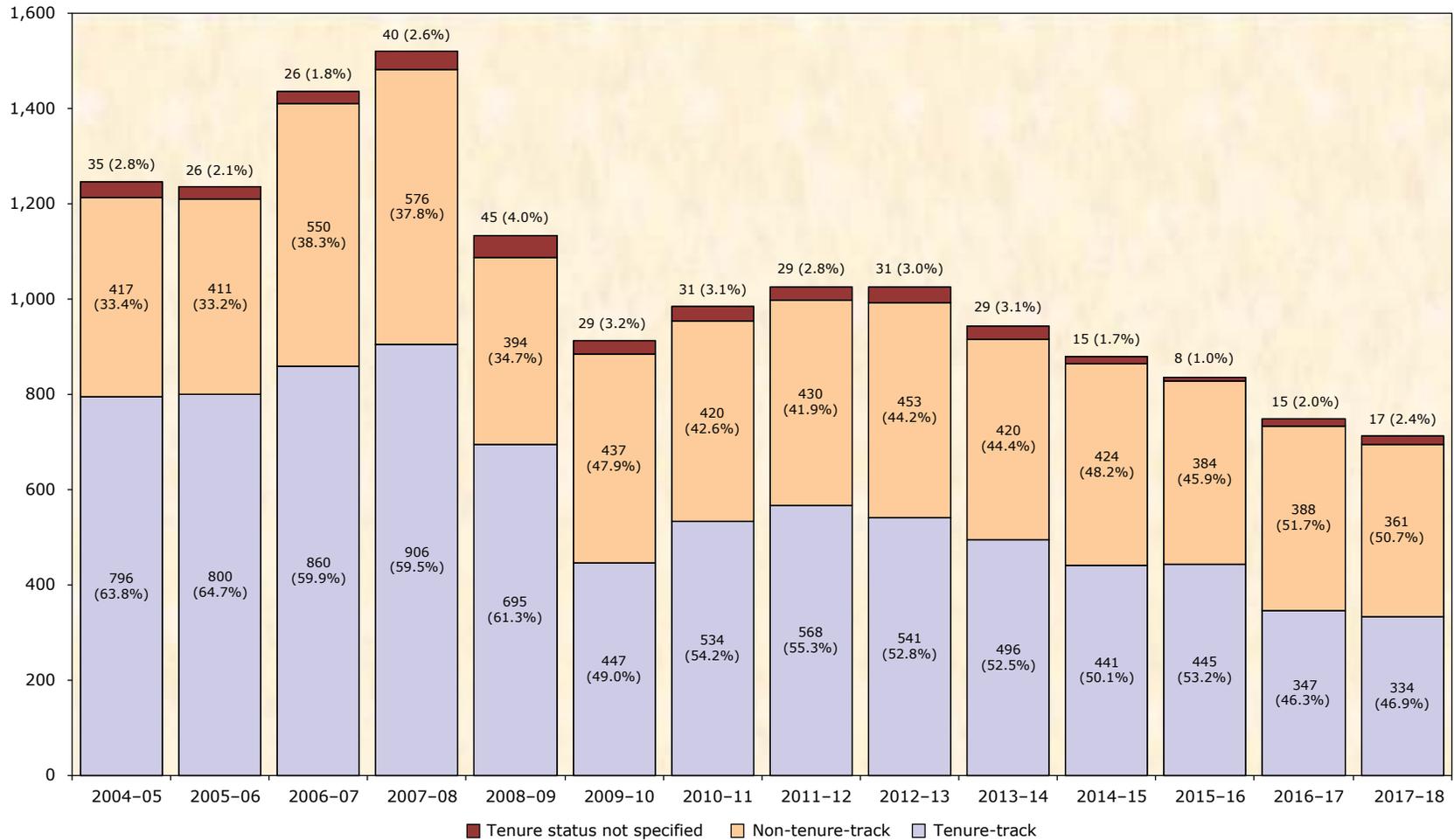
Table 1. Number and Percentage of Ads in the English *JIL* Indexed for Various Ranks, 2000–01 to 2017–18

