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Greetings, Open Humanities Data friends and colleagues!

This is the first of two annual newsletters for the Journal of Open Humanities Data for 2022. A lot has happened over the past six months and we are excited to share that with you here. We have hit another major milestone for publishing, added many new team members, expanded our outreach efforts, and continued to have open calls for our special issues. 2021 was certainly an exciting year, and there is already so much to look forward to for 2022!

## Updates

2021 was a busy year for us. After launching several new [special collections](#), we received a number of research contributions looking to make their data open access and engage the broad and diverse JOHD community. JOHD staff expanded this year, and many staff members engaged in outreach at conferences and expanded our online presence, engaging with the academic and open data communities on Twitter and beyond. We launched the Twitter campaign [#showmeyourdata](#) which drew participation from authors of previous JOHD publications as well as others in the open data community.

## Updates on the team

2021 also saw the addition of new members of our [editorial team](#), shown below:

- Amanda Sorensen: Amanda is a PhD student at the University of Maryland

College of Information Studies. She holds an MA in anthropology with a focus in museum studies from the University of British Columbia. At JOHD, Amanda serves as a copyeditor and contributes to the journal's social media efforts.



- Mason Jones: Mason is a PhD student in the University of Maryland College of Information Studies with a focus on user research and disability in the archives. He has a Master of Arts in English Literature from Auburn University as well as a Master of Library and Information Studies from The University of Alabama. Mason serves as a copyeditor for JOHD and also writes for the newsletter.



- Eleonora Zordan: Eleonora is a MA student in Digital and Public Humanities at Ca' Foscari University of Venice. She has a BA degree in Language, Civilisation and the Science of Language at Ca' Foscari University of Venice. She is currently working as a librarian and serves as copyeditor for JOHD.



## Open call for papers

This year, we are continuing our [open calls](#) for our special collections.

### “Humanities Data in the time of COVID-19”

Since November 2021, JOHD has published five articles in this [collection](#). We are continuing to accept new submissions for datasets on the cultural, social, or political impact of COVID-19 and its relevance to humanities research. If you have been working on such a dataset, we would love to hear about it! Consider submitting your data to our [second call for papers](#). "Humanities Data in the time of COVID-19" is edited by Sahba Besharati and Mandy Wigdorowitz.

### “Language Documentation Collections: Assessment

## and Recognition”

Our [special collection](#) explores the issues and opportunities posed by the peer-review process for documentary materials. The editors Richard Griscom, Lauren B. Collister and Hugh J. Paterson III welcome new submissions. To submit research to this special collection, see the [call for papers](#).

## Publications

Since July 2021, JOHD has published 27 [new articles](#), including 10 full-length research papers and 17 short data papers. We have so many new articles, in fact, that we cannot share them all in a single newsletter! This is a great sign of our continued growth as a journal, and the diversity of topics and methodologies highlight JOHD’s reach across humanities and open data scholarship. We have published articles covering emerging or continuing research on early Christian writings, German literary prose texts, and eye tracking technology for reader response research. Moving forward, we hope to represent more data-driven research in a variety of humanities and related disciplines and sub-disciplines.

## Conferences

On November 30th, 2021, Mandy Wigdorowitz, Sahba Besharati, and Barbara McGillivray presented a lightning talk at [DHASA 2021](#) about the Covid-19 pandemic and its impact on open data and the digital humanities. You can check the video on our Youtube channel [here](#).

Paola Marongiu and Nilo Pedrazzini took part in the round table organised as part of the [DHNord conference](#) and discussed the emergence of the short data paper as a new form of publication in the humanities and social sciences.

And don’t forget to check out the talk by Paola Marongiu and Barbara McGillivray at RIOT Science Club on 5 April 2022 at 12 GMT, more info [here](#).

Be sure to [follow us on Twitter](#) for updates, publication announcements, and

other news about JOHD and to check out our [Youtube](#) channel!

The JOHD team are excited for the upcoming year and look forward to sharing more great news with you as things progress.



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