

Research and Publications Committee Report

Department of Youth Development

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Department Publications

Three papers were published in 2008-9:

Brown, Demetrius, *The African Diaspora Leadership Program*

Kennedy, Judith, *Fall Youth Forum: A Model for Youth Leadership Training*

Prissel, Charles, *Teens as Effective Partners in Youth Tobacco Prevention Efforts*

Two additional papers have been revised and resubmitted in 2009 and will be considered at the May meeting.

For Department Consideration

The committee recommends changes to Appendix F, which governs Department of Youth Development Research and Publications policies.

Explanation and Rationale for changes to Appendix F

I. Types of Publications--the goals of the changes are to:

- Clarify the distinctions between paper types in length, content, and focus. In particular, authors had struggled to differentiate between informational, evaluative and research papers.
- Make it easier for a faculty member to submit a paper to both the department and the Journal of Youth Development or Journal of Extension by recommending consistent length. For example, Feature Articles in the Journal of Youth Development are 2,000-5,000 words and are limited to 3,000 words in the Journal of Extension. This would only be a recommendation. Longer papers would still be accepted. Idea Sheet description to include evaluation and research methods as in the Journal of Youth Development.

II Publication Format & III. Style and Format

- Deletes the “page format” (Section V), uniting the sections on required elements of a paper and style/format with other similar content.
- Adds a clearer description of an abstract.
- Clarifies the additional elements required for evaluative and research papers.

IV. Procedure for Publication changed to include reference to review guidelines available on the website and to use the term “primary reader” instead of “initial district/administrative unit committee member”

V. Deleted and integrated into II and III

Old VI (renumbered as V.) Changes duplication and archival procedure to reflect contemporary practice.

Old VII. (renumbered as VI) adds Journal of Youth Development to Extension publications list.