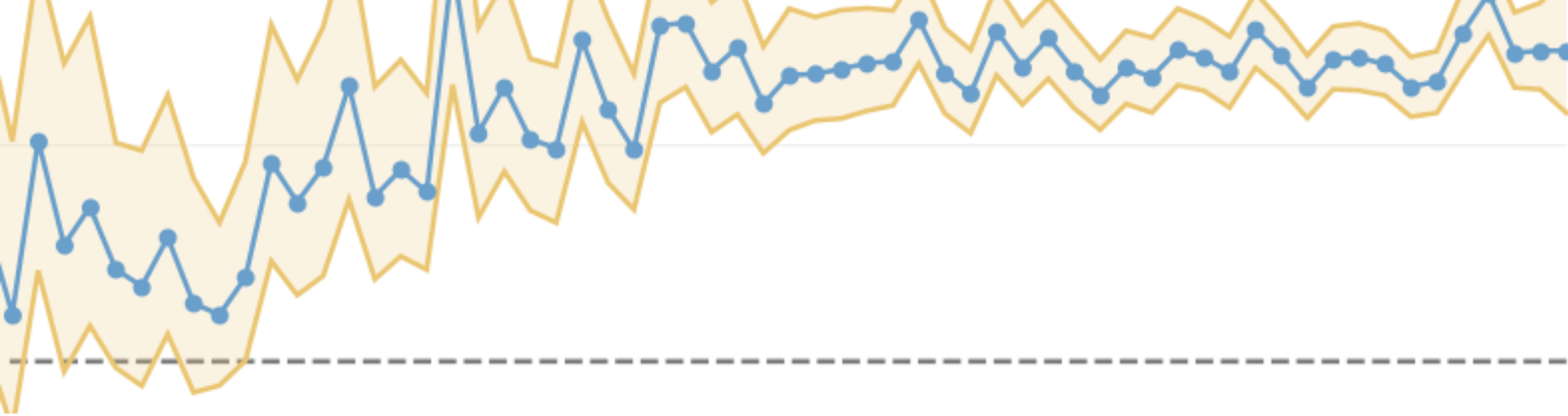




Diversity and Gender in Scholarly Publishing

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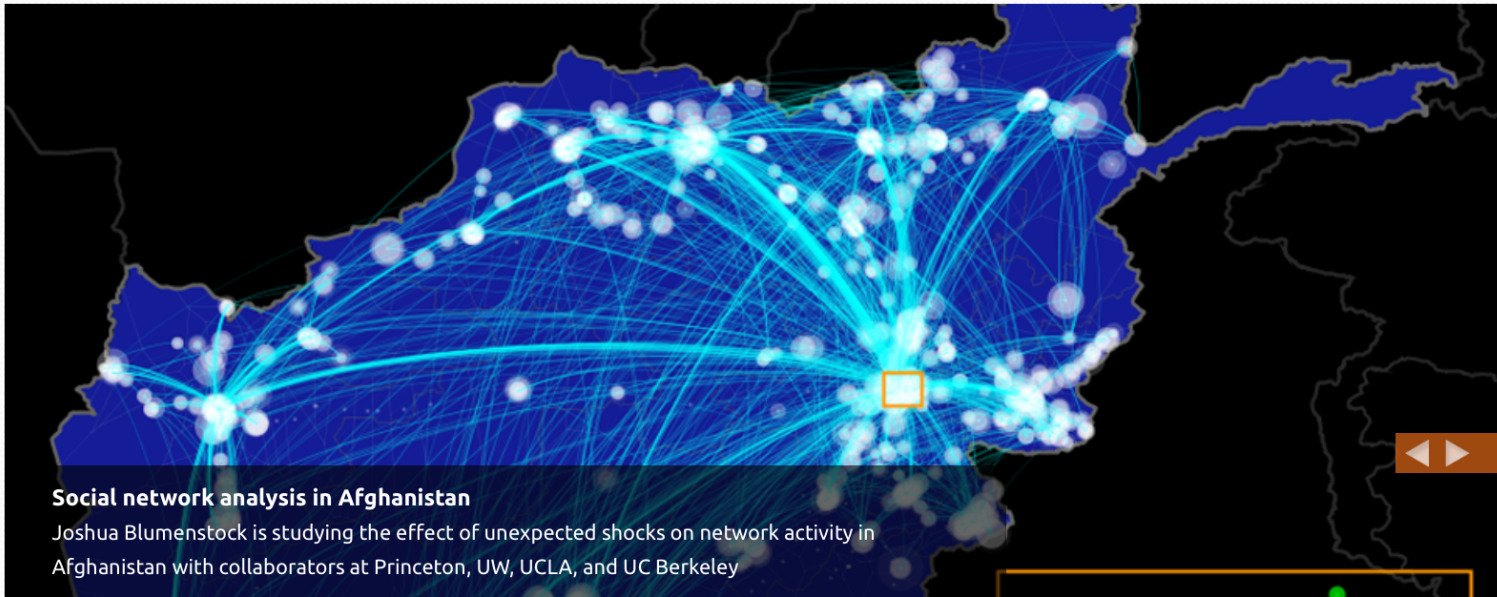
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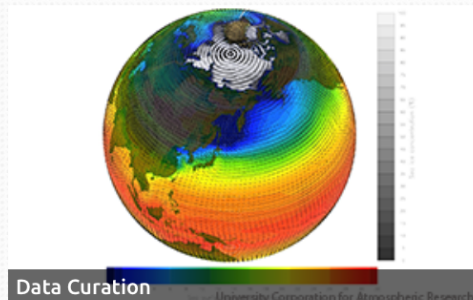
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Side note: The Ohio State University, first female graduate, recognized sooner (1879)



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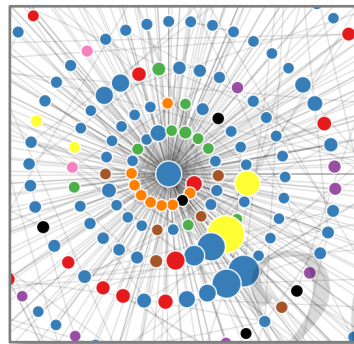
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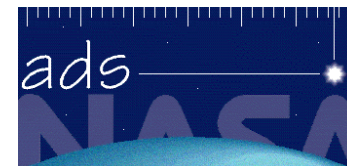
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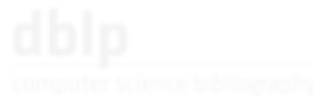
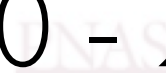


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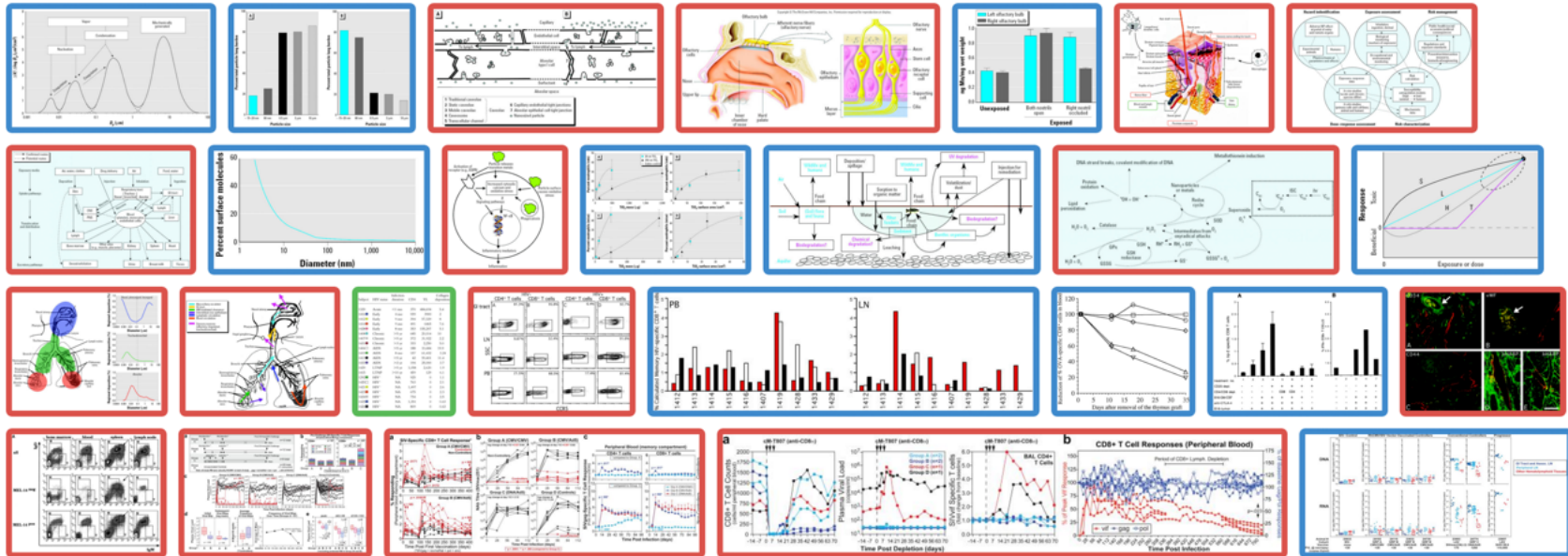


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- Gender in Academic Authorship
- Self-citation Differences
- Patents and Inventorship
- Homophily versus Heterophily
- Recommendations

The Role of Gender in Scholarly Authorship

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Abstract

Gender disparities appear to be decreasing in academia according to a number of metrics, such as grant funding, hiring, acceptance at scholarly journals and productivity, and it might be tempting to think that gender inequity will soon be a problem of the past. However, a large-scale analysis based on over eight million papers across the natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities reveals a number of understated and persistent ways in which gender inequities remain. For instance, even where raw publication counts seem to be equal between genders, close inspection reveals the fields, men predominate in the prestigious first and last author positions. Moreover, women are underrepresented as authors of single-authored papers. Academics should be aware of the subtle ways disparities can occur in scholarly authorship.

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Introduction

Gender inequities and gender biases persist in higher education. After decades of high female enrolment in most PhD fields, women represent one-quarter of full professors and earn on average 15% less than men (American Association of University Women, 2012). In a recent survey of 1800 faculty across six science and engineering disciplines and found men publish significantly more in chemistry and mathematics, while women publish more in biology, earth and environmental sciences, and social sciences (in psychology, civil engineering, and physics). A recent experiment tested the role of gender in hiring by asking 127 science faculty to evaluate two identical applications of a hypothetical candidate with a male name [3]. Another recent analysis of commissioned articles in two prestigious journals published in 2010 and 2011 showed that 38% of articles were authored by women, and that women authored just 3.8% of earth and environmental sciences articles for *Nature News & Views*, although they represent 20% of the scientists in the field [4]. These findings suggest that gender bias is still a declining over time [5], and given the complexity of evaluating intellectual contributions [6] in increasingly collaborative efforts, understanding patterns of authorship order becomes increasingly

Here we use the JSTOR corpus—a body of academic papers from a range of scholarly disciplines spanning five centuries—to examine trends in the gender composition of academic authorship through time. We pay particular attention to authorship order, given that first and sometimes last author publications are at least as important as raw publication counts for hiring, promotion, and tenure, particularly in scientific fields [7]. Studies of authorship in the medical literature reveal, for instance, that women have been historically underrepresented in the prestige positions of first and

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last author, and that while discrepancies have reduced the first author position, women remain underrepresented among authors [8,9,10,11]. To view authorship in a disciplinary context, we use a network-based detection approach to categorize hierarchically our study corpus. This yields a hierarchical classification of papers in our study and allows us to study and compare gender representation in individual fields of any

Methods

The JSTOR corpus

The JSTOR corpus (<http://www.jstor.org>) is a published scholarly research that spans the history of humanities from 1545 to the present day. At the time of analysis, the JSTOR corpus comprised 8.3 million articles ranging from 1545 until early 2011, including 4.2 million articles that are available online. The corpus includes articles which are research articles) cite or are cited by other articles in the JSTOR corpus and thus are amenable to network analysis. We call this group the "JSTOR network dataset". Moreover, these 1.8 million articles are part of a single giant network of all the network, such that any of these articles can be connected to any other article in the network by following citation links. We restrict our analysis to the JSTOR network dataset because this is the portion of the JSTOR corpus that can be hierarchically categorized using citation information. The JSTOR network dataset is composed of 1.8 million articles of the main fields available in JSTOR dataset, of which 1.2 million articles are available in the JSTOR online dataset (21.9% female) is close to that of the JSTOR corpus (20.8% female).



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The Academic Advantage: Gender Disparities in Patenting

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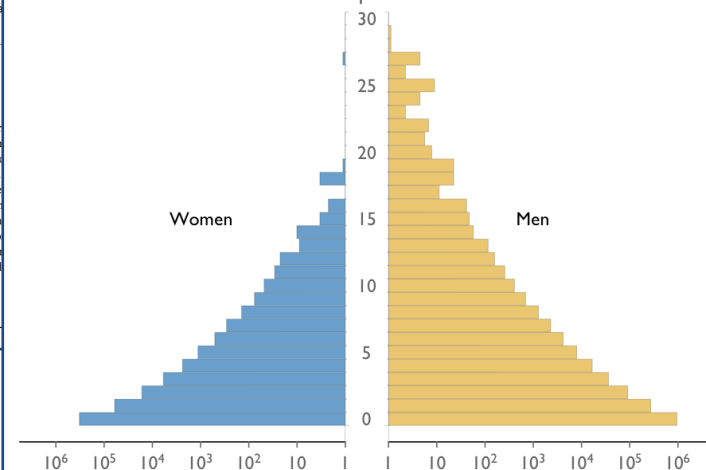
We analyzed gender disparities in patenting by country, technological area, and type of assignee using the 4.6 million utility patents issued between 1976 and 2013 by the United States Patent and Trade Office (USPTO). Our analyses of fractionalized inventorships demonstrate that women's rate of patenting has increased from 2.7% of total patenting activity to 10.8% over the nearly 40-year period. Our results show that, in every technological area, female patenting is proportionally more likely to occur in academic institutions than in corporate or government environments. However, women's patents have a lower technological

vide evidence that patents to which women—and in particular academic women—are associated with a higher number of International Patent Classification (IPC) and co-inventors than men. The policy implications of these disparities and academic advantages are discussed.

