Why Publish?

and

the Editorial Process

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Get rich and Famous ?
Only if you are George Abell or Carl Sagan!
Real Reasons to publish:

• Get info out to largest audience
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• Make contacts with community
Where to publish:

• JAAVSO (easy, no page charges)
• Conference series (have to attend meeting)
• Popular article (Sky & Tel, Sci American)
• Information Bulletin on Variable Stars
The Editorial Process:

- Accepting the Paper
- Publishing the Paper
Getting your paper accepted:

• take good data

• obtain a new result

• write a correct paper (latex or Word)

• submit to a journal (WPR)
Submitting your paper:

http://mss.uchicago.edu (WPR)

http://mss.uchicago.edu/PASP/
• WPR converts to ps, pdf, posts on web
• Editor chooses reviewer, sends request
• Access sent to reviewer
• Review arrives in 2-3 + weeks
• Comments sent back to author
• Author revises (1-2 months+), reposts to WPR
• Access for revised sent to reviewer
• Editor accepts, author puts on astro-ph
Questions asked of reviewers:

• Does the article contain significant new results/analysis?

• Is the paper written with maximum conciseness?

• Could the order of presentation or English be improved?

• Do you have any comments or criticisms that would help the authors to improve the paper?
UCP is notified paper is accepted for a journal

Data conversion
- data format for electronic archive

Figure preparation
- checked, sized, rotated
Editing text
- copyeditor checks style, spelling, grammar, inserts links

Typesetting
- files sent to vendor, made into pages, proofs posted on web

Proofing
- author notes changes needed
Electronic and Print Publication

- pdf of proofs is sent to printer
- pdf and ps assembled for electronic edition

Paper appears on web and later in journal
My recommendations:

• be familiar with the literature
• work in a collaborative effort
• have several people read your paper prior to submission
• don’t give or take reviews personally