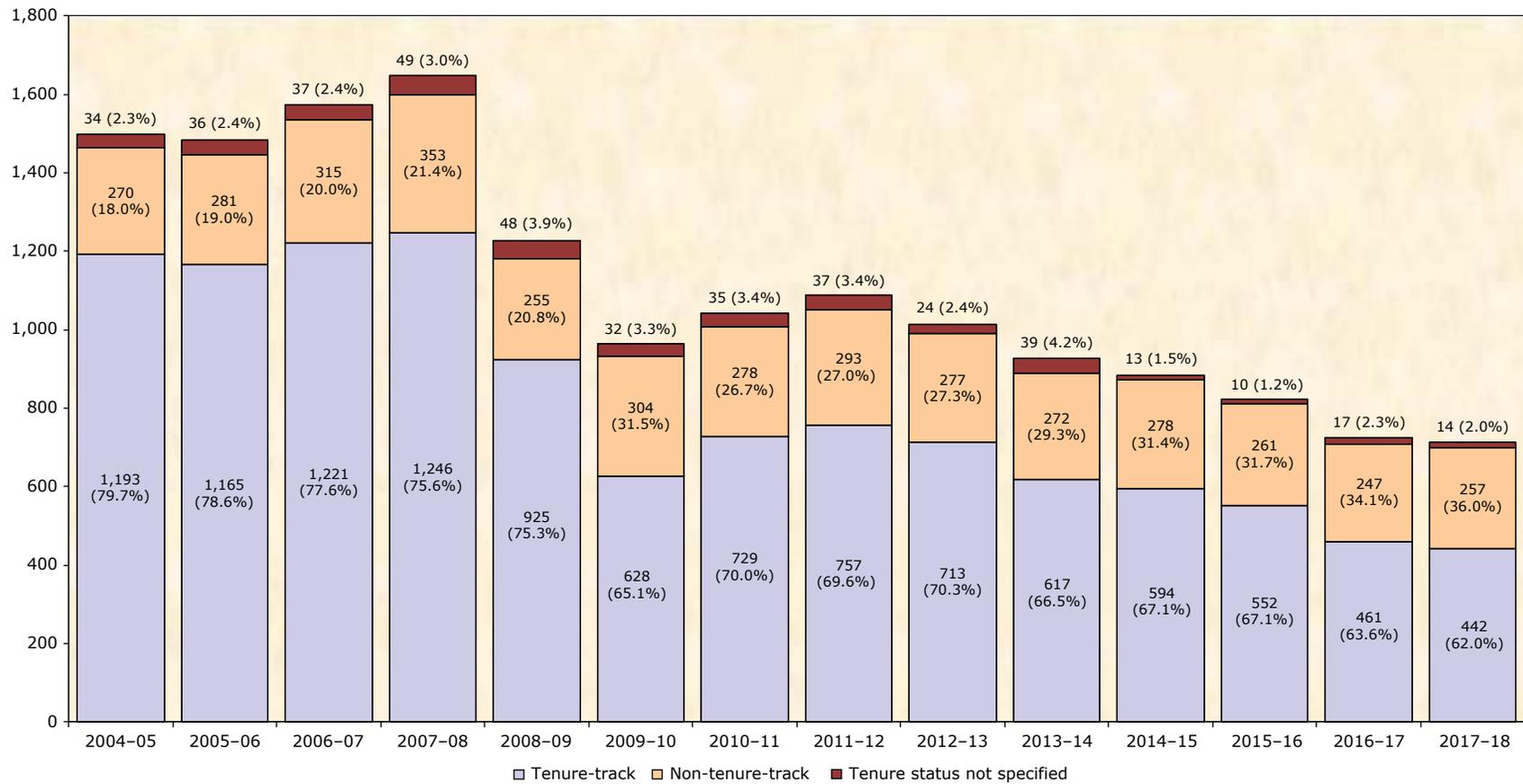|	2000–01	2001–02	2002–03	2003–04	2004–05	2005–06	2006–07	2007–08	2008–09	2009–10	2010–11	2011–12	2012–13	2013–14	2014–15	2015–16	2016–17	2017–18
Assistant professor	1,025	1,006	963	865	956	914	1,005	992	714	562	643	640	608	573	530	482	395	415
	63.2%	65.5%	67.1%	63.5%	63.9%	61.7%	63.9%	60.2%	58.1%	58.3%	61.7%	58.9%	60.0%	61.7%	60.0%	58.6%	54.6%	58.2%
Instructor or assistant professor	44	30	36	40	35	46	37	34	18	25	27	23	11	7	15	9	6	7
	2.7%	2.0%	2.5%	2.9%	2.3%	3.1%	2.4%	2.1%	1.5%	2.6%	2.6%	2.1%	1.1%	0.8%	1.7%	1.1%	0.8%	1.0%
Assistant professor or associate professor	123	105	96	122	122	121	121	125	105	49	63	90	72	59	46	39	48	32
	7.6%	6.8%	6.7%	9.0%	8.1%	8.2%	7.7%	7.6%	8.6%	5.1%	6.0%	8.3%	7.1%	6.4%	5.2%	4.7%	6.6%	4.5%
Assistant professor, associate professor, or professor	64	79	52	44	53	60	53	70	55	41	24	26	31	23	29	28	29	26
	3.9%	5.1%	3.6%	3.2%	3.5%	4.0%	3.4%	4.3%	4.5%	4.3%	2.3%	2.4%	3.1%	2.5%	3.3%	3.4%	4.0%	3.6%
Other combinations including assistant professor	17	10	7	8	13	13	9	12	8	9	9	8	4	5	11	4	7	9
	1.0%	0.7%	0.5%	0.6%	0.9%	0.9%	0.6%	0.7%	0.7%	0.9%	0.9%	0.7%	0.4%	0.5%	1.2%	0.5%	1.0%	1.3%
Instructor	148	123	113	103	136	125	130	178	158	157	120	138	121	103	110	95	87	76
	9.1%	8.0%	7.9%	7.6%	9.1%	8.4%	8.3%	10.8%	12.9%	16.3%	11.5%	12.7%	11.9%	11.1%	12.4%	11.5%	12.0%	10.7%
Associate professor	17	22	17	30	21	24	27	28	17	10	19	17	19	12	11	13	13	14
	1.0%	1.4%	1.2%	2.2%	1.4%	1.6%	1.7%	1.7%	1.4%	1.0%	1.8%	1.6%	1.9%	1.3%	1.2%	1.6%	1.8%	2.0%
Associate professor or professor	62	65	50	40	62	51	77	71	45	28	28	31	47	23	24	37	33	28
	3.8%	4.2%	3.5%	2.9%	4.1%	3.4%	4.9%	4.3%	3.7%	2.9%	2.7%	2.9%	4.6%	2.5%	2.7%	4.5%	4.6%	3.9%
Professor	46	39	42	55	42	61	40	54	38	23	31	39	28	26	25	28	21	21
	2.8%	2.5%	2.9%	4.0%	2.8%	4.1%	2.5%	3.3%	3.1%	2.4%	3.0%	3.6%	2.8%	2.8%	2.8%	3.4%	2.9%	2.9%
Other combinations not including assistant professor	1	1	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	3	0	1	1	3	2	0	1	4
	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.6%
Postdoctoral fellowship														48	54	56	50	50
														5.2%	6.1%	6.8%	6.9%	7.0%
Rank not specified or not relevant	74	57	60	54	55	64	74	84	70	57	78	74	72	46	27	32	35	31
														5.2%	6.1%	6.8%	6.9%	7.0%
Rank not specified or not relevant	74	57	60	54	55	64	74	84	70	57	78	74	72	46	27	32	35	31
	4.6%	3.7%	4.2%	4.0%	3.7%	4.3%	4.7%	5.1%	5.7%	5.9%	7.5%	6.8%	7.1%	5.0%	3.1%	3.9%	4.7%	4.3%
Total	1,621	1,537	1,436	1,362	1,497	1,482	1,573	1,648	1,228	964	1,042	1,087	1,014	928	884	823	725	713
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Table 2. Number and Percentage of Ads in the *JIL* for Languages Other Than English Indexed for Various Ranks, 2000–01 to 2017–18