Introduction

Innovation is critical to economic development [1] and depends upon the full participation of the scientific workforce [2]. Yet, the growing field of “innovation studies” [3] demonstrates that there are many disparities in the exploitation of human capacity for innovation. Particularly well-noted areas are the dearth of academic and female innovators [4, 5]. Due to this lack of innovation in the academic sector has been to stress academic entrepreneurship which encompasses the varied ways in which faculty at educational institutions enter the private sector and high risk activities which have the potential for financial rewards for themselves or the institution with which they are affiliated [6]. This is most typically operationalized as the commercialization of science activities such as patenting [2], which was heavily promoted following the enactment of the Bayh-Dole Act in 1980 in the United States and similar legislation in other countries [5].

Number of authorships with n self-citations



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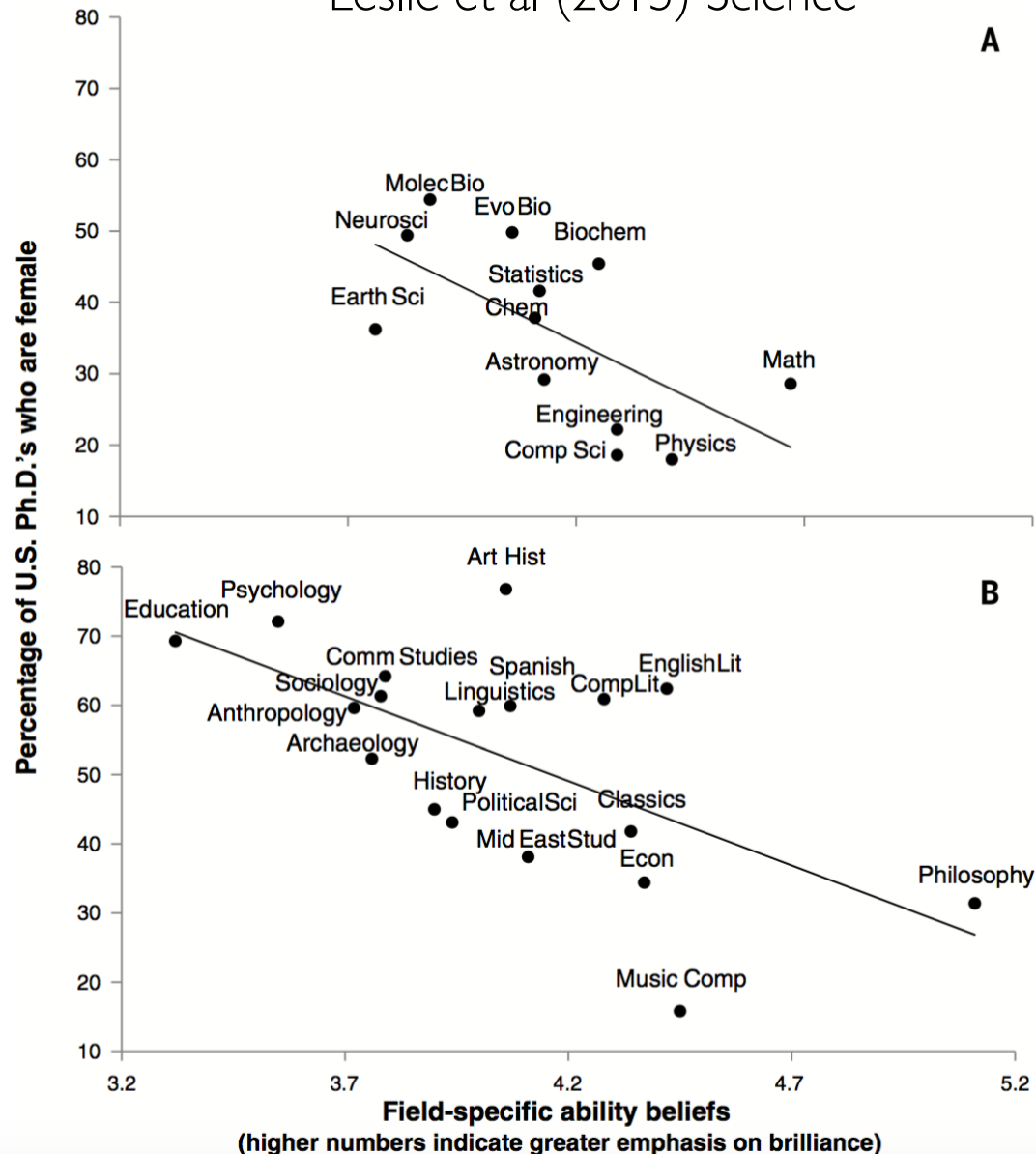


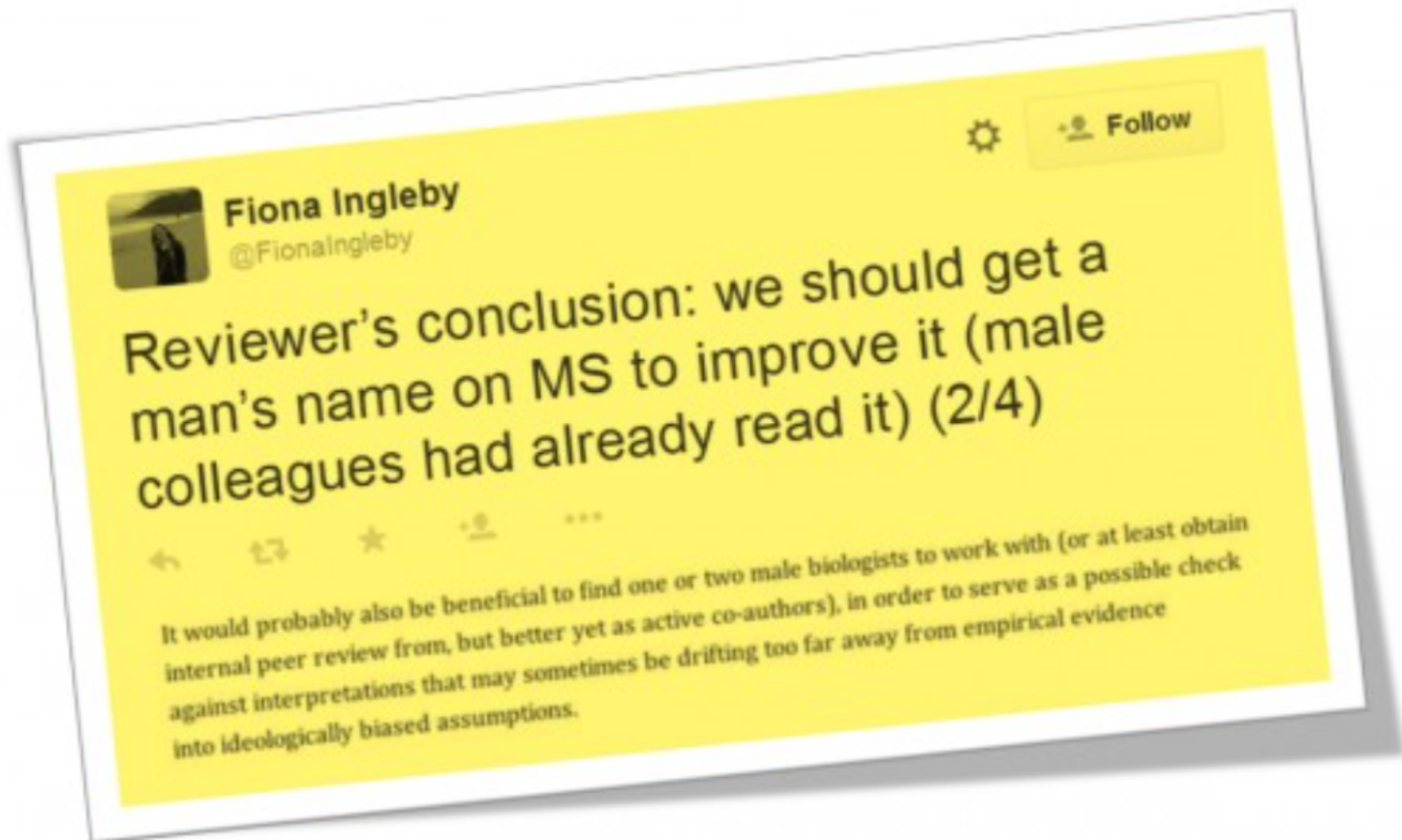
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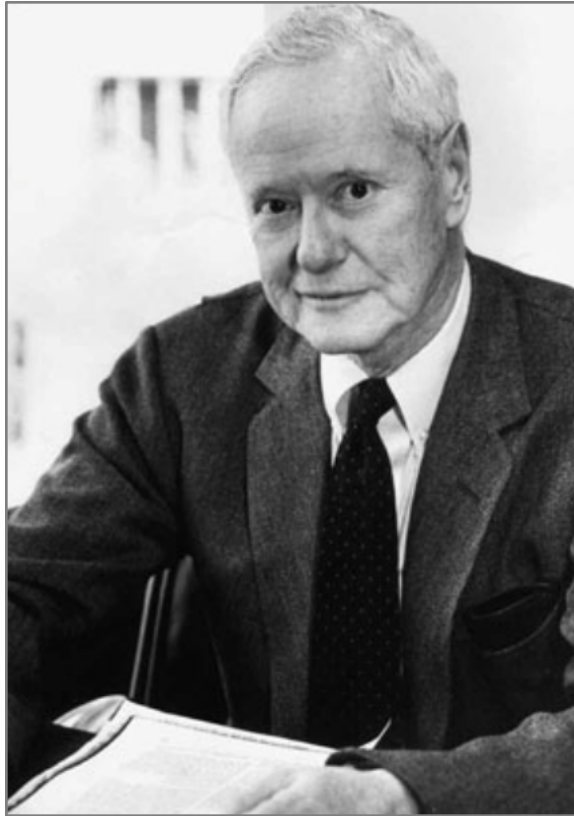
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Mathew Effect



Robert Merton

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Denial of the contribution of women scientists in research
first described by Matilda Joselyn Gage



Mary is a female researcher working in an interesting field. She has got relevant ideas and has obtained promising results

but



it is **Mare**, male fellow researcher in the same field, who is going to get the credit for Mary's work.

It happened to the work of such extraordinary female scientists as:

Lise Meitner



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Influence of Pew Scholars

Roberta A. Gottlieb

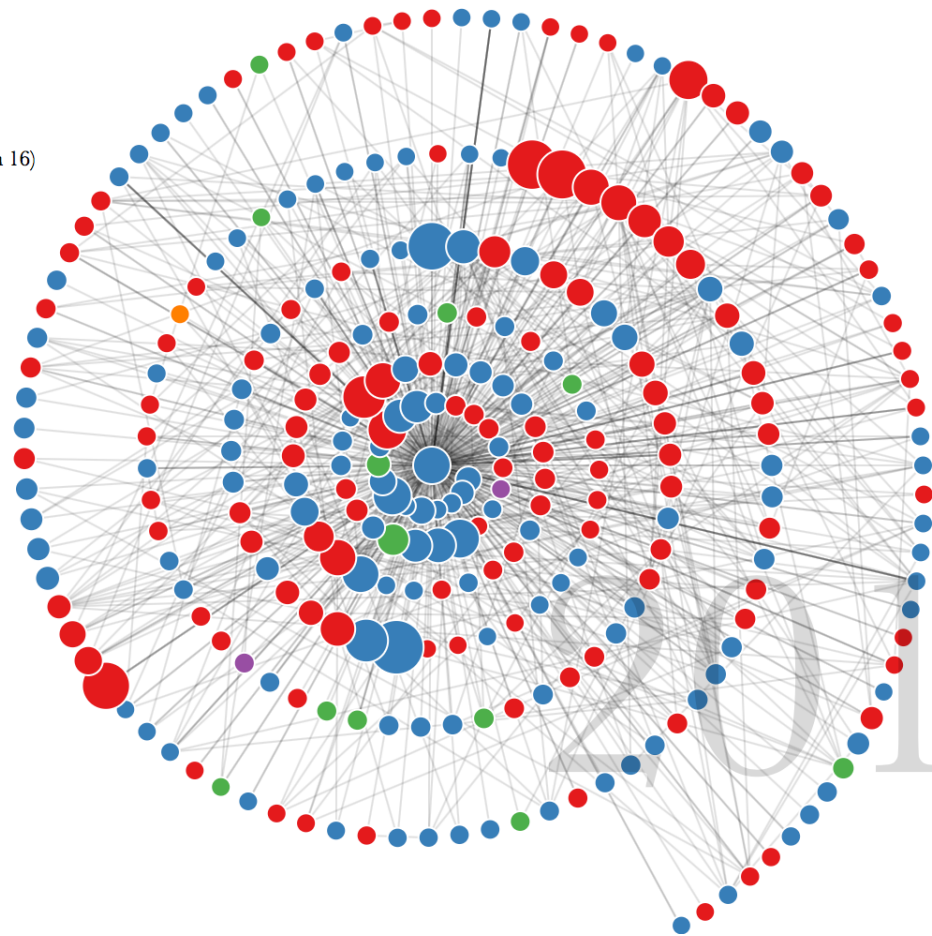
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Gottlieb



