

CHANGES TO THE *JOURNAL OF PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY*

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As the Board of Directors of the Society for Privacy and Confidentiality Research (SPCR), we are writing to announce changes to the Journal of Privacy and Confidentiality (JPC).

First, we are delighted that Dr. Kunal Talwar, Distinguished Scientist at Apple, has become Editor-in-Chief of JPC, for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2025. His experience and major research accomplishments will help cement the place of the journal within the privacy and confidentiality research infrastructure, as well as strengthen its strong multi-disciplinary reach. He will build on the base built by his predecessors—Stephen Fienberg, John Abowd, and Cynthia Dwork.

Second, the JPC Editorial Board will undergo both structural and personnel changes. Editorial Board members will serve three-year terms, with the possibility of re-appointment. Some the current members will be invited to remain, and some new members will be added.

Third, Dr. Rachel Cummings of Columbia University will remain in her role as Managing Editor of JPC, also for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2025. The Board changed the title from “Executive Editor” to “Managing Editor” to reflect the responsibilities of running the Editorial Board and managing the journal’s throughput and publication. Rachel’s knowledge of JPC editorial operations and close relationship with Sara Brooks, our editorial assistant, will ensure that the journal continues to function smoothly and efficiently.

Fourth, in order to place JPC on a financially sustainable basis as an open access journal, we are instituting a publication charge of \$500 per accepted paper, effective with submissions on April 1, 2025 or later. This charge is modest compared to other journals, and it will help maintain JPC as a viable activity of SPCR. All forms of SPCR membership (see www.socprivconfresearch.org/memberships) include reductions in publication charges.

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We close by thanking Dr. Lars Vilhuber of the Labor Dynamics Institute at Cornell University, who has served selflessly and supremely effectively as Executive Editor of JPC since its move to Cornell in 2018. Virtually all of the JPC IT infrastructure was created by Lars. More importantly, since 2018 he has been single-handedly responsible (until Rachel joined him in 2022 as co-Executive Editor) for the timely appearance of JPC issues, dealing with everything from communication among authors, editors and reviewers to copy editing of accepted papers to their appearance on the web site to archiving. Bravo and thank you, Lars!!!

Lars has graciously consented to become IT Manager for both JPC and SPCR, in which capacity he will help institute changes to the SPCR website that implement a new membership structure (Organizational, Individual, Lifetime, and Student) and donations to SPCR, which has 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status.

And of course, we thank the entire JPC and SPCR community for your continuing interest and support, as authors, editors, reviewers and readers.