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We're happy to advise you on questions related to image quality or on technical matters. Please don't hesitate to request a consultation with our design and production staff, especially if you intend to include any form of digital art (scans, digital photos, or computer-generated maps or charts) in your book. As applicable, please also read the AAUP's [Digital Art Requirements for Submission](#), and contact us if your question is not addressed in those guidelines. If the guidelines seem too complex, it would probably be a good idea to have a graphics professional assist with the preparation of any digital art.

Unless your contract states otherwise, you will be responsible for providing all final art in a format that meets our requirements. We reserve the right to reject any art that does not meet our requirements.

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Scans and digital photographs that adhere to our [digital art guidelines](#) are best (for a quick summary of minimum standards, see the section on scans and digital photos below); prints, slides, or transparencies are also acceptable. (For information on ordering slides and transparencies, see the section on color photographs.) Prints should not be mounted; number and label each on its back using a pencil. Do not use a ball-point or felt-tipped pen, and never use paperclips or scotch tape on photos. Place sheets of paper between photographs so that marks will not transfer from the back of one photograph to the front of the next.

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or you may order scans after receiving technical specifications from the Press; however, please do not order slides or transparencies from institutions (which often have short loan periods) until we instruct you to do so.

Slides and transparencies, when submitted, should be clearly identified and placed in protective sleeves. Before you send slides or transparencies from your own collections, please have copies professionally made.

The four-color printing process used for book printing can achieve a close match to the original color but never matches exactly. If you are concerned about color accuracy and are providing scans rather than transparencies or prints for color art, please also provide accurate color prints to be used for matching.

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Size: Digital photos and scans of photos should be a minimum of 1500 pixels wide or tall (for certain large format books, the Press may request an even larger minimum). Bigger is always better—if you have higher-resolution photos, do not reduce them to the minimum size. File size is not necessarily an accurate indication of resolution. If you are not sure of a photo's resolution, you are welcome to submit a sample photo for checking.

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MAP PREPARATION

Original maps are difficult and expensive to prepare and should be included in your book only if they provide vital information that will help readers make sense of the text. If you think your book needs maps, please let your editor know the purpose of each proposed map. Do not begin map preparation until we have talked to you about your ideas.

Because cartography requires specialized training and skill, the Press prefers to supervise the preparation of maps that appear in its books. We can have maps prepared by a cartographic service at your expense, or we can work with a cartographer known to you, in which case we would like to speak with him or her and see samples before any work is begun. We will work directly with your cartographer to make sure there is a clear

understanding of what is necessary and expected. No matter which cartographer is chosen, you are responsible for the cost of map preparation.

Although we have access to cartographic services, you are responsible for the content of the map and must provide all the information required for its creation. For **each** map, we need the following:

Map title and purpose. Give the exact title of the map, including dates. Also explain the purpose of the map. What is it supposed to accomplish? What are you trying to show?

One or more accurate source, or reference, maps. A map represents a geographic area at a particular time. Topography, place names, and boundaries can change. If you are trying to show the coast of South Carolina in 1750, we must have a 1750 (or thereabouts) map to work from—we cannot work from a current map. Try to find source maps that include accurate scale and orientation. When you provide a copy of a historical map, give us the title and date of the original map, the name of the cartographer and engraver, and the present location of the map. Mark up copies of your source maps to highlight everything you want shown on your finished maps: borders, geographical features, bodies of water, cities and towns, roads and railroads, and so forth.

If no existing maps show the content you seek, please provide as neat and accurate a draft map as possible.

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After the map materials have been reviewed by your project editor, the copyeditor, and the staff designer, we will provide typesetting and production instructions for the cartographer. At that point, map preparation can begin.

The text of your manuscript should contain a one-line marker for each map indicating suggested placement (for example, **<insert map 2 approximately here>**). Do not embed map manuscript in your text. Place labels for each map in separate files.

If you have or your cartographer has questions about map preparation, contact your editor.

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A table should provide vital details in a format that will help readers comprehend your analysis in a way that text alone cannot. Please examine your tables critically and discuss them with your editor before you send us your revised manuscript. For best practices on table formatting, consult *The Chicago Manual of Style*, seventeenth edition, chapter 3.

Place the tables in separate digital files; the text should contain a one-line marker for each table indicating suggested placement (for example, **<insert table 3 approximately here>**). Do not embed tables in your text.

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Include figures in your book only if they elucidate the topic in ways that words alone cannot. If you think your book needs figures, please provide drafts to your editor before you send us your revised manuscript. Preparation of figures can be complicated and expensive, so we'll want to review the proposed figures closely. You and your editor should agree on a plan for figure production. The Press prefers to prepare final figures following data points and drafts you provide. Other options are for us to supervise an outside graphic artist, or for you to

prepare final art that adheres to the [digital art guidelines](#).

If the Press will be preparing the final figures, please provide draft figures, captions, and data points when you send us your final manuscript.

The Press can also supervise a graphic artist of your choosing, but we have found that many artists do not have access to software that is compatible with our resources. Before we can agree to supervise an artist who has not worked with us previously, we need to review samples of similar figures the artist has produced and get information about the software the artist uses. Once we have approved the artist, we will provide specifications (width, depth, typefaces, etc.) to be followed in producing the art.

If you elect to create final versions of charts and graphs yourself, this material can be provided in the following ways (in order of preference):

- (1) as native application files prepared in Adobe Illustrator;
- (2) as 1200 dpi TIFFs;
- (3) as 1200 dpi reproduction-quality black-and-white reflective art on coated paper;
- (4) as EPS files from a vector-based drawing program, such as Corel Draw.

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