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#### METHOD

We used a content analysis design (Krippendorff, 2004). Primary source BSB, SEQ1 and SEQ2 were obtained from the Foundation for the Advancement of String Education and their original recipients. Both manifest and latent coding were used to address research questions.

**Bornoff String Bulletin** (BSB)

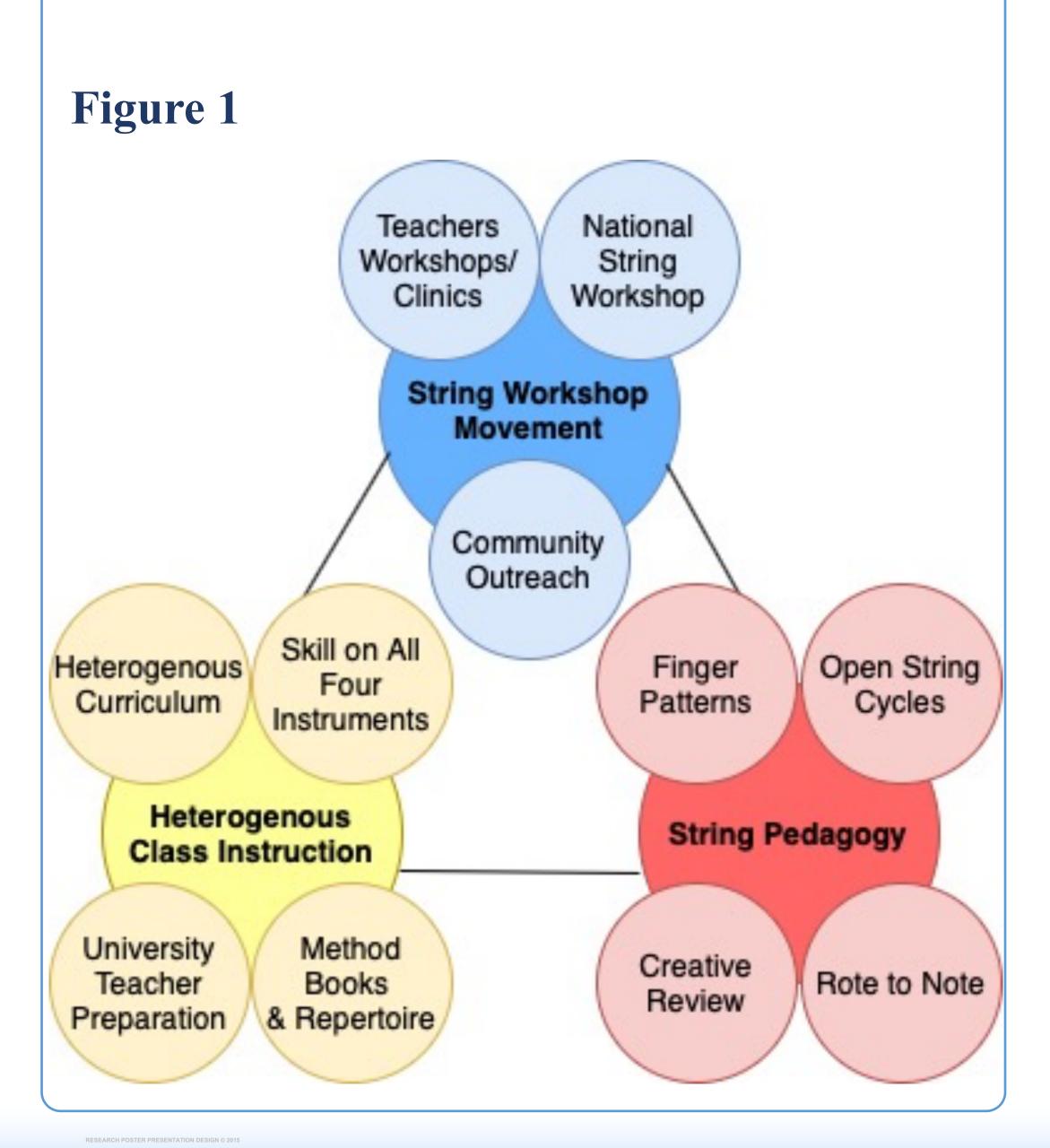
- 11 issues from 1966-1970
- **String Education Quarterly** (SEQ1)
  - 12 issues from 1978-1981

**String Education Quarterly** (SEQ2)

- 6 issues from 1988-1990
- Vol. 2, No. 4 remains missing

#### **RESULTS CONTINUED**

**Research Question No. 3: How do these** documents inform our understanding of how the Bornoff Approach aided in the development of string education?



