

Publishing an Article in an Academic Journal

Professional Development Workshop

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- Share your research with scholars and contribute to the literature
- Original work, new way of viewing debates or topics
- Answer historical questions or problems
- General steps in the process
- Where to submit, what to submit, how to submit, when...

Main Points

- What are some interesting and influential articles that you've read, and where were they published?
- Which journals are most impactful in your area?
- Read by scholars in your field?
- What's your audience?
- Which journals are going to clearly explain their process?
- Going to be helpful to you and for your academic career?

Where to Submit?

- West Texas Historical Review
- Southwest Historical Quarterly
- New Mexico Historical Review
- Western Historical Quarterly
- Journal of Latin American Studies
- Frontiers
- Journal of the History of Sexuality
- Hispanic American Historical Review
- Pacific Historical Review
- Atzlan

Where to Submit?

- MA Seminar Paper, after revisions
- Research Paper from seminar class
- Section or chapter from your dissertation
- Possible dissertation topic that you chose not to pursue
- Something you are comfortable with that will reflect your intellectual and research abilities
- Archival research, historiographical engagement, argument and thesis, clear and concise narrative, significant conclusions
- What makes us think differently about a topic?

What to Submit?

- Call for papers?
- Go to the website for a journal, look for the section detailing their submission process
- Submit to the editor directly?
- General email for accepting journals?
- Do they want electronic or hard copy?
- MS word or PDF version?
- What is the maximum word count?

How to Submit?

- Submit the article draft
- Editor or assistant confirms receipt
- May take a week or two to confirm that the journal is interested in sending it out for review
- Journal contacts external reviewers and sends them draft
- Reviewers read, return comments, and offer suggestions
 - Publish with minimal revisions
 - Publish with major revisions
 - Revise and Resubmit
 - Do not publish

What is the Process?

- Journal returns the comments from reviewers
- You reply and tell the journal how you will reply to the comments of the reviewers
- If the journal approves, they may officially agree to publish your article, pending your completion of revisions and resubmission of draft
- They will give you a deadline for revisions
- You revise the article per comments
- Resubmit to the Press....

What is the Process?

- Respond to reviewer comments
- Formatting demands
- Citation style
- References
- Images & permissions
- Once you have a draft, resubmit to Journal
- Upload to website?
- Email attachment
- Copy editing/track changes
- Return to you
- Approve track changes

What is the Process?

- Approve all track changes and return to journal
- They'll return “galleys” to you for your final approval
- At this point you can only make minor changes or approve minor alterations
- Approve galleys
- Publication process will begin
- They'll tell you what volume and number
- Wait...wait...published....celebrate!

What is the Process?

- Between 1-2 years from date of submission to publication
- Depends on multiple factors
 - Popularity of the press
 - Size of the staff
 - Backlog of submissions
 - Speed of the reviewers

How long does it take?

- Contractual obligations
- All permissions, copyrights, etc.
- Adhere to deadlines and remain professional
- Balanced tone, non-confrontational, non-accusatory
- You never know who the reviewers may be!!!
- Do not send one article to multiple journals simultaneously
- Online journals or e-journals should be approached with caution

What else?

Questions???