Pew Scholar
1997



2012

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% PhDs overall	7–9	9–22	23–30	29–37	38–40
Computer sciences	n/a	n/a	9–18	14–19	16–21
Engineering	0–1	1–3	4–8	9–15	16–20
Life Sciences	8–14	13–25	26–39	38–46	47–52
Mathematics	5–7	6–16	13–18	18–24	25–30
Physical Sciences	3–5	5–11	11–19	19–24	25–29
Psychology	18–24	24–41	42–56	58–67	67–71
Social Sciences	8–12	11–26	27–35	33–42	43–46
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Single author	8.7	12.5	18.7	24.5	28.5
1st author	9.2	12.9	19.3	25.3	30.9
2nd author	14.8	16.2	20.8	25.0	28.8
Last author	15.0	15.2	17.6	20.1	22.8

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8.2 million articles over
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Names from over
300 million boys and girls
from 1880 - 2010

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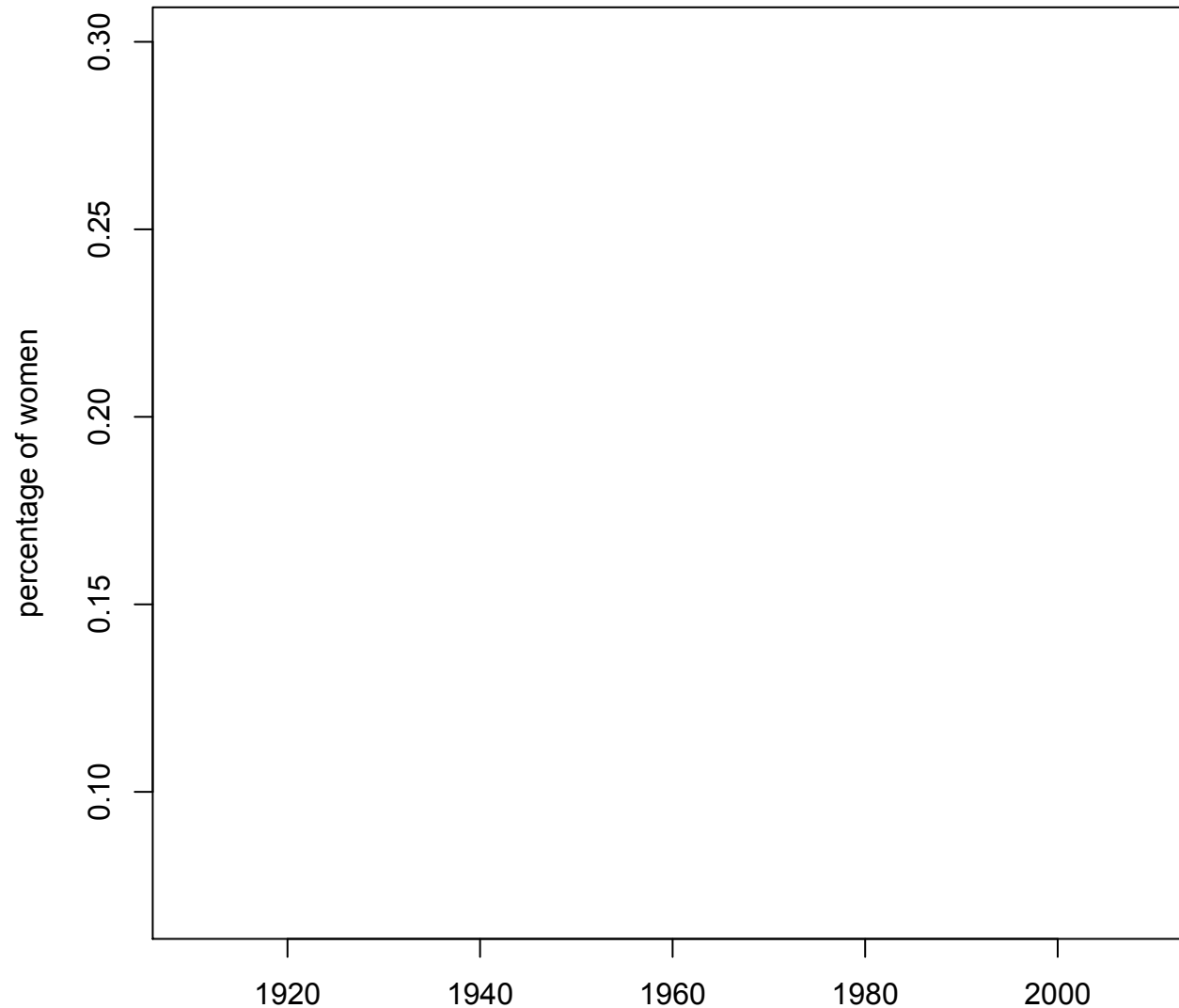
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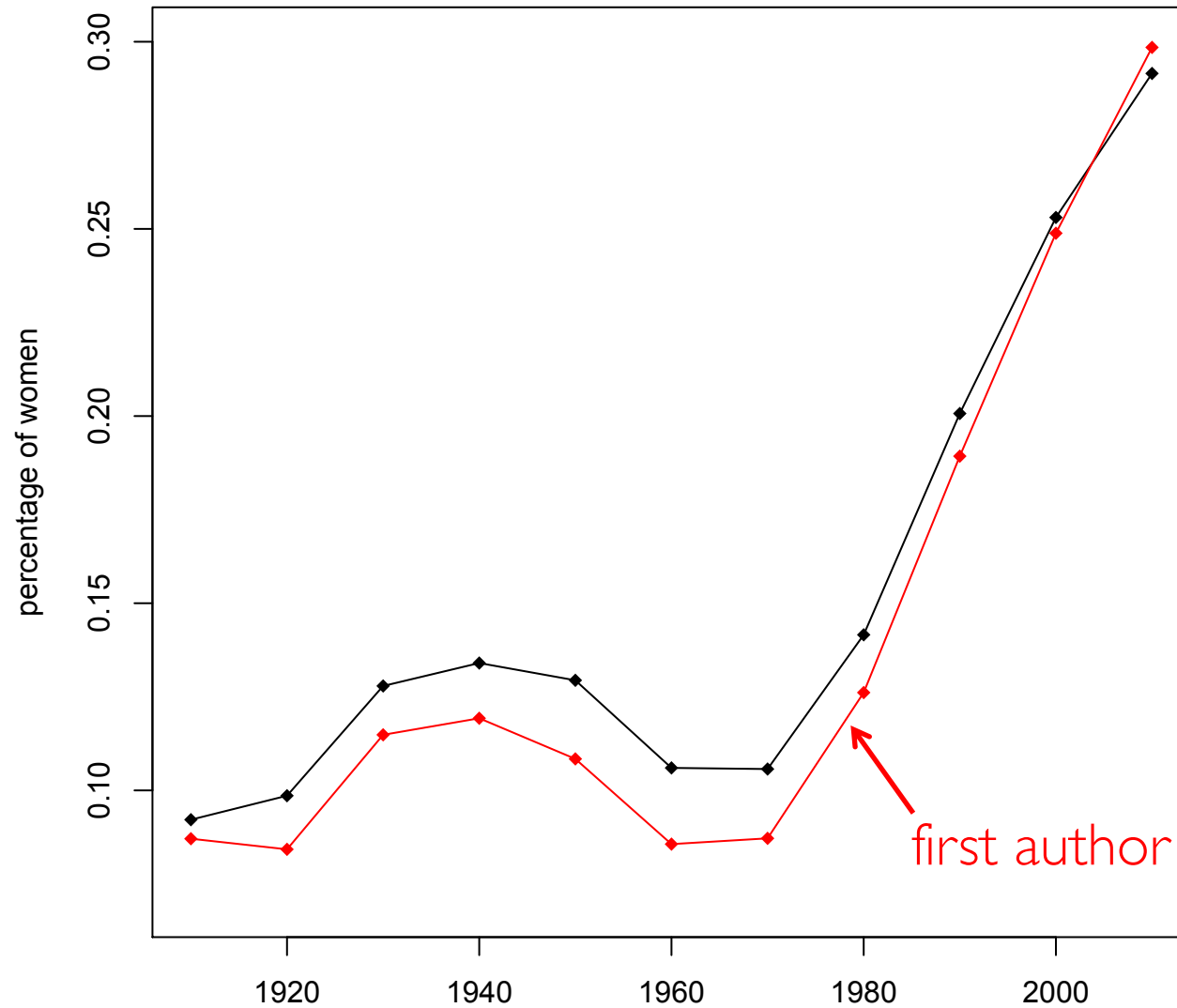
3.6 million authorships

Field	% female	authorships
Mathematics	10.64	6134
Philosophy	12.04	12190
Economics	13.68	69142
Probability and Statistics	18.11	28324
Political science - international	19.07	14908
Political science-US domestic	19.09	15705
Ecology and evolution	22.76	279012
Law	24.21	18503
Organizational and marketing	25.44	32119
Physical anthropology	27.05	16296
Radiation damage	27.69	7825
Classical studies	28.88	6372
Molecular & Cell biology	29.25	277032
History	30.47	15585
Veterinary medicine	31.81	10960
Cognitive science	32.12	12786
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Sociology	41.41	44895
Demography	41.90	7600
Education	46.35	28635