	2000–01	2001–02	2002–03	2003–04	2004–05	2005–06	2006–07	2007–08	2008–09	2009–10	2010–11	2011–12	2012–13	2013–14	2014–15	2015–16	2016–17	2017–18
Assistant professor	791 57.4%	739 59.0%	765 60.9%	667 56.7%	689 55.2%	686 55.5%	791 55.1%	780 51.2%	635 56.0%	452 49.5%	503 51.1%	510 49.7%	535 52.2%	483 51.1%	447 50.7%	431 51.5%	382 50.9%	345 48.5%
Instructor or assistant professor	93 6.7%	71 5.7%	54 4.3%	75 6.4%	72 5.8%	69 5.6%	65 4.5%	69 4.5%	52 4.6%	46 5.0%	53 5.4%	53 5.2%	48 4.7%	30 3.2%	30 3.4%	19 2.3%	11 1.5%	19 2.7%
Assistant professor or associate professor	65 4.7%	62 4.9%	76 6.1%	65 5.5%	76 6.1%	61 4.9%	73 5.1%	86 5.7%	64 5.6%	36 3.9%	53 5.4%	52 5.1%	41 4.0%	47 5.0%	29 3.3%	31 3.7%	27 3.6%	24 3.4%
Assistant professor, associate professor, or professor	42 3.0%	47 3.8%	34 2.7%	30 2.6%	42 3.4%	49 4.0%	42 2.9%	58 3.8%	36 3.2%	26 2.8%	11 1.1%	26 2.5%	28 2.7%	21 2.2%	22 2.5%	27 3.2%	22 2.9%	20 2.8%
Other combinations including assistant professor	17 1.2%	8 0.6%	10 0.8%	7 0.6%	8 0.6%	9 0.7%	12 0.8%	17 1.1%	8 0.7%	8 0.9%	8 0.8%	4 0.4%	6 0.6%	5 0.5%	7 0.8%	7 0.8%	6 0.8%	7 1.0%
Instructor	201 14.6%	183 14.6%	171 13.6%	192 16.3%	210 16.8%	219 17.7%	301 21.0%	320 21.0%	194 17.1%	220 24.1%	218 22.1%	251 24.4%	234 22.8%	209 22.1%	199 22.6%	176 21.0%	179 23.9%	159 22.3%
Associate professor	20 1.5%	11 0.9%	8 0.6%	11 0.9%	15 1.2%	17 1.4%	14 1.0%	24 1.6%	16 1.4%	13 1.4%	7 0.7%	13 1.3%	12 1.2%	7 0.7%	7 0.8%	6 0.7%	3 0.4%	12 1.7%
Associate professor or professor	49 3.6%	45 3.6%	50 4.0%	48 4.1%	56 4.5%	50 4.0%	49 3.4%	43 2.8%	34 3.0%	26 2.8%	32 3.2%	21 2.0%	28 2.7%	20 2.1%	23 2.6%	33 3.9%	21 2.8%	26 3.7%
Professor	33 2.4%	31 2.5%	27 2.1%	26 2.2%	29 2.3%	34 2.7%	29 2.0%	43 2.8%	26 2.3%	26 2.8%	28 2.8%	40 3.9%	32 3.1%	26 2.8%	31 3.5%	27 3.2%	28 3.7%	20 2.8%
Other combinations not including assistant professor	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1 0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	1 0.1%	2 0.1%	2 0.2%	3 0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	2 0.2%	3 0.3%	1 0.1%	0.0%	1 0.1%	5 0.7%
Postdoctoral fellowship														51 5.4%	52 5.9%	55 6.6%	46 6.1%	50 7.0%
Rank not specified or not relevant	68 4.9%	56 4.5%	61 4.9%	54 4.6%	51 4.1%	43 3.5%	59 4.1%	80 5.3%	67 5.9%	57 6.2%	72 7.3%	57 5.6%	59 5.8%	43 4.6%	33 3.7%	25 3.0%	24 3.2%	25 3.5%
Total	1,379 100.0%	1,253 100.0%	1,256 100.0%	1,176 100.0%	1,248 100.0%	1,237 100.0%	1,436 100.0%	1,522 100.0%	1,134 100.0%	913 100.0%	985 100.0%	1,027 100.0%	1,025 100.0%	945 100.0%	881 100.0%	837 100.0%	750 100.0%	712 100.0%

