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Book Review Guidelines
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Book Reviews and Books Received
The ACPQ generally commissions book reviews, but also welcomes proposals to write reviews. In addition, the ACPQ welcomes books from publishers to be included on the list of books received. Books from publishers and proposals to write reviews should be sent to the attention of W. Matthews Grant, by email or standard mail, at:

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Book Review Submission Instructions

Book reviews are generally 700-1200 words long and ought not exceed 1500 words.

The deadline for submission will be negotiated with the book reviews editor at the time a review is commissioned.

Electronic submission is preferred. In the body of the email and/or a separate document please include your full name, address, phone, email, title and author of the book reviewed, and total word count. Reviews may be sent as email attachments to: acpq@stthomas.edu. If possible, send the review as a Word or RTF file; however, most file formats are acceptable. If you are unable to submit an electronic version, a hard copy should be mailed to the Editorial Office at the address above.

The book reviews editor may edit, return for revision, or reject a completed review. The book reviews editor will notify the reviewer when the review has been accepted and scheduled for publication. Once a review is accepted for publication and edited, the author will receive a publication agreement and proofs, both of which should be returned to the ACPQ office within three working days.

A copy of the review will be sent to the book’s publisher.

Formatting and Style Guidelines

Document Formatting

- Text should be double-spaced throughout the review, including block quotations. Leave margins of at least one inch on all sides. Do not justify the right margins of the review. Use only one font and font size (preferably 12-point Times New Roman or similar font). Limit the use of templates to the necessary minimum (such as, one template for the body of the text, one for block quotations, and one for footnotes).

- Book information should be given at the beginning of the review as follows:


  Example:
• The reviewer’s name and institution should appear at the END of the review as follows:

REVIEWER’S NAME (first name first, all caps)

Reviewer’s institution

Example:
DAVID CLEMENSON

University of St. Thomas

• All bibliographical references must be given parenthetically within the text of the review. Please do not use a Works Cited list, a bibliography, footnotes, or endnotes.

• Non-electronic submissions should be printed on one side of 8 ½” x 11” paper (A4 for European contributors).

• Use only one single space after any and all punctuation; do not use two spaces at the end of a sentence.

• Spell out and lowercase common titles, e.g., preface, introduction, appendix, etc., for passing references in your text. Additionally, give Arabic numbers for chapters (even when the book does not), e.g., “In chapter four, the author comments . . .”

• Use a tab (not multiple spaces) to indent paragraphs. Do not use the space bar to position text in any way; instead, use the specific computer command that will place text where you want it (e.g., center, flush right, flush left).

• Hard returns (the equivalent of a typewriter’s carriage return) and tabs should never be used within a sentence or paragraph. Use hard returns only to end paragraphs, block quotations, titles, and headings.

• Minimize the use of italics and avoid use of bold characters. Only foreign words should be italicized consistently.

• ACPQ does not generally print pictures or diagrams.

Punctuation

• American practice for punctuation at the end of quotations is used; therefore, all punctuation precedes the closing quotation marks, with the exception of colon, semicolon, and question mark (unless the latter is part of the quotation).

• House style mandates the use of double quotation marks for all quotations from other sources, with single quotations used exclusively for the second level of quotation.

• Long dashes (EM dashes)—like these—should be used to set off phrases. Between all numbers use EN dashes by entering CTRL + the character “dash” on the number keypad. If you are unable to enter EN or EM dashes, type EN dashes as single hyphens and EM dashes as two hyphens with no space on either side.

• Ellipses should be generated in MS Word by means of the command CTRL/ALT + the character “period.”

• Never insert hyphens manually at the end of lines.
General

- Spell-check the final draft of your manuscript. Go through your electronic file and look for any extra spaces between words, stray tabs, undesired line breaks, errant font notations, or anything else that may alter how the text looks when printed.
- For matters not covered here, please consult the ACPQ Style and Formatting Guidelines for Accepted Articles and/or The Chicago Manual of Style, 16th ed. (Chicago/London: University of Chicago Press, 2010).

The accepted-review production process involves the following steps:

- Author submits final manuscript, which must conform to the Book Review Guidelines
- Editorial office sends author Publication Agreement
- Author signs and returns Publication Agreement
- Editorial office edits manuscript
- Author reviews final, copyedited manuscript
- Editorial office sends manuscripts to Publisher (Philosophy Documentation Center) for typesetting
- Publisher emails first proofs to author for review
- Author has 3 business days to communicate corrections to the editorial office (acpq@stthomas.edu)
- Editorial office forwards all corrections to Publisher
- Editorial office reviews and corrects second proofs (author DOES NOT receive second proofs)
- Publisher sends issue to printer
- Once printing complete, Publisher mails issue to subscribers and makes available to online subscribers
- Publisher mails a single print copy of issue to author (authors are NOT provided electronic copies)

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