SYLLABUS
CSLC 600
Professional Development I: Publication

This two-unit course is designed to inform you about scholarly publication; how to prepare an article or a book manuscript for submission, how to choose a journal or a press, and the editorial process from consideration of a manuscript until final publication. The course meets in two-hour sessions every other week. By the end of the course, you will are expected to produce the manuscript of an article ready for submission to a journal. You will work on this project throughout the semester.

The goals of the course are:

- To guide you through the various kinds of scholarly publication;
- To encourage you to reflect on your goals and self-understanding as scholars and to discuss them with each other;
- To help you produce a polished article manuscript that is ready for submission to an academic journal.
- To help prepare you for careers as researchers

The course can be taken only on a credit/no-credit basis. You should plan to attend all meetings, to participate actively in the discussions, and to complete all assignments in advance of each meeting. You will not pass the course if you miss meetings without an academically convincing reason or if you do not produce the final project when it is due.

Helpful books


Schedule of Meetings

January 13: Introduction

What makes for a good conference presentation?
(Helpful readings: Booth et al., Parts II, III; Goldsmith et al., chap. 4)

January 27: What makes for a good journal article?
(Helpful readings: Booth et al., IV, chaps. 12-14; Goldsmith et al., pp. 189-99)
Assignment: circulate on Blackboard or bring to class the copy of an essay you consider a good model for your work

February 10: In which journals do you want to publish?
Assignment: bring to class mastheads and style sheets of 3 journals in which you’d like to publish an article

February 17: Submission, review, acceptance, revision of journal articles
(Helpful reading: Booth et al., IV, chap. 16)
Assignment: circulate abstract of the article you will present at the end of the semester

March 3: Writing book reviews and online publication
Assignment: identify 3 journals that publish book reviews in your field; identify 3 good online publication venues in your field

March 23: Workshop on article manuscripts

April 7: Workshop on article manuscripts

April 28: Workshop on article manuscripts

Some other resources

List of American Association of University Presses members
http://aaupnet.org/membership/directory.html

On open access publishing in the humanities
http://openhumanitiespress.org/open-access.html

MLA Report of the Task Force on Evaluating Scholarship for Promotion and Tenure
http://www.mla.org/pdf/task_force_tenure_promo.pdf

Some discussion of MLA report
http://www.futureofthebook.org/academicpress/2006/02/on_the_future_of_academic_pub1.html