Table 3. Number and Percentage of Ads Indexed for Tenure Status and Rank in the English *JIL*, 2007–08 to 2017–18

Tenure Status and Rank		2007–08	2008–09	2009–10	2010–11	2011–12	2012–13	2013–14	2014–15	2015–16	2016–17	2017–18
Tenure-track assistant professor	Number of ads	879	645	469	541	541	513	470	449	402	320	328
	Percentage of ads	53.3%	52.5%	48.7%	51.9%	49.8%	50.6%	50.6%	50.7%	48.8%	44.1%	46.0%
Tenure-track assistant professor and another rank	Number of ads	192	151	78	92	109	98	73	75	63	72	58
	Percentage of ads	11.7%	12.3%	8.1%	8.8%	10.0%	9.7%	7.9%	8.5%	7.7%	9.9%	8.1%
Other tenure-track positions	Number of ads	175	129	81	96	107	102	74	70	87	69	56
	Percentage of ads	10.6%	10.5%	8.4%	9.2%	9.8%	10.1%	8.0%	7.9%	10.6%	9.5%	7.9%
Non-tenure-track positions	Number of ads	353	255	304	278	293	277	272	278	261	247	257
	Percentage of ads	21.4%	20.8%	31.5%	26.7%	27.0%	27.3%	29.3%	31.4%	31.7%	34.1%	36.0%
Tenure status not relevant or not specified	Number of ads	49	48	32	35	37	24	39	13	10	17	14
	Percentage of ads	3.0%	3.9%	3.3%	3.4%	3.4%	2.4%	4.2%	1.5%	1.2%	2.3%	2.0%
Total number of ads (basis for percentages)		**1,648**	**1,228**	**964**	**1,042**	**1,087**	**1,014**	**928**	**885**	**823**	**725**	**713**

Table 4. Number and Percentage of Ads Indexed for Tenure Status and Rank in the *JIL* for Languages Other Than English, 2007–08 to 2017–18

Tenure Status and Rank		2007–08	2008–09	2009–10	2010–11	2011–12	2012–13	2013–14	2014–15	2015–16	2016–17	2017–18
Tenure-track assistant professor	Number of ads	635	518	322	384	405	393	371	326	320	251	235
	Percentage of ads	41.7%	45.7%	35.3%	39.0%	39.4%	38.3%	39.3%	37.0%	38.2%	33.5%	33.0%
Tenure-track assistant professor and another rank	Number of ads	140	97	56	70	74	69	65	50	59	45	44
	Percentage of ads	9.2%	8.6%	6.1%	7.1%	7.2%	6.7%	6.9%	5.7%	7.0%	6.0%	6.2%
Other tenure-track positions	Number of ads	131	80	69	80	89	79	60	65	66	51	55
	Percentage of ads	8.6%	7.1%	7.6%	8.1%	8.7%	7.7%	6.3%	7.4%	7.9%	6.8%	7.7%
Non-tenure-track positions	Number of ads	576	394	437	420	430	453	420	424	384	388	361
	Percentage of ads	37.8%	34.7%	47.9%	42.6%	41.9%	44.2%	44.4%	48.2%	45.9%	51.7%	50.7%
Tenure status not specified or not relevant	Number of ads	40	45	29	31	29	31	29	15	8	15	17
	Percentage of ads	2.6%	4.0%	3.2%	3.1%	2.8%	3.0%	3.1%	1.7%	1.0%	2.0%	2.4%
Total number of ads (basis for percentages)		1,522	1,134	913	985	1,027	1,025	945	880	837	750	712

