Manuscript Guidelines

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Articles fall into two categories: “traditional” and “discussion.” Most of the articles we publish are traditional; that is, they are research oriented, are based on sound scholarship, and have a typical academic format. Discussion papers, a relatively new addition, tend to be shorter and follow a less rigid scholarly format. Topics may include responses to articles previously published in the Journal, brief speculative or interpretive essays, appraisals of work in developing areas, and approaches to education.

Although a paper’s length is closely tied to the subject matter, we prefer to publish relatively short articles that cover their topics in fewer than twenty manuscript pages. Generally, articles should not exceed thirty manuscript pages, including text, references, endnotes, figures, and tables.

Submission Procedures
1. The manuscript should include a title page, an abstract, the text, references, and, where applicable, endnotes, acknowledgments, tables, photocopies of illustrations, and captions. If the paper is accepted for publication, we will ask you to submit the originals of the illustrations.
2. To allow for blind review, do not print your name on the pages of text, and do not refer to your own previously published works. If the paper is accepted, you can add these references later.
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1. Double-space throughout the entire manuscript, including the abstract, biography, block quotations, endnotes, references, figure captions, tables, and the like.
2. Number every page consecutively, with the title page as page 1.
3. The left-hand margin should be at least 1¼"; all other margins should be at least 1". Lines should be no more than 80 characters long, counting punctuation and space between words.
4. The title page should include the paper's title, author's name, and a three- or four-sentence biographical sketch of your education, professional positions, current affiliation, and research interests.
5. An abstract of about 100 words should be included.
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   b. Second-order subheads: indent as for a paragraph, underline, and follow with a period. Capitalize the first letter of each major word, and begin the text on the same line.
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