## A Content Analysis of the *Bornoff String Bulletin* and *String* **Education Quarterly: Contributions to String Education** Matthew T. McGrory & Jacob M. Dakon, Ph.D.

### **ABSTRACT**

We used content analysis to examine the *Bornoff String Bulletin* and *String Education Quarterly*, three periodical collections published by Bornoff Approach stakeholders between 1966 and 1990. Findings revealed documented pedagogical and philosophical content previously unavailable to the general public, as well as overarching themes relating to their intent and how the Bornoff Approach has influenced 21<sup>st</sup>-Century String Education.

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of this study was to examine the contents of the *Bornoff String Bulletin* and *String Education Quarterly* for information relating to the Bornoff Approach and its influence on 21<sup>st</sup>-Century string education.

### CONCLUSIONS

#### Findings suggest:

- 1. Content in the BSB and SEQs were focused primarily on disseminating pedagogical information and increasing awareness of textbooks and workshops/clinics.
- 2. A gradual shift of focus from homogenous class teaching to heterogenous class teaching, and from violin-centered pedagogy to heterogeneous-centered pedagogy.
- The purpose of these periodicals was to promote and clarify aspects of the Bornoff Approach. The authors also sought to increase awareness about teacher training while also creating a welcoming space for discourse among string teachers.
- 4. Bornoff influenced at least three aspects of 21<sup>st</sup>-Century string education: 1) string workshop movement, 2) string pedagogy, and 3) heterogenous class instruction (see Figure 1)