Table 5. Number of Times that Language Field Categories Were Tagged in the 2017–18 *JIL* for Languages Other Than English, by Tenure Status

	Tenure-Track	Non-Tenure-Track	Tenure Status Not Specified	Total
American Sign Language				
Number of tags	1	1	0	2
Row percentage	50.0	50.0	0.0	100.0
Column percentage	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.2
Arabic				
Number of tags	16	13	1	30
Row percentage	53.3	43.3	3.3	100.0
Column percentage	3.9	3.1	3.8	3.5
Chinese				
Number of tags	23	19	1	43
Row percentage	53.5	44.2	2.3	100.0
Column percentage	5.6	4.6	3.8	5.1
Classical languages				
Number of tags	4	7	0	11
Row percentage	36.4	63.6	0.0	100.0
Column percentage	1.0	1.7	0.0	1.3
French and Francophone				
Number of tags	70	75	5	150
Row percentage	46.7	50.0	3.3	100.0
Column percentage	17.0	18.2	19.2	17.6
Germanic and Scandinavian				
Number of tags	31	49	2	82
Row percentage	37.8	59.8	2.4	100.0
Column percentage	7.5	11.9	7.7	9.6
Hebrew				
Number of tags	4	5	2	11
Row percentage	36.4	45.5	18.2	100.0
Column percentage	1.0	1.2	7.7	1.3
Italian				
Number of tags	17	27	0	44
Row percentage	38.6	61.4	0.0	100.0
Column percentage	4.1	6.5	0.0	5.2
Japanese				
Number of tags	22	18	1	41
Row percentage	53.7	43.9	2.4	100.0
Column percentage	5.4	4.4	3.8	4.8
Korean				
Number of tags	4	5	0	9
Row percentage	44.4	55.6	0.0	100.0
Column percentage	1.0	1.2	0.0	1.1
Portuguese				
Number of tags	8	6	1	15
Row percentage	53.3	40.0	6.7	100.0
Column percentage	1.9	1.5	3.8	1.8
Russian and other Slavic				
Number of tags	13	15	1	29
Row percentage	44.8	51.7	3.4	100.0
Column percentage	3.2	3.6	3.8	3.4
Spanish and Latin American				
Number of tags	137	102	5	244
Row percentage	56.1	41.8	2.0	100.0
Column percentage	33.3	24.7	19.2	28.7
Other languages				
Number of tags	13	10	0	23
Row percentage	56.5	43.5	0.0	100.0
Column percentage	3.2	2.4	0.0	2.7
No language specified				
Number of tags	48	61	7	116
Row percentage	41.4	52.6	6.0	100.0
Column percentage	11.7	14.8	26.9	13.6
Total number of tags	411	413	26	850
Total row percentage	48.4	48.6	3.1	100.0

Table 6. Number of Times that Language Field Categories Were Tagged in the 2017–18 *JIL* for Languages Other Than English in Assistant Professor Positions, by Tenure Status

	Tenure-Track	Non-Tenure-Track	Tenure Status Not Specified	Total
American Sign Language				
Number of tags	1	0	0	1
Row percentage	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Column percentage	0.3	0.0		0.2
Arabic				
Number of tags	14	7	0	21
Row percentage	66.7	33.3	0.0	100.0
Column percentage	4.3	5.0		4.5
Chinese				
Number of tags	17	7	0	24
Row percentage	70.8	29.2	0.0	100.0
Column percentage	5.2	5.0		5.2
Classical languages				
Number of tags	3	4	0	7
Row percentage	42.9	57.1	0.0	100.0
Column percentage	0.9	2.9		1.5
French and Francophone				
Number of tags	58	32	0	90
Row percentage	64.4	35.6	0.0	100.0
Column percentage	17.8	23.0		19.4
Germanic and Scandinavian				
Number of tags	26	20	0	46
Row percentage	56.5	43.5	0.0	100.0
Column percentage	8.0	14.4		9.9
Hebrew				
Number of tags	4	1	0	5
Row percentage	80.0	20.0	0.0	100.0
Column percentage	1.2	0.7		1.1
Italian				
Number of tags	12	6	0	18
Row percentage	66.7	33.3	0.0	100.0
Column percentage	3.7	4.3		3.9
Japanese				
Number of tags	14	4	0	18
Row percentage	77.8	22.2	0.0	100.0
Column percentage	4.3	2.9		3.9
Korean				
Number of tags	4	0	0	4
Row percentage	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Column percentage	1.2	0.0		0.9
Portuguese				
Number of tags	4	0	0	4
Row percentage	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Column percentage	1.2	0.0		0.9
Russian and other Slavic				
Number of tags	11	8	0	19
Row percentage	57.9	42.1	0.0	100.0
Column percentage	3.4	5.8		4.1
Spanish and Latin American				
Number of tags	117	40	0	157
Row percentage	74.5	25.5	0.0	100.0
Column percentage	35.9	28.8		33.8
Other languages				
Number of tags	8	0	0	8
Row percentage	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Column percentage	2.5	0.0		1.7
No language specified				
Number of tags	33	10	0	43
Row percentage	76.7	23.3	0.0	100.0
Column percentage	10.1	7.2		9.2
Total numer of tags	**326**	**139**	**0**	**465**
Total row percentage	**70.1**	**29.9**	**0.0**	**100.0**

