

A Brief History of *Psychological Science*

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The Observer concludes a year-long series celebrating a quarter-century of the journal [Psychological Science](#) by taking a look back at the last 25 years of the journal, including leadership, special sections, and ongoing updates to publication standards and practices.

1990

In the journal's first volume, Founding Editor [William K. Estes](#) publishes one special section on electronic publishing and one on the William James Symposium in recognition of the centennial of *Principles of Psychology*.

1993

Psychological Science features a special section on terminological standards for sex and gender in social science literature.

1995

John F. Kihlstrom becomes Editor.

1996

Psychological Science features a special section of articles in the July issue honoring Jean Piaget's landmark contributions on the 100th anniversary of his birth and another special section in November on sex differences in jealousy.

1997

The journal begins its eighth volume in January with a special section on issues surrounding significance testing.

2000

Sam Glucksberg becomes Editor.

2004

James Cutting becomes Editor; the journal moves from bimonthly to monthly frequency.

2005

Psychological Science receives 1,000 submissions (up 15% over 2004, 50% over 2003, and 80% over 2002).

2007

Rob Kail becomes Editor; the journal moves to an online submissions system.

2008

The first “This Week in *Psychological Science*” e-mail is sent to APS members (featuring articles appearing in the January 2009 issue). The journal begins publishing OnlineFirst articles on a weekly basis.

2012

Eric Eich becomes Editor.

2014

Eich’s January editorial, “[Business Not as Usual](#),” introduces significant changes in the journal’s publications standards and practices aimed at enhancing the reporting of research findings and methodology. In partnership with the Center for Open Science, *Psychological Science* launches its open research practices badge program to recognize authors who share their data, materials, and other

resources.