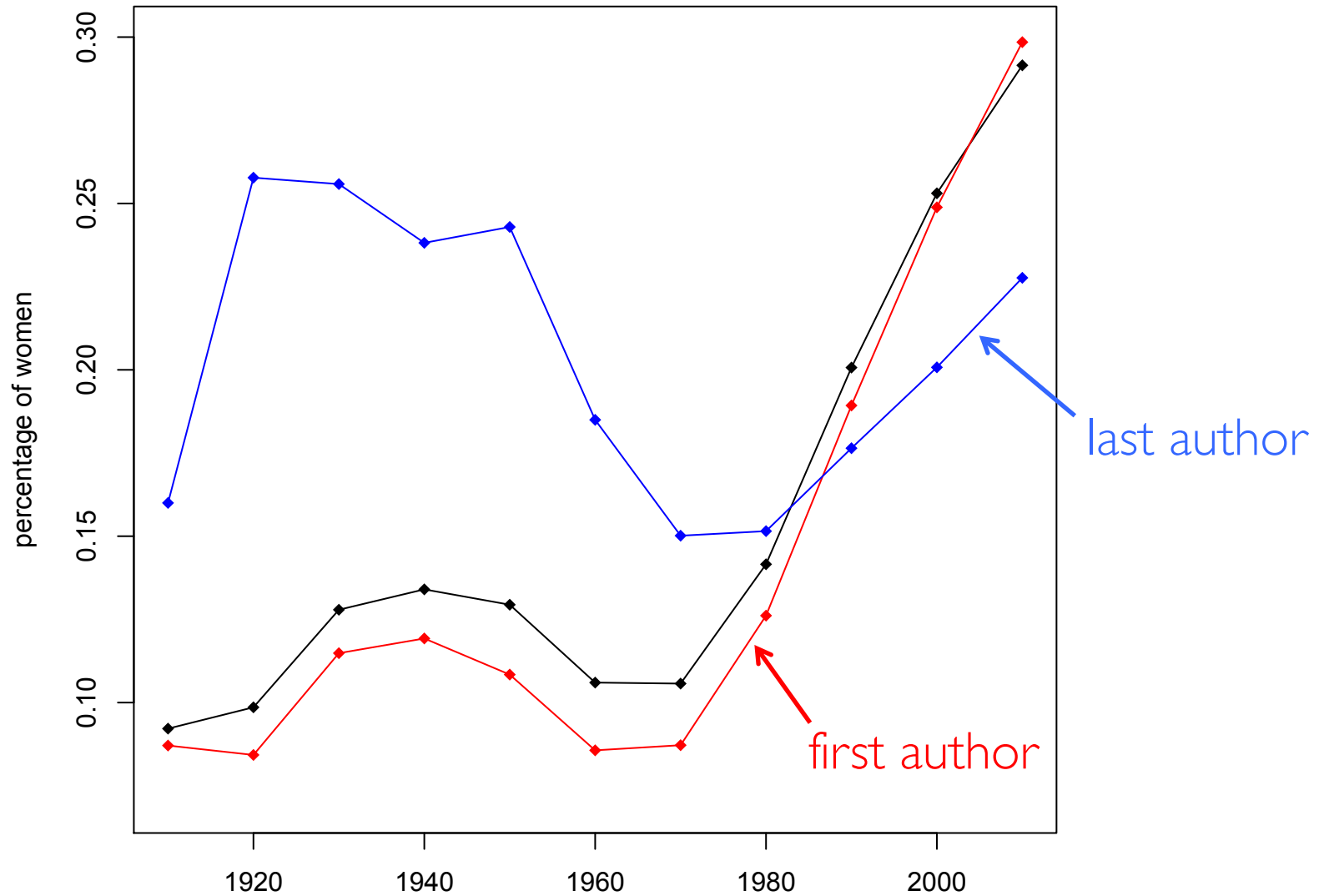
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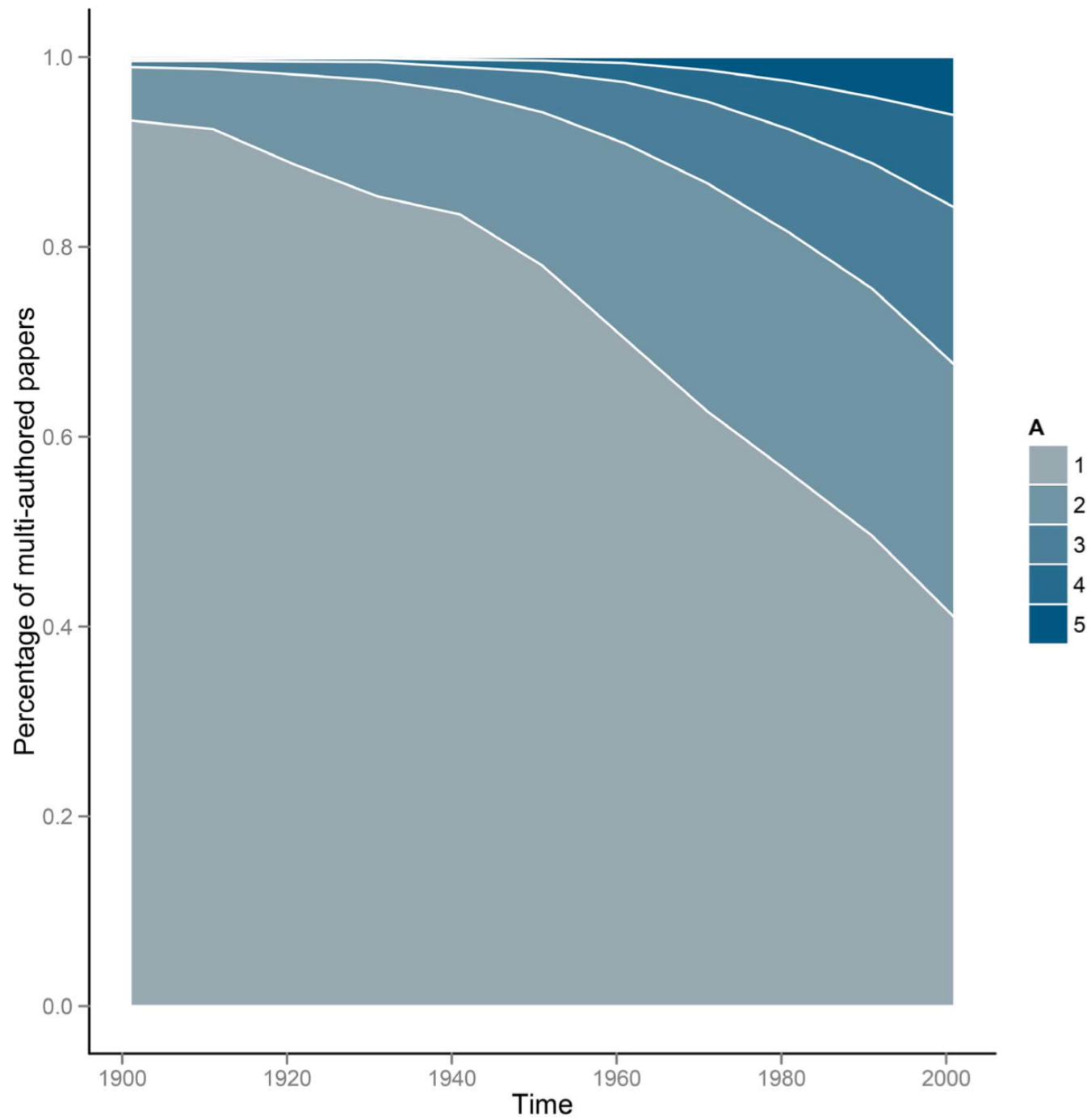


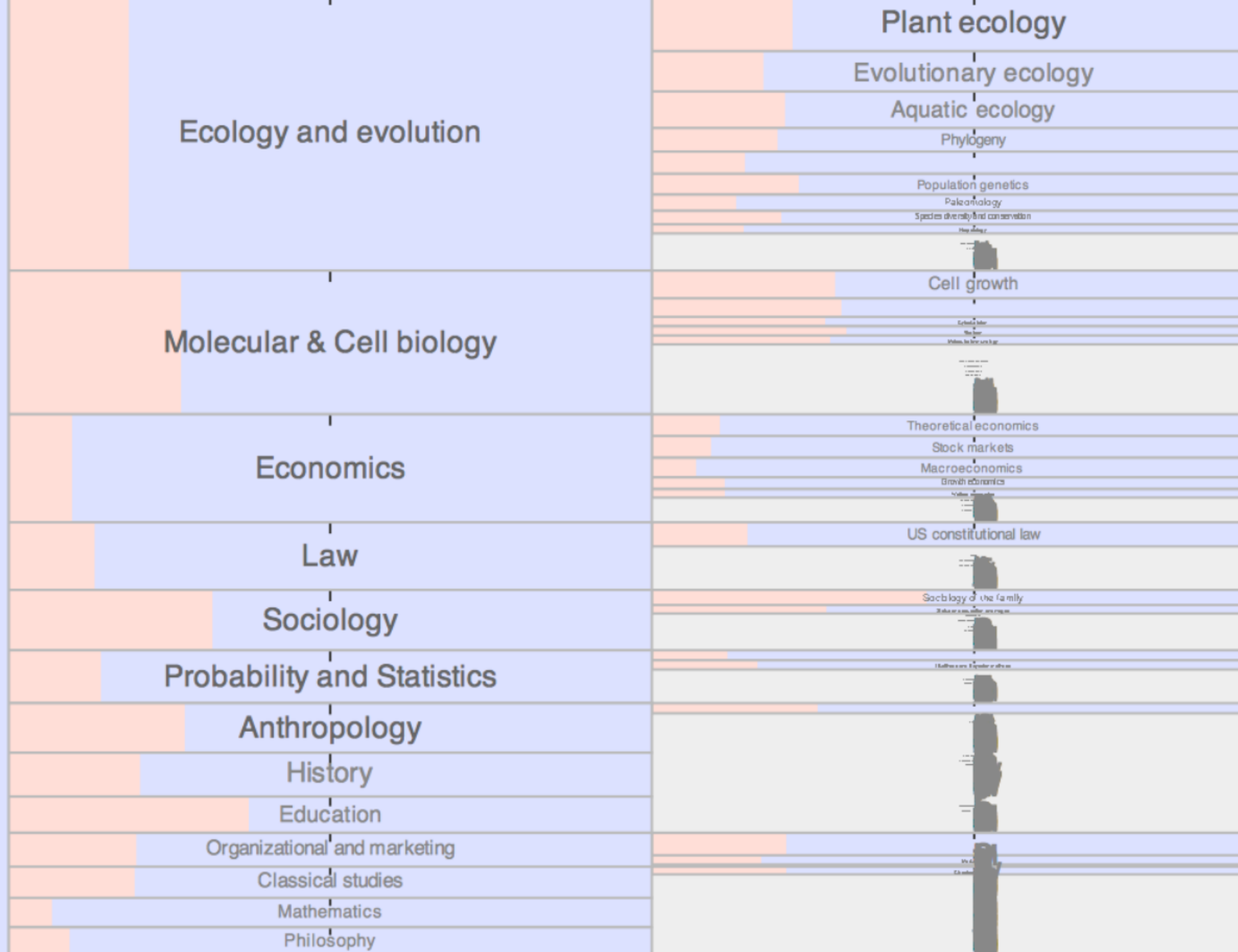
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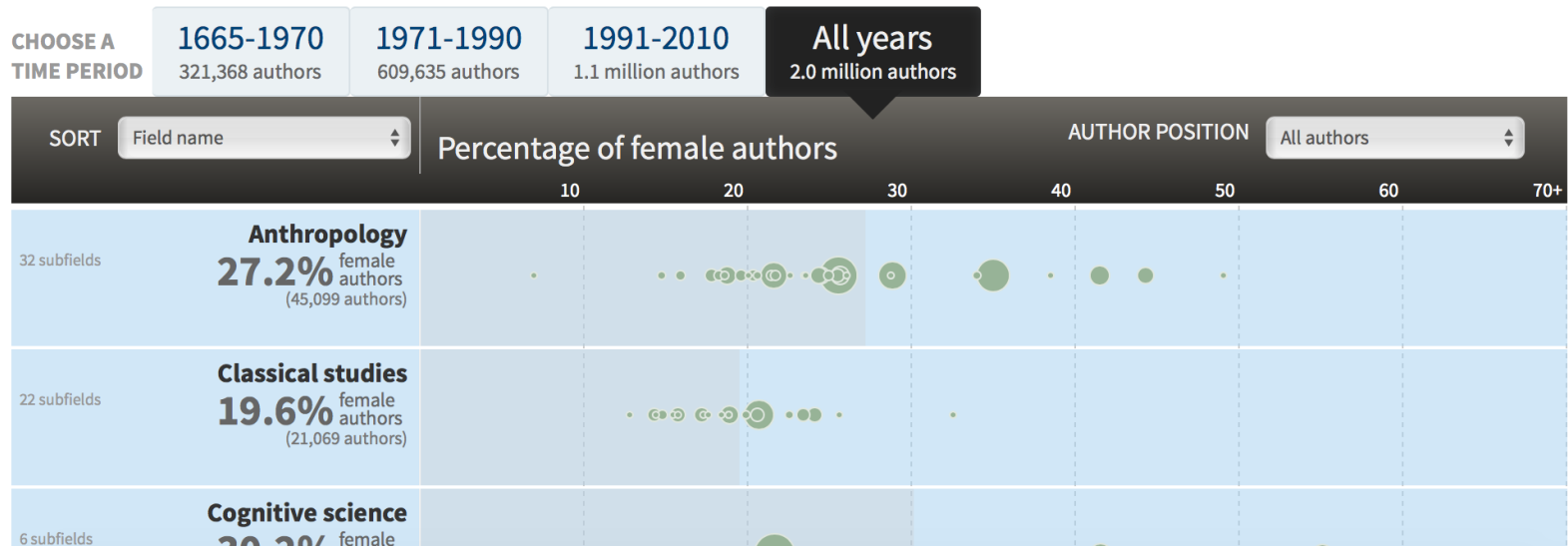
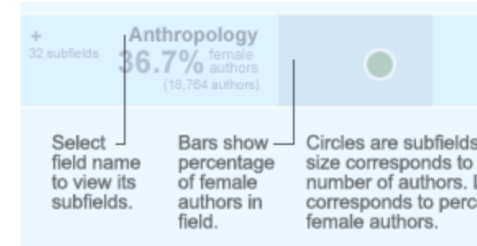
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Women as Academic Authors 1665-2010

Women's presence in higher education has increased, but as authors of scholarly papers—keys to career success—their publishing patterns differ from those of men. Explore nearly 1,800 fields and subfields, across four centuries, to see which areas have the most female authors and which have the fewest, in this exclusive *Chronicle* report. See how overall percentages differ from the important first-author position and—in two major bioscience fields—from the prestigious last-author position. See "About these data" for details.

Source: Gender analysis led by Jevin West and Jennifer Jacquet at the University of Washington's Eigenfactor Project.

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Talk Outline

- Gender in Academic Authorship
- Self-citation Differences
- Patents and Inventorship
- Homophily versus Heterophily
- Recommendations

Motivation: Why Study Self-Citation?

