

Preface



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The present *Guidebook for Publishing Philosophy* owes its inspiration, if not its form, to the work of Janice Moulton and Marcia Yudkin. The history of the project was set forth in the last edition of the *Guidebook*, which was published in 1986. The history begins with a symposium entitled “Alternatives to Perishing” at a 1973 conference of the Society for Women in Philosophy. Several editions followed, and the last edition rested on questionnaires circulated to publishers and journal editors, on the participation of an editorial board with over 30 active participants, and on the overall coordination of Moulton and Yudkin.

The purpose of the present edition, as articulated in the previous edition, remains the same: “to provide, in a single source, helpful information for those who want to make public their work in philosophy.” The present edition, however, represents a cooperative venture between the American Philosophical Association and the Philosophy Documentation Center. The venture draws on the strengths of both organizations to provide members of the profession with the most helpful information possible. The APA is grateful to be working with George Leaman and Lori Fells of the PDC on this important project.

Unlike previous editions, the present edition is set up in a manner that will permit it to be more easily updated. Short pieces prepared by experienced members of the profession are supplemented by information about journals and publishers collected by the Philosophy Documentation Center. Replication of this information in a more accessible and affordable form will certainly support those who are looking for advice and information about how to make their work public.

In addition to Janice Moulton and Marcia Yudkin, whose inspiration continues to move the present edition and whose words continue to offer wisdom to philosophical writers, I want to thank the other authors of pieces published here: Samuel Gorovitz, Nancy Simco, Thomas Magnell, and Francis Crawley. Also, I want to thank Sanford Thatcher, Ernest Sosa, John Lawrence, Jacques Catudal, and Terry Bynum, all of whom reviewed and commented upon parts of the current manuscript.

While we are pleased to present this new edition, we are aware that experience with our new format for a new audience in a new environment will enable us to make improvements we have not yet considered. In this spirit I ask that suggestions for improvements in future editions be forwarded to me at the APA National Office.

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