Table 7. Number of Times that English Field Categories Were Tagged in the 2017–18 English *JIL*, by Tenure Status

	Tenure-Track	Non-Tenure-Track	Tenure Status Not Specified	Total
Writing				
Composition and rhetoric				
Number of tags	123	112	3	238
Row percentage	51.7	47.1	1.3	100.0
Column percentage	20.5	28.9	21.4	23.7
Technical and business writing				
Number of tags	39	44	1	84
Row percentage	46.4	52.4	1.2	100.0
Column percentage	6.5	11.3	7.1	8.4
Creative writing and journalism				
Number of tags	68	49	2	119
Row percentage	57.1	41.2	1.7	100.0
Column percentage	11.3	12.6	14.3	11.9
Total for writing				
Number of tags	**230**	**205**	**6**	**441**
Row percentage	**52.2**	**46.5**	**1.4**	**100.0**
Column percentage	**38.3**	**52.8**	**42.9**	**44.0**
Literature				
British literature				
Number of tags	104	65	2	171
Row percentage	60.8	38.0	1.2	100.0
Column percentage	17.3	16.8	14.3	17.0
American literature (chiefly United States)				
Number of tags	93	57	3	153
Row percentage	60.8	37.3	2.0	100.0
Column percentage	15.5	14.7	21.4	15.3
African American literature				
Number of tags	68	15	2	85
Row percentage	80.0	17.6	2.4	100.0
Column percentage	11.3	3.9	14.3	8.5
Literature in English other than British and American				
Number of tags	41	16	0	57
Row percentage	71.9	28.1	0.0	100.0
Column percentage	6.8	4.1	0.0	5.7
Other minority literatures				
Number of tags	51	18	1	70
Row percentage	72.9	25.7	1.4	100.0
Column percentage	8.5	4.6	7.1	7.0
Total for literature				
Number of tags	**357**	**171**	**8**	**536**
Row percentage	**66.6**	**31.9**	**1.5**	**100.0**
Column percentage	**59.4**	**44.1**	**57.1**	**53.4**
English education				
Number of tags	14	12	0	26
Row percentage	53.8	46.2	0.0	100.0
Column percentage	2.3	3.1	0.0	2.6
Total number of tags	**601**	**388**	**14**	**1,003**
Total row percentage	**59.9**	**38.7**	**1.4**	**100.0**

Table 8. Number of Times that English Field Categories Were Tagged in the 2017–18 English *JIL* in Assistant Professor Positions, by Tenure Status

	Tenure-Track	Non-Tenure-Track	Tenure Status Not Specified	Total
Writing				
Composition and rhetoric				
Number of tags	112	43	1	156
Row percentage	71.8	27.6	0.6	100.0
Column percentage	20.4	30.3	20.0	22.4
Technical and business writing				
Number of tags	38	20	1	59
Row percentage	64.4	33.9	1.7	100.0
Column percentage	6.9	14.1	20.0	8.5
Creative writing and journalism				
Number of tags	65	24	1	90
Row percentage	72.2	26.7	1.1	100.0
Column percentage	11.9	16.9	20.0	12.9
Total for writing				
Number of tags	**215**	**87**	**3**	**305**
Row percentage	**70.5**	**28.5**	**1.0**	**100.0**
Column percentage	**39.2**	**61.3**	**60.0**	**43.9**
Literature				
British literature				
Number of tags	96	19	1	116
Row percentage	82.8	16.4	0.9	100.0
Column percentage	17.5	13.4	20.0	16.7
American literature (chiefly United States)				
Number of tags	86	11	0	97
Row percentage	88.7	11.3	0.0	100.0
Column percentage	15.7	7.7	0.0	14.0
African American literature				
Number of tags	59	8	0	67
Row percentage	88.1	11.9	0.0	100.0
Column percentage	10.8	5.6	0.0	9.6
Literature in English other than British and American				
Number of tags	35	5	0	40
Row percentage	87.5	12.5	0.0	100.0
Column percentage	6.4	3.5	0.0	5.8
Other minority literatures				
Number of tags	48	10	1	59
Row percentage	81.4	16.9	1.7	100.0
Column percentage	8.8	7.0	20.0	8.5
Total for literature				
Number of tags	**324**	**53**	**2**	**379**
Row percentage	**85.5**	**14.0**	**0.5**	**100.0**
Column percentage	**59.1**	**37.3**	**40.0**	**54.5**
English education				
Number of tags	9	2	0	11
Row percentage	81.8	18.2	0.0	100.0
Column percentage	1.6	1.4	0.0	1.6
Total number of tags	**548**	**142**	**5**	**695**
Total row percentage	**78.8**	**20.4**	**0.7**	**100.0**