- Women authors: fewer cites
- Could be due partly to self-cites
 - +1 self-cite → +3 cites from others over 5 years (Fowler & Aksnes 2007)
- Case of workplace self-promotion

Men set their own cites high: Gender and self-citation across fields and over time

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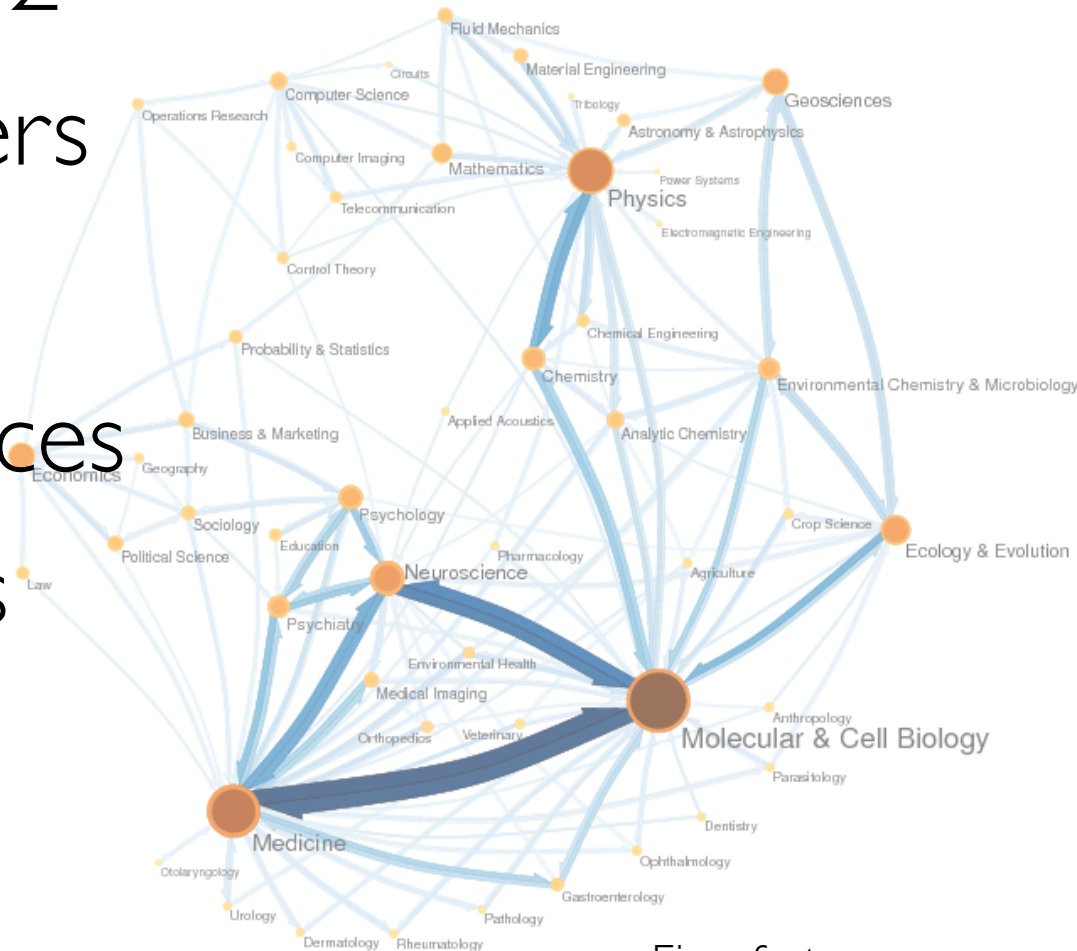
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Data: JSTOR “Network Dataset”

- Years 1950-2012
- 1.6 million papers
- 9.4% of references are self-citations



Methods: authorship-to-authorship citations

Pooja Gupta, Colin Jones, and John Williams (2010)
cites the paper

Rita Paulson, Colin Jones, and Sarah Erikson (2008)

9 authorship-to-authorship citations **39.4M**

1 self-citations: Colin Jones to Colin Jones **1M**

Self-citation rates

678,768 author self citations that are male-to-male

121,923 author self citations that are female-to-female

216,671 author self citations that I cannot tell the gender

Men self-citations represent 84.8% of the population

Women self-citations represent 15.2% of the population.

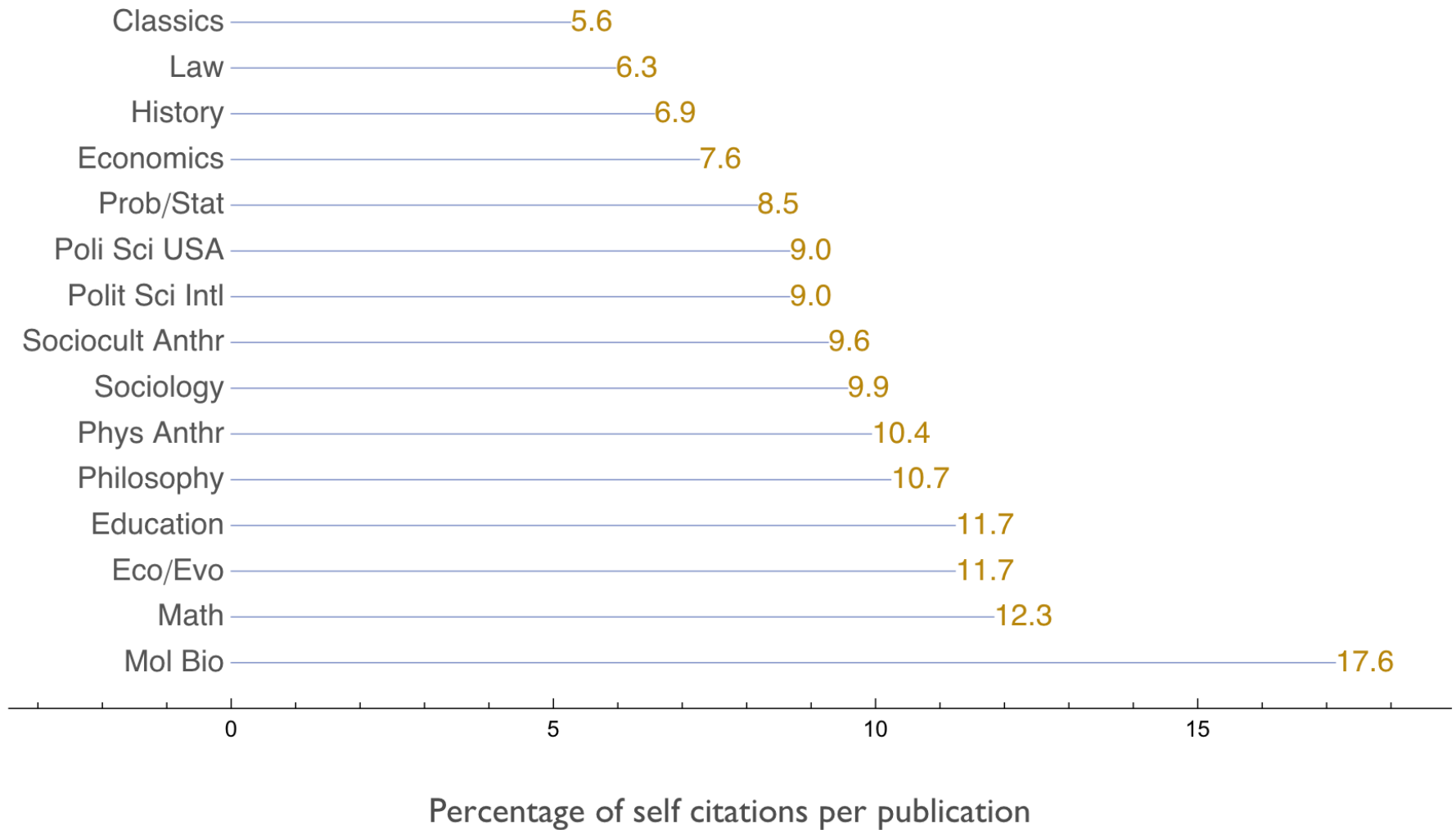
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1,596,125 men

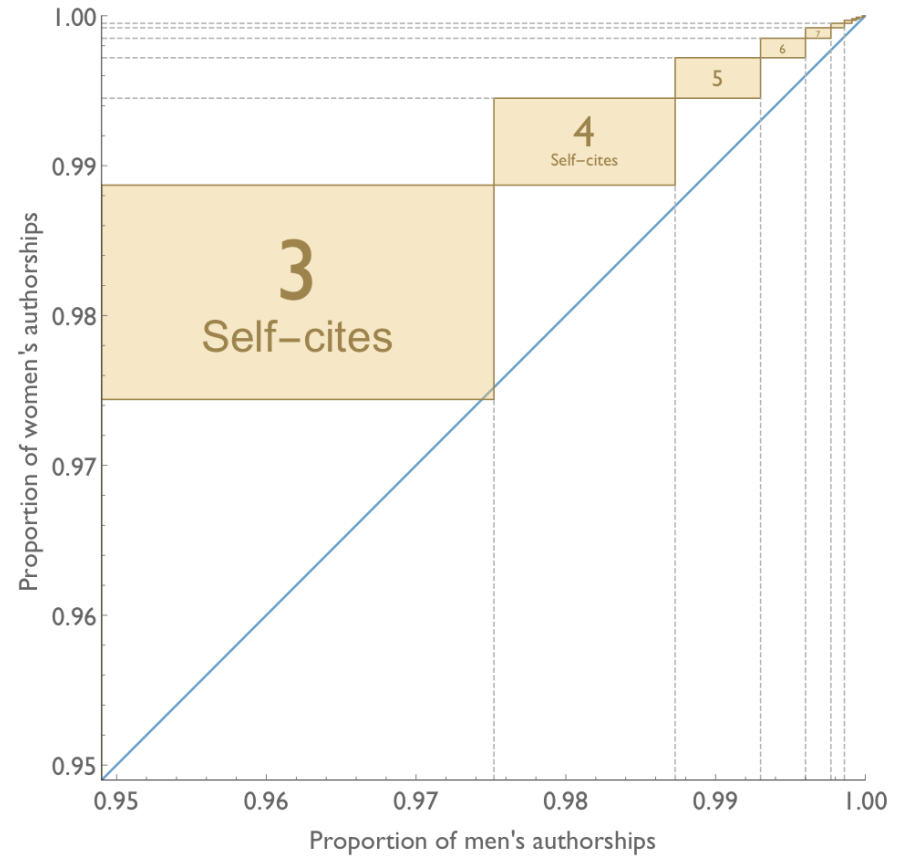
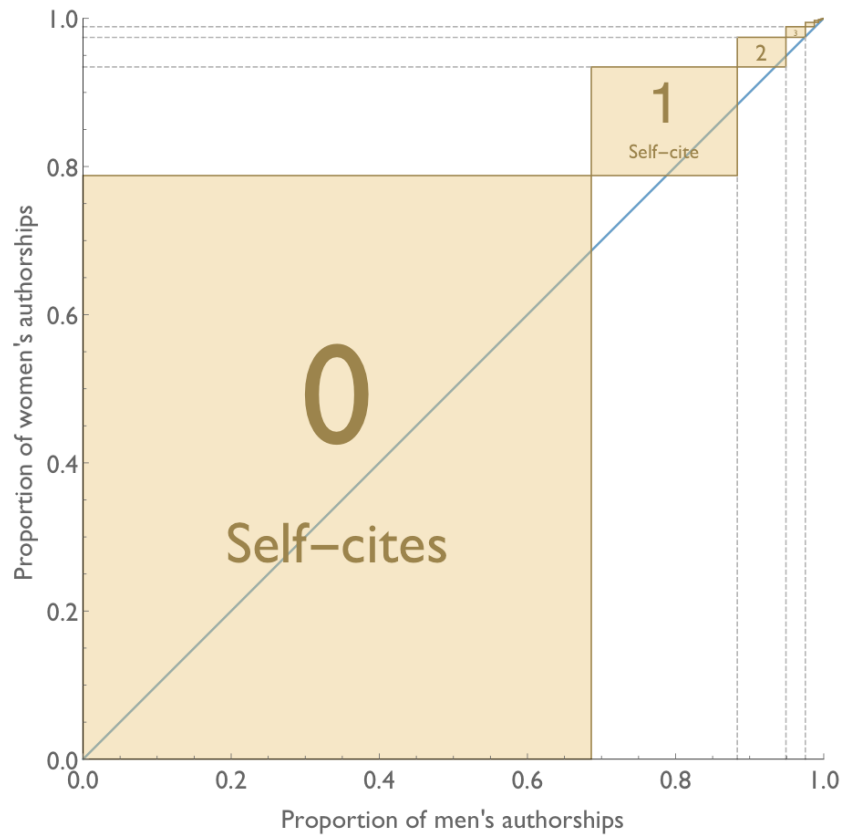
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Women represent 21.9% of the population.

