

Style Sheet: Guide for Authors



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General

- Please submit all manuscripts for consideration through our web-based submission system, ScholarOne: mc04.manuscriptcentral.com/jhi. If you are unable to do so, please contact the editorial office.
- Submitted articles may not exceed 9,000 words, **not** including footnotes.
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Book:

Richard S. Westfall, *Never at Rest: A Biography of Isaac Newton* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1980), 200–211.

Translated book:

Markus Fierz, *Girolamo Cardano, 1501–1576: Physician, Natural Philosopher, Mathematician, Astrologer, and Interpreter of Dreams*, trans. Helga Niman (Boston: Birkhäuser, 1983), 109.

Article from a collection of essays:

Jelle Kingma, “Spinoza Editions in the Nineteenth Century,” in *Spinoza to the Letter: Studies in Words, Texts, and Books*, ed. Fokke Akkerman and Piet Steenbakkens

(Leiden: Brill, 2005), 273–81.

Book (part of a multivolume work):

Pierre Jurieu, *Histoire du Calvinisme et celle du Papisme mises en parallèle* (Rotterdam: Reinier Leers, 1683), 1:512–53.

Journal article:

J. H. M. Salmon, “The Legacy of Jean Bodin: Absolutism, Populism, or Constitutionalism?,” *History of Political Thought* 17 (1996): 500–522.

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 - Plato *Republic* 360E–361B.
 - Cicero *De officiis* 1.133.

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Clusters

The *JHI* receives regular submissions for “clusters” of articles on a given topic and typically publishes one or two such symposia a year. Recent examples include the symposium “Translation in Action: Global Intellectual History and Early Modern Diplomacy” (82.3) and the symposium “Fascisms and their Afterli(v)es” (82.1).

- Before submitting a cluster of articles, please contact the managing editor for approval: jhi@history.upenn.edu.
- Clusters should reflect the *JHI*'s commitment to fostering diversity and inclusion among its authors.
- With the exception of article length and submission logistics, all of the instructions on this style guide apply to cluster articles. Authors should adhere to this guide when preparing articles for submission as part of a cluster.
- The total length of the entire cluster (including an introduction and all of the articles and footnotes) should not exceed roughly 30,000 words.
- Once approved, a complete collection of cluster articles should be submitted via e-mail (not ScholarOne) to the managing editor at jhi@history.upenn.edu. For each article, please also send a 100-word abstract, 5-10 keywords, and e-mail contact information for the author.

Review Essays

The *JHI* publishes review essays. Typically, these essays are “long” (between 5,000 and 9,000 words) and consider multiple recent works on a given topic. The *JHI* does not normally publish reviews of single books.

Prospective authors may submit proposals for potential review essays through our web-based submission manager, [Scholar One](#). Proposals should be roughly 250 words and include a list of titles (books and/or articles) to be addressed in the proposed essay. (In the submission portal, please upload the proposal as a Word doc where you would upload a regular article; an abstract is not necessary for the proposal.) The JHI may also solicit review essays.

No portion of the review essay should have been previously published elsewhere. Authors should adhere to this style guide when preparing book review essays for submission. Authors are expected submit a draft within six months after their proposal is accepted. Please contact with editorial office (JHI@history.upenn.edu) with any questions.

Review Process

- All submissions are read carefully by the *JHI*'s executive editors; some are then sent out for external peer review. Please be advised that we do not provide evaluative reports on submissions that are not sent out for external review.
- The *JHI* encourages reviewers to consider the following questions when evaluating a manuscript:
 - Does this piece make a significant contribution to scholarship; and if so, what is the nature of that contribution?
 - With what scholarly debates does it engage? Does it engage sufficiently with current scholarship; if not, what is missing?
 - Are the sources appropriate for the argument? Should additional (or different) sources be used? Are appropriate editions cited?
 - Have significant systemically marginalized perspectives been overlooked?
 - Does the author make the main argument successfully? Are there points that need fuller development?
 - How might this article be improved? How substantial are your recommendations for revision? Might such revisions produce a version that would merit publication in the *JHI*?