

**Response to Questions Posed in the Chat Box for the Webinar
Publishing Mixed Methods Research by E.G. Creamer
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User 58: If the article is about "guiding" MMRs, then will it come under methodological or empirical ones?

Response from EGC: I said in the webinar that this sounds more like a methodological article to me.

User 42: As a reviewer and sometimes editor, I am finding more and more authors do not provide a detailed response to comments; instead authors just upload a revised manuscript. I encourage everyone to respond to comments in detail, even if you disagree. It is really frustrating for reviewers/editors otherwise.

Response from EGC: I totally agree. When I do this, I number the recommendations made and then explain how I responded item by item. I think it communicates (1) respect for the expertise of the reviewer and the time he/she devoted to reading the manuscript and (2) acknowledged that you are listening and taking their point of view seriously.

User 35: I've heard that open access journals don't count as much toward tenure cases because they don't have the same type of impact factors that other journals do. Does that gel with your understanding of them?

Response from EGC: You hear correctly that publications in an open access journal does not generally count as much as a publication in high impact journal. However, they are easier access and "hit" or reads can be reported in the documentation submitted for merit reviews.

User 75: A question for Dr. Creamer: Has there been an uptake in MMR of using pre-print archives to help improve visibility/accessibility (particularly when there is a paywall)?

Response from EGC: Not that I am aware of.

User 38: Question: How do you explain a MMR finding if you have contradictory QUAN and QUAL design features...but what happens if the data is complementary or supportive of each other?

Response from EGC: This is usually the case with contradictory data. That it reveals different dimensions of a construct or reveal a different aspect of a phenomenon. This is a contribution to knowledge.

User 35: Is there somewhere that collects special issue announcements? Or do you find out about them through going to each journal's individual websites?

Response from EGC: I am not aware of any listing. Most methodological journals seem to encourage special issues.

User 46: Justina: I would clarify on uploading a draft before publishing the actual article and it can impact the author as plagiarism .

Response from EGC: Some journals actually encourage it! That is because they want more “hits” or “reads” and pre-prints can lead to that. For sure, not all journals share that enthusiasm.

User 70: How can the author's intellectual property rights safeguarded when the pre-prints or drafts are uploaded in academia or research gate?

Response from EGC: It is your choice to up-load or not into Academic or Research Gate. Some journals do an early on--line release of an accepted article before it appears in an issue. Anyone who took materials without appropriate attribution (recognizing the author and where it was publishing) would be in ethical violation.

User 24: My question is about the exploratory sequential mixed method design. We developed a scale to measure employer stigma using qualitative findings. However, we just gave a table displaying themes and quotes from the qualitative study and corresponding factors and item samples. Do we need to provide an extensive qualitative analysis? And How to ensure and report validity and reliability of this qualitative section?

EGC's Response: I mentioned in the webinar that the table as you describe it supports the validity of your findings, as well as the way you integrated, because it documents that links between your data sources.

User 77: When will your next book be published?

*EGC's Response: I think my next textbook, *Advancing Grounded Theory with Mixed Methods*, will be out in 2021.*

User 78: What is an accepted response time after submission?

EGC's Response: Response times can range from as little as 3 months to as long as 8 months. I'd say 6 months is typical.

User 75: @Susan Chand: Licenses are available for specific copyright. Creative Commons BY is what is recommended by the U.S. National Institutes of Health for pre-prints, and it requires attributing and citing the authors of the pre-print. Here is a diagram on preprint licenses and their requirements from ASAPbio (a nonprofit for science communication): <https://asapbio.org/licensing-faq/licensing-diagram-v2019-08-04>

User 6: where can we define all the terms? in the introduction? in the Method?

EGC's Response: The first time you use the term (except probably not in the abstract)