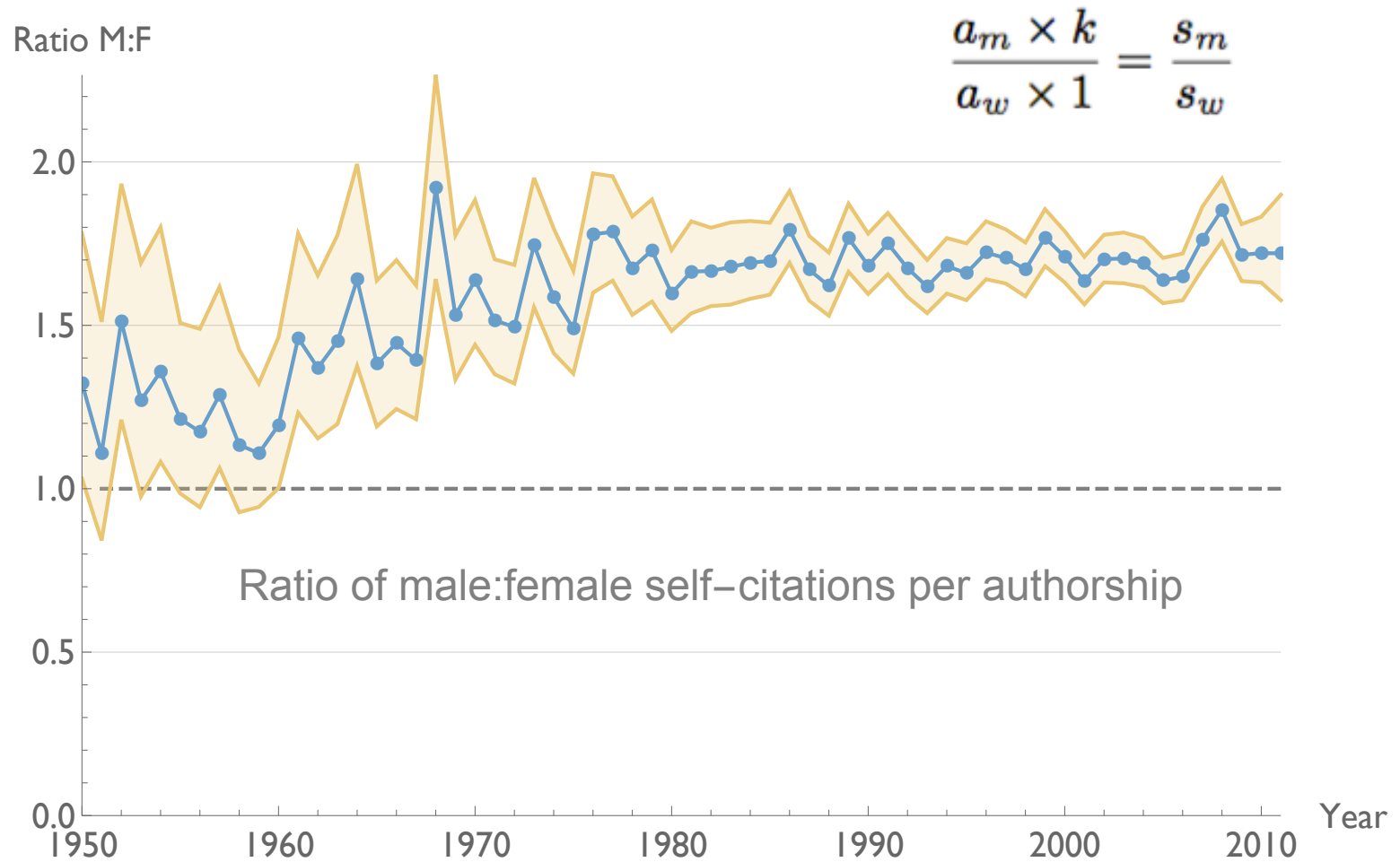
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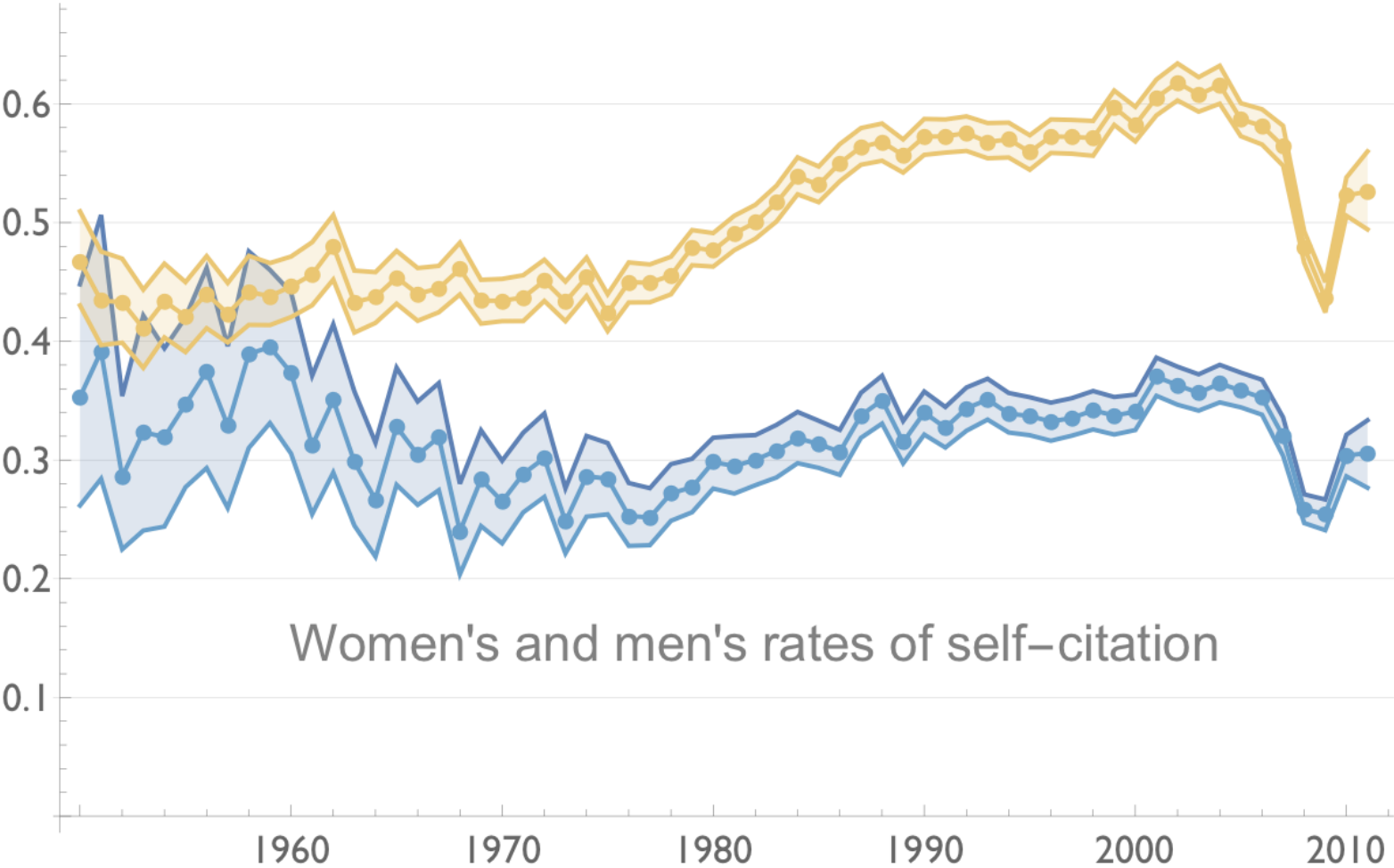
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Self-citation over time



