

Analysis of the body of literature based on a new dramatherapy literature database

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Why?

Recent years have seen an influx of academic publications in the field of dramatherapy. However, this growth has not yet been comprehensively analyzed, and its driving forces remain to be identified.

How?

345 journal articles indexed in a newly developed database for drama therapy were analysed in the following areas of interest:

- Year of publication
- Authorship & Collaboration
- Publication outlets
- Keywords

Main Findings:

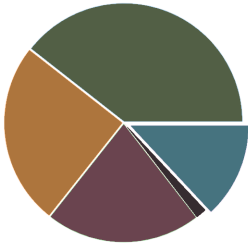
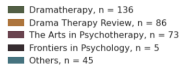
- Year of publication

Our results indicate that the number of publications per year is significantly increasing ($r_s(20) = .79, p < .001$).

- Authorship & publication outlets

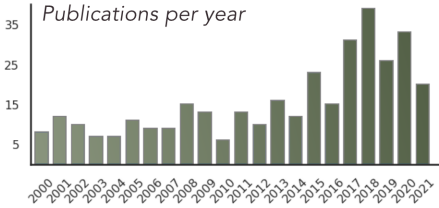
Our results show that a diverse set of authors (N=425), institutions (N=130), countries (N=24), and journals (N=41) contribute to the body of literature in dramatherapy. However, most publications stem from only a few authors, institutions, countries, and journals.

Journals



- Keywords

834 individual keywords are named in the literature, however only 23% of keywords are used in more than one publication and 5% in more than five publications. Most utilized keywords were "drama therapy", "dramatherapy", "role theory", "developmental transformations", "role", "dementia" and "play".



Implications:

This analysis demonstrates the expanding academization of the field of dramatherapy, as evidenced by the steady increase in the number of publications per year, contributing institutions, publishing journals, and collaborations between authors.

However, our analysis also highlights challenges facing the field, including the need for more institutional support for individual authors, greater collaboration among institutions, and more systematization of publication structures, such as keywords and journals.

These results underscore the importance of a dramatherapy-exclusive database in supporting the continuing growth, collaboration, and diversification of the field of dramatherapy.

Data availability

The data and analysis of this study are available open access via the open-repository figshare.

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Reach out to us

We are interested in further developing the dramatherapy literature database and would love to collaborate in further research.

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