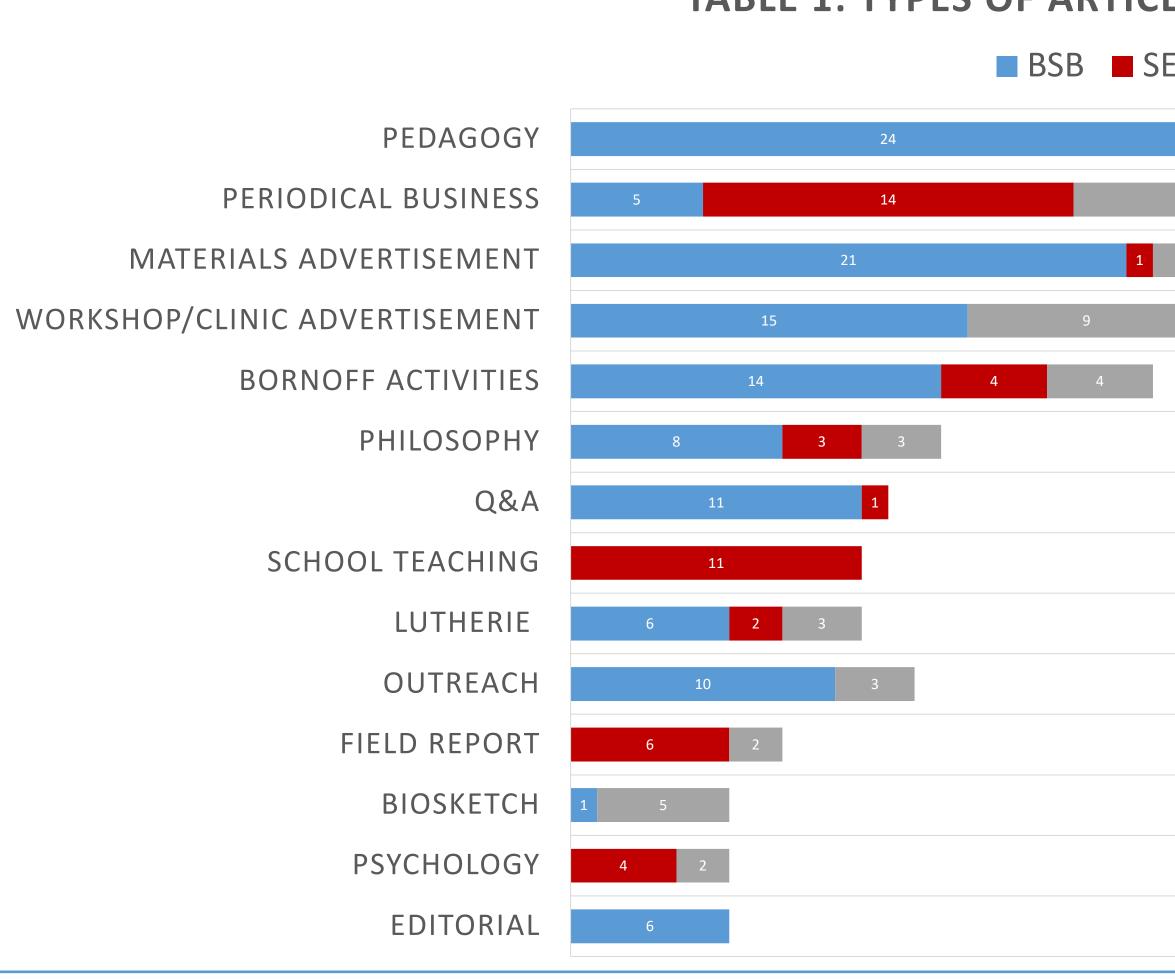


 TABLE 1: TYPES OF ARTICLES IN THE BSB, SEQ1, AND SEQ2

 ■ BSB ■ SEQ1 ■ SEQ2

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**Research Question No. 1: What information** is available in these publications? (See Table 1)

#### **Research Question No. 2: What is the** purpose of these publications?

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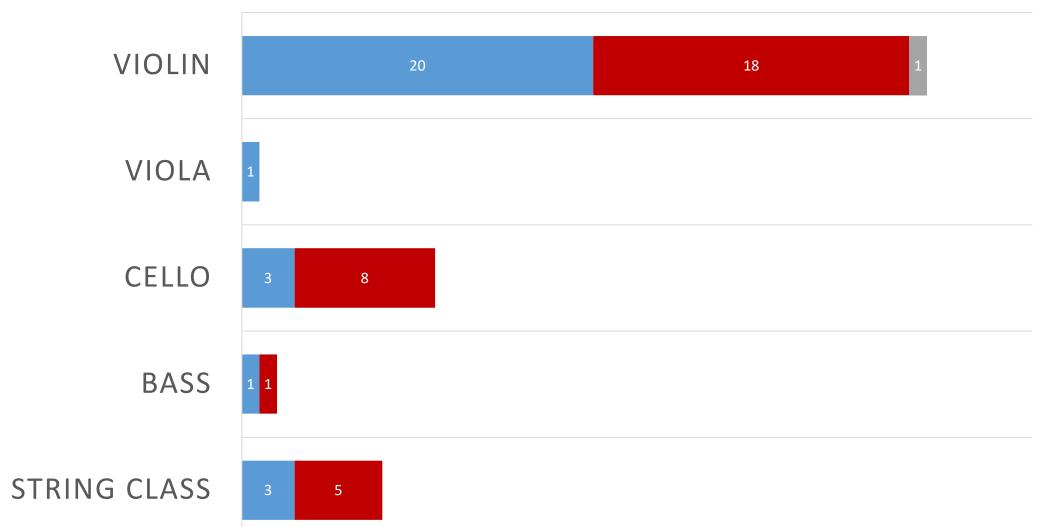
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#### RESULTS

**TABLE 2: INSTRUMENTATION OF PEDAGOGY ARTICLES** ■ BSB ■ SEQ1 ■ SEQ2



emes	Categories
moting Bornoff oroach	Pedagogy, Philosophy, Workshops/Clinics, Bornoff Activities, Advertising Materials
ring String as	General Pedagogy, General Curriculum, Administrative Topics
rifying cepts cedures	Reader Questions and Answers, Using Materials Effectively (Cello Addenda, Practice Charts, etc.), Book Sequencing, Levels of Student Proficiency, Obtaining Materials, Addressing Bornoff's
ining chers	instructional processes Workshop/Clinic Advertisements, Job Placement Advertisements, Advice for Beginning Teachers

#### Table 3: Article Focus (Bornoff, General, Neutral)

	<u>BSB (%)</u>	<u>SEQ1(%)</u>	<u>SEQ2(%)</u>
noff Focus eral Focus tral Focus	95 (77%) 22 (18%) 6 (5%)	44 (74%) 14 (24%) 1 (2%)	28 (64%) 10 (23%) 6 (14%)
l Articles	122	59	44

Reliability:  $_{c}\alpha(2, 226) = .945$ ; CI [.89, .989];  $q(.90) \le .0317$