Self-cites / authorship

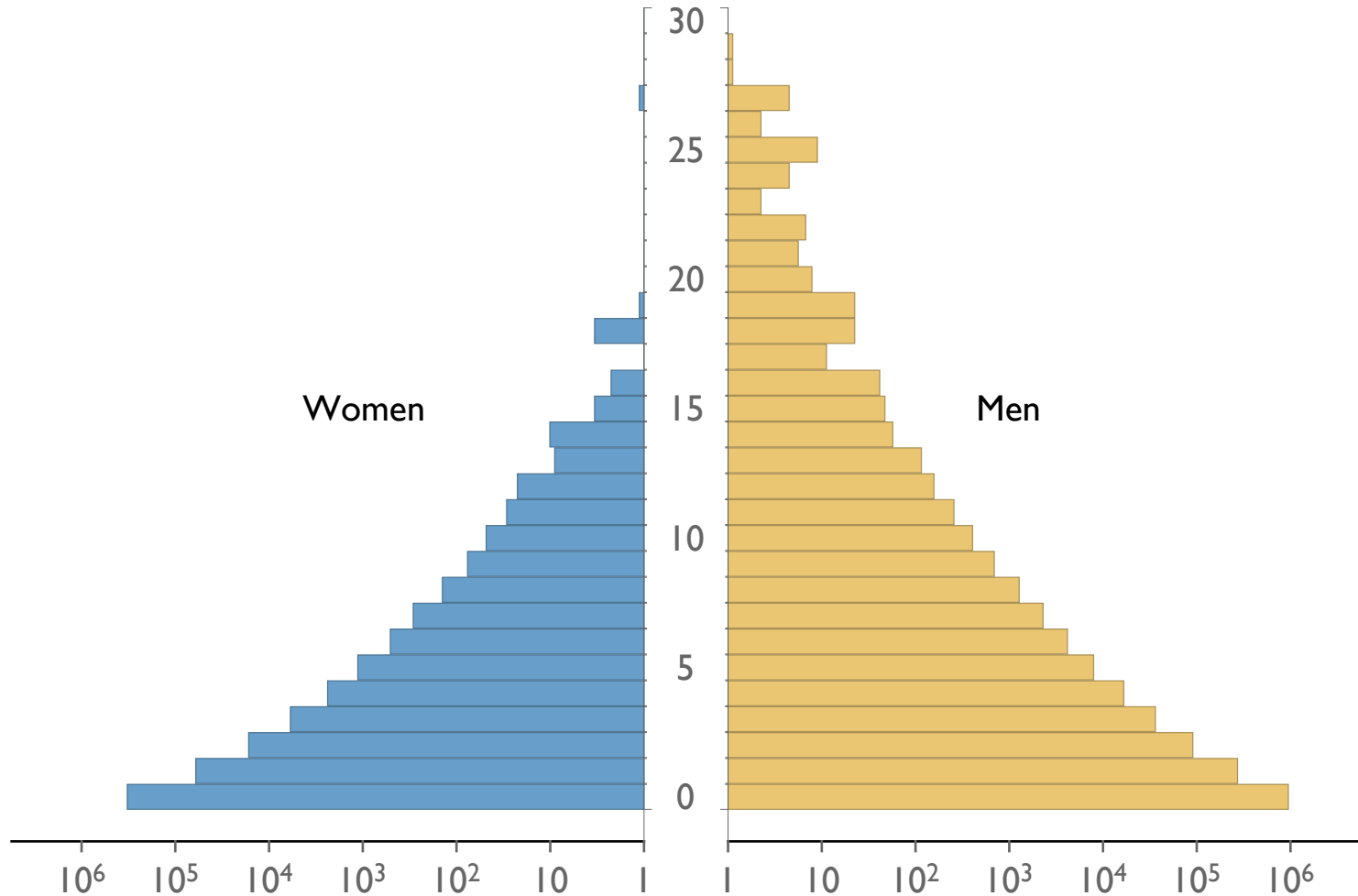


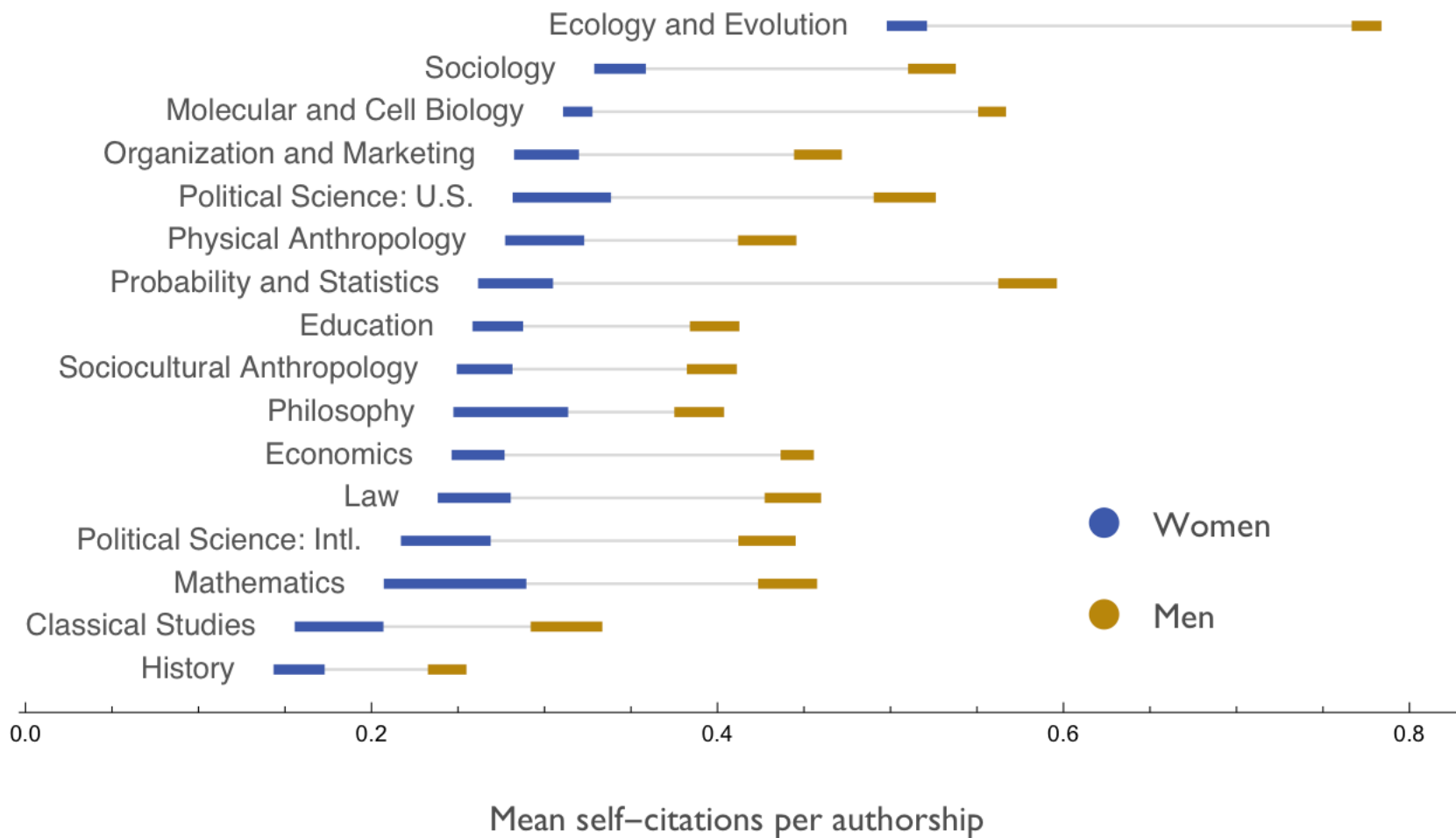
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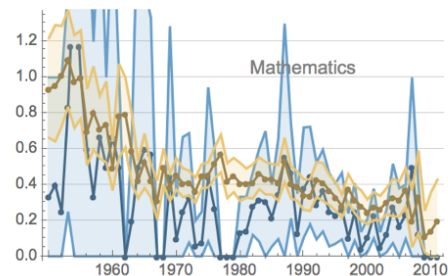
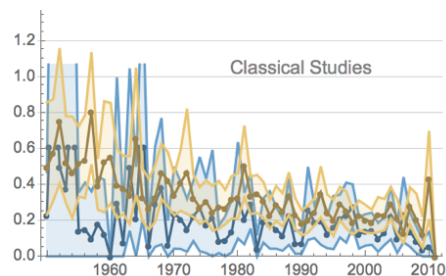
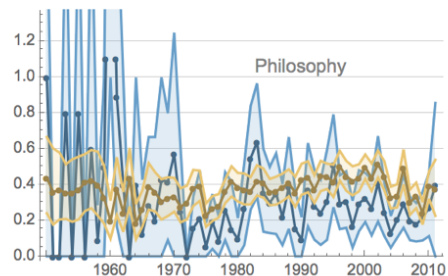
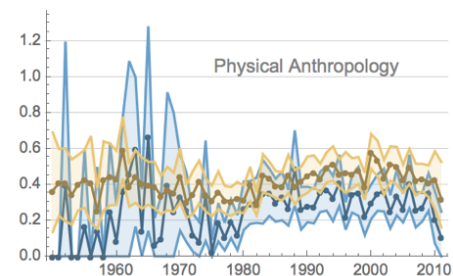
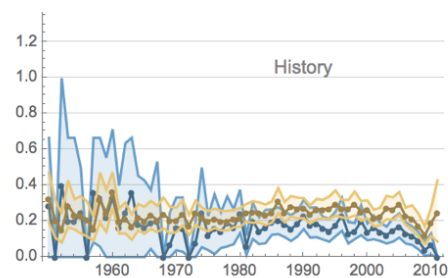
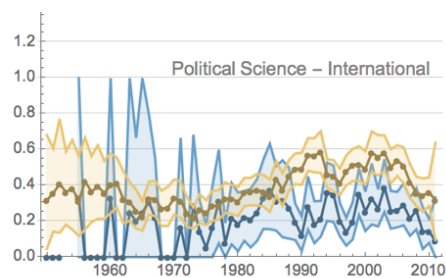
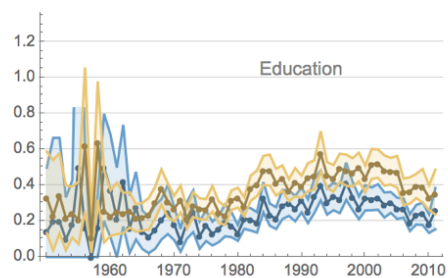
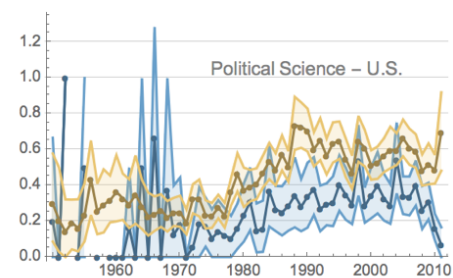
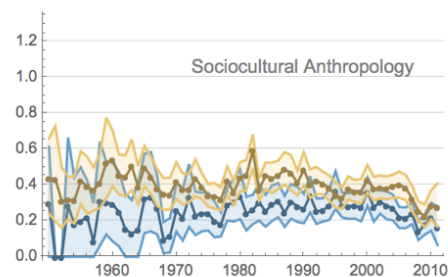
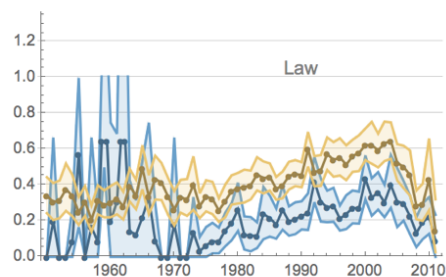
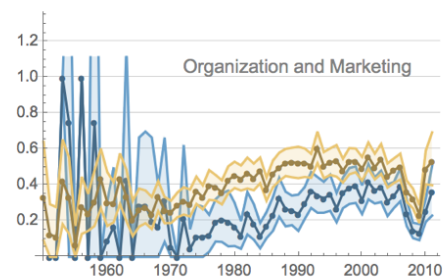
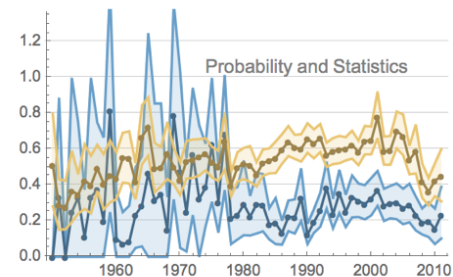
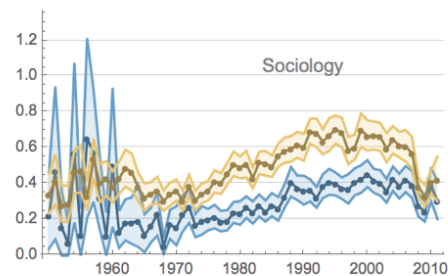
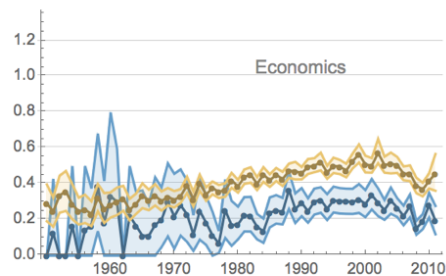
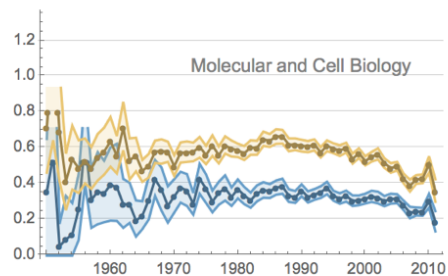
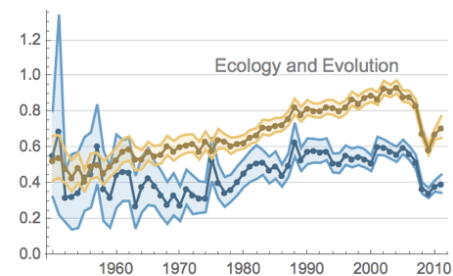
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Excessive Self Citation

Number of authorships with n self-citations







Potential Mechanisms

- Men may self-cite more because they evaluate their abilities more positively than women
- Men face fewer social penalties for self-promotion.
- Men specialize more in academic subfields, and specialization may encourage more self-citation
- Men publish more papers, particularly earlier in their careers, and therefore have more work to cite
- Men publish different types of papers; namely, the types of papers an academic may be more likely to self-cite
- Women switch fields more often so reduce their need for self-citation
- What else?