Table 9. Number of Times that General Field Categories Were Tagged in the 2017–18 *JIL*, by Tenure Status

	Tenure-Track	Non-Tenure-Track	Not Specified	Total
Comparative literature				
Number of tags	77	63	4	144
Row percentage	53.5	43.8	2.8	100.0
Column percentage	12.1	12.5	11.4	12.1
Criticism and theory				
Number of tags	53	36	1	90
Row percentage	58.9	40.0	1.1	100.0
Column percentage	8.3	7.1	2.9	7.6
Cultural studies				
Number of tags	106	75	6	187
Row percentage	56.7	40.1	3.2	100.0
Column percentage	16.6	14.9	17.1	15.7
Film, drama, and speech				
Number of tags	45	30	1	76
Row percentage	59.2	39.5	1.3	100.0
Column percentage	7.1	5.9	2.9	6.4
Generalist				
Number of tags	32	44	1	77
Row percentage	41.6	57.1	1.3	100.0
Column percentage	5.0	8.7	2.9	6.5
Interdisciplinary				
Number of tags	54	63	6	123
Row percentage	43.9	51.2	4.9	100.0
Column percentage	8.5	12.5	17.1	10.3
Linguistics and ESL				
Number of tags	65	64	3	132
Row percentage	49.2	48.5	2.3	100.0
Column percentage	10.2	12.7	8.6	11.1
Postcolonial literature				
Number of tags	38	9	2	49
Row percentage	77.6	18.4	4.1	100.0
Column percentage	6.0	1.8	5.7	4.1
Technology and digital media				
Number of tags	47	26	1	74
Row percentage	63.5	35.1	1.4	100.0
Column percentage	7.4	5.1	2.9	6.2
World literature				
Number of tags	31	11	1	43
Row percentage	72.1	25.6	2.3	100.0
Column percentage	4.9	2.2	2.9	3.6
Department chair or other administrator				
Number of tags	33	15	3	51
Row percentage	64.7	29.4	5.9	100.0
Column percentage	5.2	3.0	8.6	4.3
Other academic specializations				
Number of tags	56	69	6	131
Row percentage	42.7	52.7	4.6	100.0
Column percentage	8.8	13.7	17.1	11.0
Business, government, nonprofit sector				
Number of tags	0	0	0	13
Row percentage	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
Column percentage	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1
Total number of tags	**637**	**505**	**35**	**1,190**
Total row percentage	**53.5**	**42.4**	**2.9**	**100.0**

Table 10. Number of Times that General Field Categories Were Tagged in the 2017–18 *JIL* in Assistant Professor Positions, by Tenure Status

	Tenure-Track	Non-Tenure-Track	Not Specified	Total
Comparative literature				
Number of tags	64	22	0	86
Row percentage	74.4	25.6	0.0	100.0
Column percentage	12.1	13.3	0.0	12.3
Criticism and theory				
Number of tags	43	9	0	52
Row percentage	82.7	17.3	0.0	100.0
Column percentage	8.1	5.5	0.0	7.4
Cultural studies				
Number of tags	95	28	0	123
Row percentage	77.2	22.8	0.0	100.0
Column percentage	17.9	17.0	0.0	17.6
Film, drama, and speech				
Number of tags	42	16	1	59
Row percentage	71.2	27.1	1.7	100.0
Column percentage	7.9	9.7	50.0	8.5
Generalist				
Number of tags	30	16	1	47
Row percentage	63.8	34.0	2.1	100.0
Column percentage	5.6	9.7	50.0	6.7
Interdisciplinary				
Number of tags	43	17	0	60
Row percentage	71.7	28.3	0.0	100.0
Column percentage	8.1	10.3	0.0	8.6
Linguistics and ESL				
Number of tags	54	19	0	73
Row percentage	74.0	26.0	0.0	100.0
Column percentage	10.2	11.5	0.0	10.5
Postcolonial literature				
Number of tags	36	5	0	41
Row percentage	87.8	12.2	0.0	100.0
Column percentage	6.8	3.0	0.0	5.9
Technology and digital media				
Number of tags	46	11	0	57
Row percentage	80.7	19.3	0.0	100.0
Column percentage	8.7	6.7	0.0	8.2
World literature				
Number of tags	24	6	0	30
Row percentage	80.0	20.0	0.0	100.0
Column percentage	4.5	3.6	0.0	4.3
Department chair or other administrator				
Number of tags	6	1	0	7
Row percentage	85.7	14.3	0.0	100.0
Column percentage	1.1	0.6	0.0	1.0
Other academic specializations				
Number of tags	48	15	0	63
Row percentage	76.2	23.8	0.0	100.0
Column percentage	9.0	9.1	0.0	9.0
Total number of tags	531	165	2	698
Total row percentage	76.1	23.6	0.3	100.0

Table 11. Number of Times that Language Field Categories Were Tagged in the *JIL* for Languages Other Than English, 2014–15 to 2017–18

