

Persuading with Numbers

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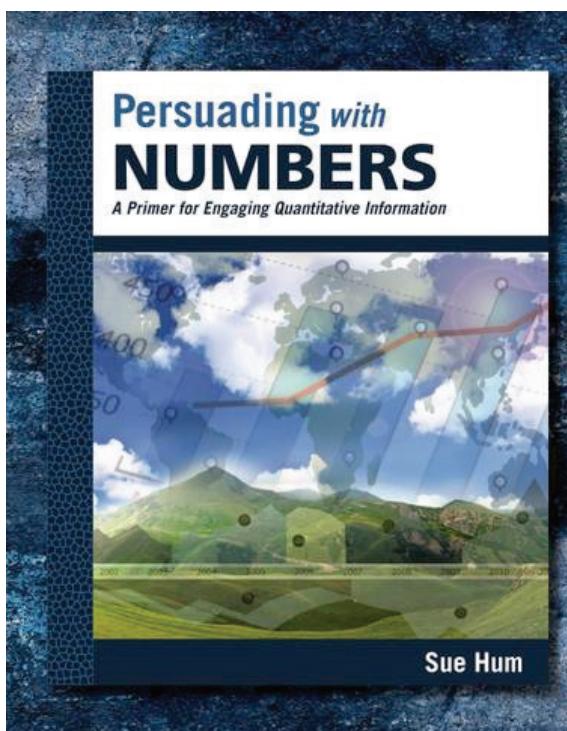
Persuading with Numbers provides a concise but important guide that technical communicators can use to integrate quantitative data into their work. This text not only shows students how to understand and assess quantitative data they gather through reading, but also how to design and gather their own quantitative data and incorporate it into written arguments and visual displays. Instructors will thus find *PWN* an important adjunct in training the technical communicator.

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Abstract: We argue that skills in quantitative literacy (QL) and quantitative reasoning (QR) augment students' communicative effectiveness. This article offers a pedagogical framework and model for how QR can be productively interwoven with the rhetorical know-how of technical writing pedagogy. We describe our course redesign, present preliminary assessment data, and conclude by highlighting some implications not only for student learning, but also for the QL movement itself.

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