Talk Outline

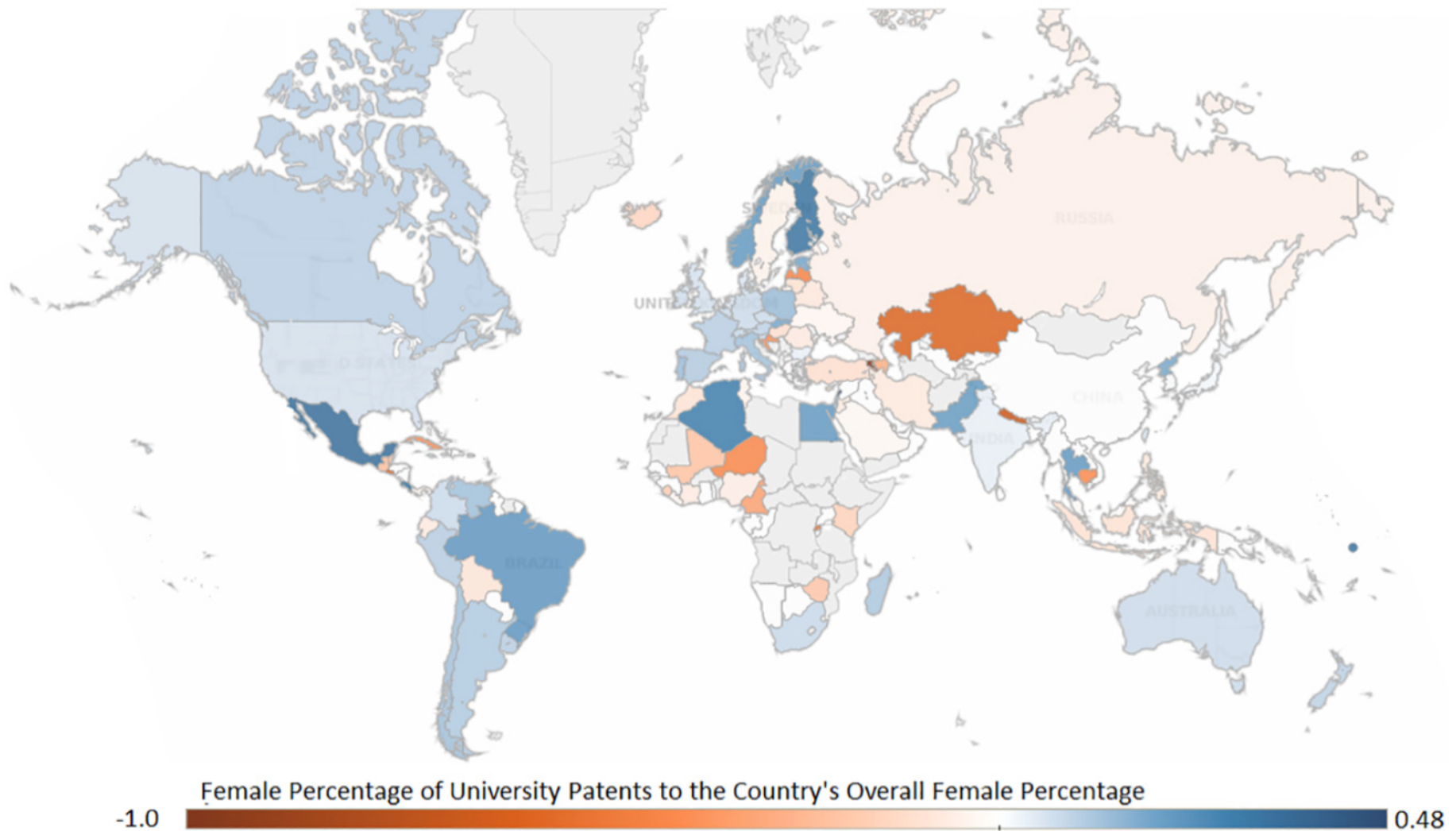
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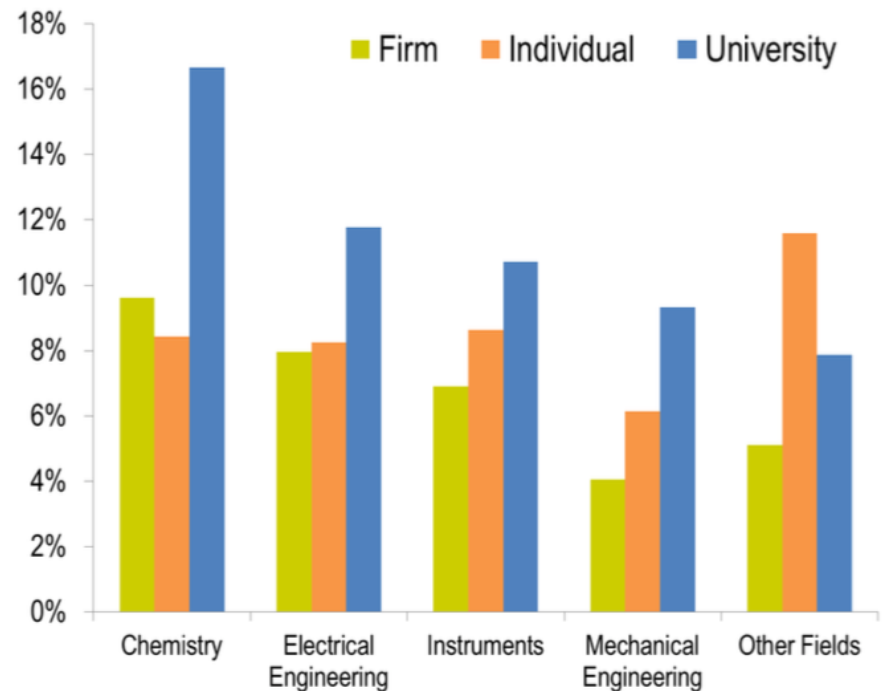
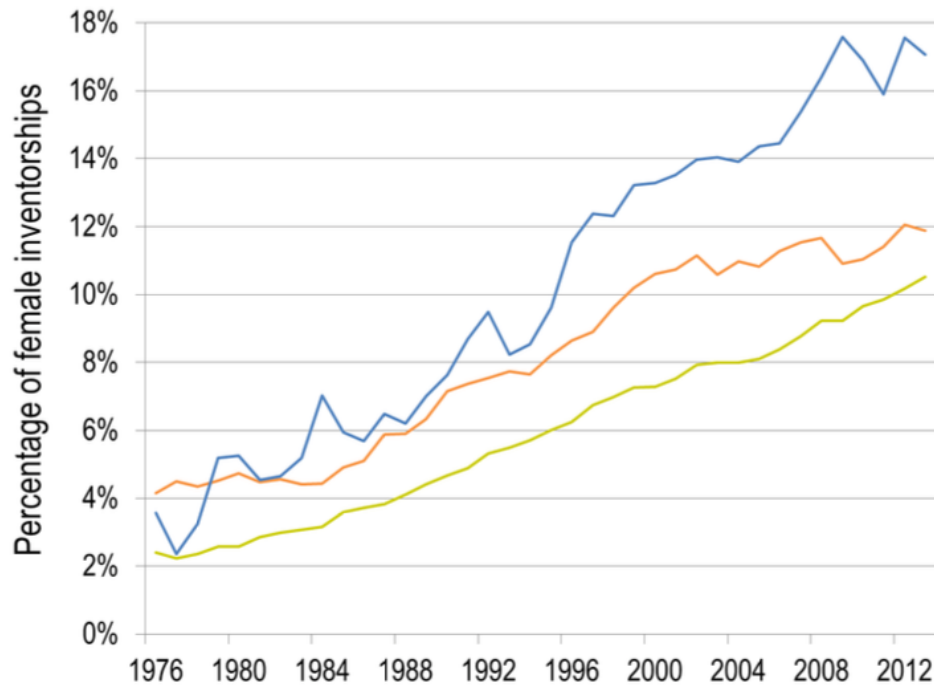
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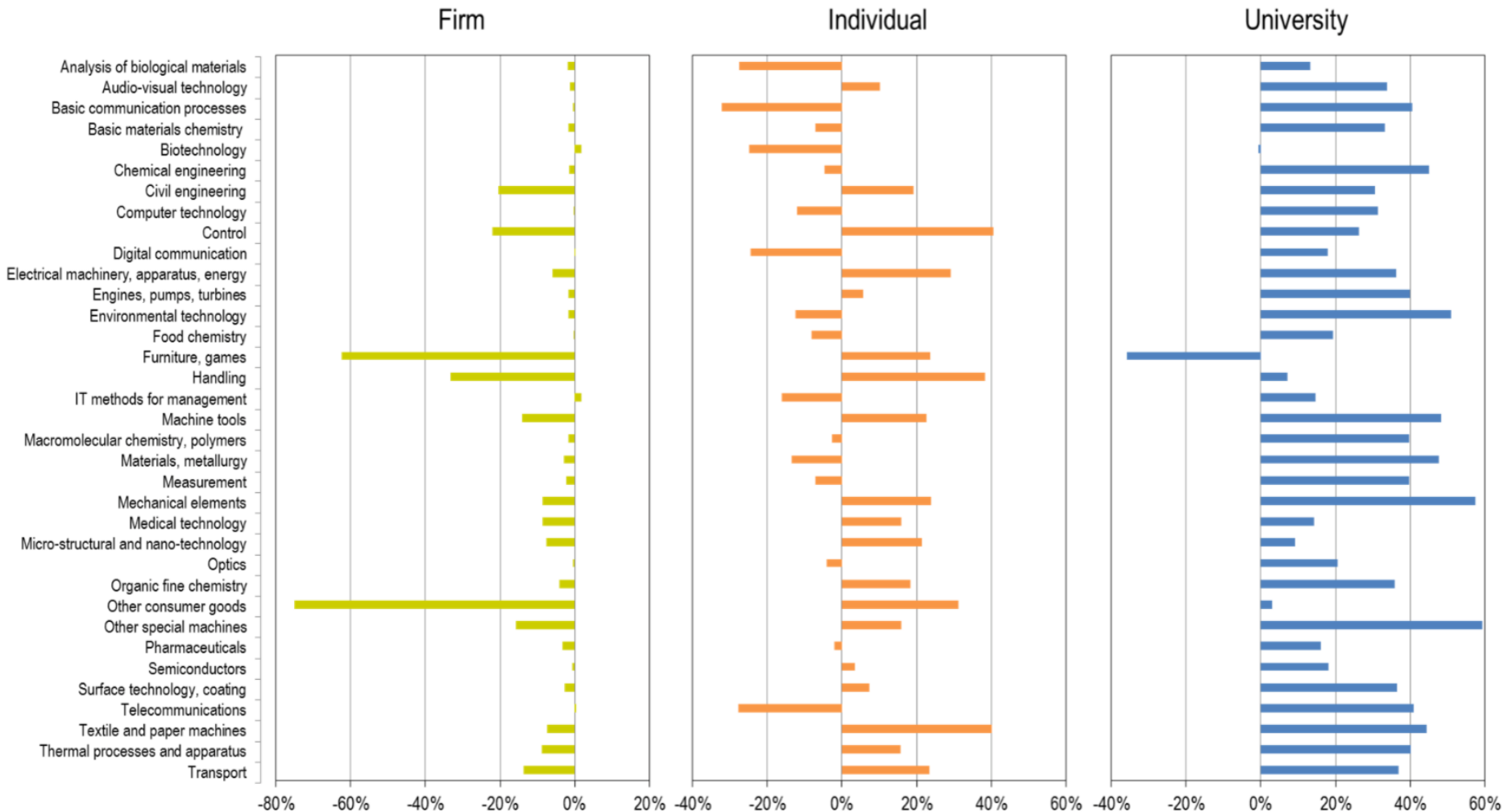
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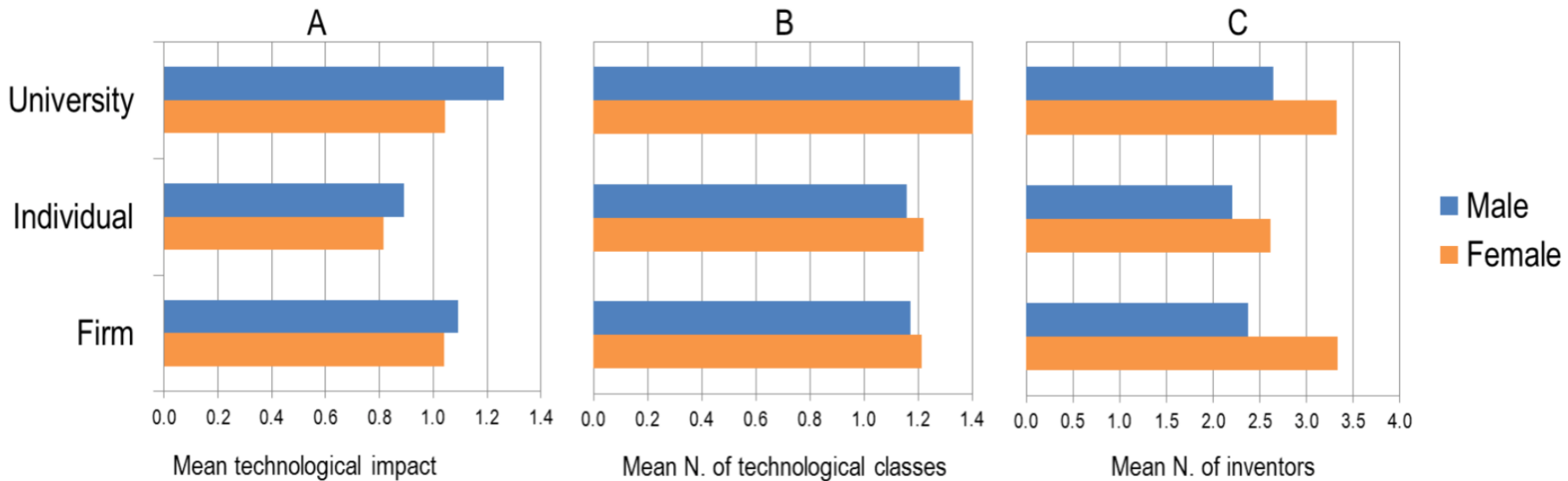
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Gender Differences by Industry



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Gender differences

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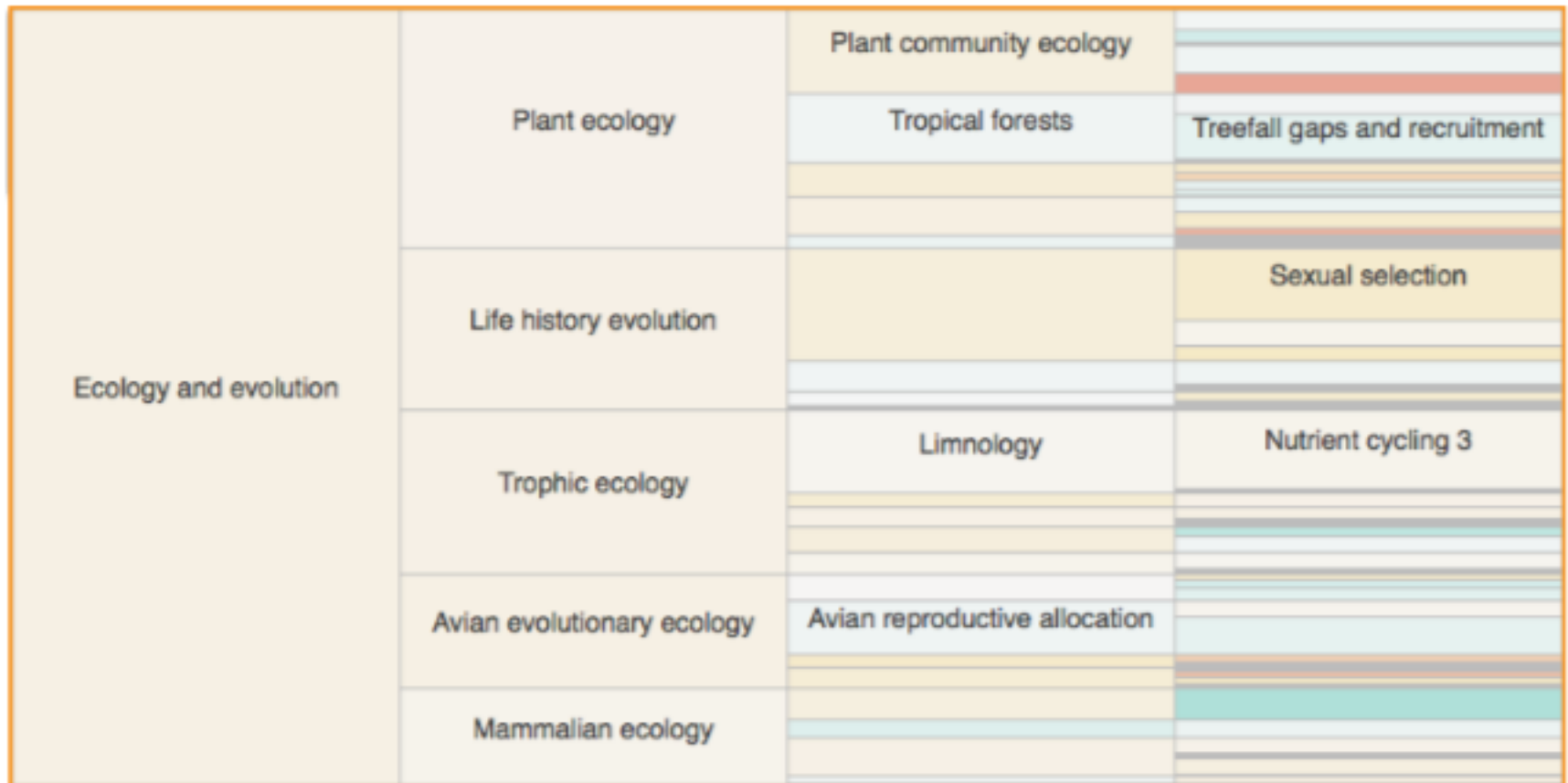
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Assortativity

Homophily vs Heterophily

Time Period (1665 - 2009)



Future Directions

- Full disambiguated author data set
- Paper and journal status effects
- Homophily versus Heterophily
- Patent acceptance rates
- What else?

What to do?

Avoiding gender bias in reference writing

Got a great student? Planning to write a super letter of reference?
Don't fall into these common traps based on unconscious gender bias.

Mention research & publications

Letters of reference for men are 4x more likely to mention publications and twice as likely to have multiple references to research. Make sure you put these critical accomplishments in every letter!

Don't stop now!

On average, letters for men are 16% longer than letters for women and letters for women are 2.5x as likely to make a minimal assurance ('she can do the job') rather than a ringing endorsement ('she is the best for the job').

Emphasize accomplishments, not effort

Letters for reference for men are more likely to emphasize accomplishments ('his research', 'his skills', or 'his career') while letters for women are 50% more likely to include 'grind-stone' adjectives that describe effort. 'Hard-working' associates with effort, but not ability.

We all share bias

It is important to remember that unconscious gender bias isn't a male problem. Research shows that women are just as susceptible to these common pitfalls as men. This is a problem for all of us - let's solve it together!

Keep it professional

Letters of reference for women are 7x more likely to mention personal life - something that is almost always irrelevant for the application.

Also make sure you use formal titles and surnames for both men and women.

Stay away from stereotypes

Although they describe positive traits, adjectives like 'caring', 'compassionate', and 'helpful' are used more frequently in letters for women and can evoke gender stereotypes which can hurt a candidate. And be careful not to invoke these stereotypes directly ('she is not emotional').

Be careful raising doubt

We all want to write honest letters, but negative or irrelevant comments, such as 'challenging personality' or 'I have confidence that she will become better than average' are twice as common in letters for female applicants. Don't add doubt unless it is strictly necessary!

Adjectives to avoid: Adjectives to include:

caring	successful
compassionate	excellent
hard-working	accomplished
conscientious	outstanding
dependable	skilled
diligent	knowledgeable
dedicated	insightful
tactful	resourceful
interpersonal	confident
warm	ambitious
helpful	independent
	intellectual

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