	2014–15	2015–16	2016–17	2017–18
American Sign Language				
Number of tags	1	1	1	2
Column percentage	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Arabic				
Number of tags	52	28	34	30
Column percentage	4.5	2.8	3.9	3.5
Chinese				
Number of tags	62	60	49	43
Column percentage	5.4	6.1	5.6	5.1
Classical languages				
Number of tags	6	12	13	11
Column percentage	0.5	1.2	1.5	1.3
French and Francophone				
Number of tags	200	149	127	150
Column percentage	17.5	15.1	14.4	17.6
Germanic and Scandinavian				
Number of tags	147	105	96	82
Column percentage	12.8	10.7	10.9	9.6
Hebrew				
Number of tags	16	20	14	11
Column percentage	1.4	2.0	1.6	1.3
Italian				
Number of tags	48	48	39	44
Column percentage	4.2	4.9	4.4	5.2
Japanese				
Number of tags	44	38	38	41
Column percentage	3.8	3.9	4.3	4.8
Korean				
Number of tags	9	11	10	9
Column percentage	0.8	1.1	1.1	1.1
Portuguese				
Number of tags	37	29	22	15
Column percentage	3.2	2.9	2.5	1.8
Russian and other Slavic				
Number of tags	39	31	40	29
Column percentage	3.4	3.1	4.6	3.4
Spanish and Latin American				
Number of tags	327	279	256	244
Column percentage	28.6	28.3	29.1	28.7
Other languages				
Number of tags	26	23	18	23
Column percentage	2.3	2.3	2.0	2.7
No language specified				
Number of tags	131	151	122	116
Column percentage	11.4	15.3	13.9	13.6
Total number of tags (basis for percentages)	**1,145**	**985**	**879**	**850**

Table 12. Number of Times that English Field Categories Were Tagged in the English *JIL*, 2014–15 to 2017–18

	2014–15	2015–16	2016–17	2017–18
Writing				
Composition and rhetoric				
Number of tags	297	249	217	238
Column percentage	24.9	22.6	20.3	23.7
Technical and business writing				
Number of tags	89	90	74	84
Column percentage	7.5	8.2	6.9	8.4
Creative writing and journalism				
Number of tags	160	144	138	119
Column percentage	13.4	13.1	12.9	11.9
Total for writing				
Number of tags	**546**	**483**	**429**	**441**
Column percentage	**45.8**	**43.9**	**40.2**	**44.0**
Literature				
British literature				
Number of tags	229	197	188	171
Column percentage	19.2	17.9	17.6	17.0
American literature (chiefly United States)				
Number of tags	193	184	173	153
Column percentage	16.2	16.7	16.2	15.3
African American literature				
Number of tags	49	67	86	85
Column percentage	4.1	6.1	8.1	8.5
Literature in English other than British and American				
Number of tags	61	56	70	57
Column percentage	5.1	5.1	6.6	5.7
Other minority literatures				
Number of tags	59	65	84	70
Column percentage	4.9	5.9	7.9	7.0
Total for literature				
Number of tags	**591**	**569**	**601**	**536**
Column percentage	**49.5**	**51.7**	**56.3**	**53.4**
English education				
Number of tags	56	49	38	26
Column percentage	4.7	4.5	3.6	2.6
Total number of tags	**1,193**	**1,101**	**1,068**	**1,003**

Table 13. Number of Times that General Field Categories Were Tagged in the *JIL*, 2014–15 to 2017–18

	2014–15	2015–16	2016–17	2017–18
Comparative literature				
Number of tags	188	179	152	144
Column percentage	11.6	12.1	11.4	12.1
Criticism and theory				
Number of tags	109	106	95	90
Column percentage	6.7	7.2	7.1	7.6
Cultural studies				
Number of tags	244	238	220	187
Column percentage	15.1	16.1	16.5	15.7
Film, drama, and speech				
Number of tags	79	75	73	76
Column percentage	4.9	5.1	5.5	6.4
Generalist				
Number of tags	134	111	73	77
Column percentage	8.3	7.5	5.5	6.5
Interdisciplinary				
Number of tags	177	151	170	123
Column percentage	11.0	10.2	12.8	10.3
Linguistics and ESL				
Number of tags	134	130	108	132
Column percentage	8.3	8.8	8.1	11.1
Postcolonial literature				
Number of tags	51	39	42	49
Column percentage	3.2	2.6	3.2	4.1
Technology and digital media				
Number of tags	135	110	93	74
Column percentage	8.4	7.4	7.0	6.2
World literature				
Number of tags	88	61	65	43
Column percentage	5.4	4.1	4.9	3.6
Department chair or other administrator				
Number of tags	65	77	66	51
Column percentage	4.0	5.2	5.0	4.3
Other academic specializations				
Number of tags	197	183	160	131
Column percentage	12.2	12.4	12.0	11.0
Business, government, and nonprofit sector				
Number of tags	14	18	15	13
Column percentage	0.9	1.2	1.1	1.1
Total number of tags (basis for percentages)	**1,615**	**1,478**	**1,332**	**1,190**