

"Soup to Nuts": Some Consideration for Getting Published

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I'm happy to talk about book chapters, but for the sake of the short presentation I'll confine my points to peer-reviewed journal articles.

Starting with your work

- Is it already complete – or can you tailor it? (Transforming vs. building from scratch)

Writing your article solo or with colleagues

- Plusses and minuses of being solo
- Plusses and minuses of collaborating

Type of research/writing

- Traditional question
- Descriptive research
- Historical research
- Theoretical paper
- Position paper
- Meta-analysis

Being strategic in selecting a journal

- Matching the content of your work to the right "venue"
- Study the journals themselves
- Format, length, topics, political disposition
- Considering "top tier" journals and others
- Acceptance rates of the journal
- If you have a good idea, can/should you write multiple articles using the same data sources and submit to different journals?

Writing your article

- Be mindful of how your contribution is different to what currently exists in professional literature.
- Write with the journal in mind (format, length, topic, political disposition)
- Cite articles that have been published in that journal
- If appropriate, cite articles by the editor of the journal
- Ensure your abstract is clear, accurate, powerful (What is it you're saying that's different from what's been said before? Why is that important?)

Possibilities pre-submission

- Don't look at your 'penultimate' draft for a period of time (this helps you to see it with more objective eyes when you return to it).
- Share article with trusted peer/colleague and ask for editing (format) and critical feedback (content).
- Make sure APA, MLA, or equivalent required by the journal is *perfect*.
- Polish, polish, polish—until you know it's the absolute best you can do.
- Contacting the journal editor: Might they think this is an appropriate submission? (Although you can only submit to one journal at a time, you can contact as many editors as you like before submission). Remember, editors are looking for good/interesting articles.

Submission

- Study all guidelines for publication available on the journal webpage
- Make sure that all guidelines are meticulously adhered to
- Write a short, polite cover letter
- Upload everything required and receive verification

Hearing back from journals

- Monitor the time it takes (3 months is a reasonable turn around time)
- Make respectful inquiries if you've waited too long

Responses

- Minor revisions and resubmit (you're very likely in—go for it)
- Moderate revisions and resubmit (you're likely in—go for it)
- Major revisions and resubmit (you're possibly in—go for it)
- Reject (It's happened to all of us. Pick yourself up and start Plan B—see next point)

Dealing with rejections: making lemonade

- Study the peer-reviews and decide if you want to use them and rewrite your original to submit elsewhere
- Try and try again. "Three Strikes and You're Out"?

Other important considerations

- Become a journal reviewer and learn the "behind the scenes process" of peer review. Many journals take 'advanced' doctoral level students, i.e. with experience of research and/or at dissertation level.
- Basic framework for thinking: (1) Strengths; (2) Areas of Need; (3) [Constructive] Recommendations
- Apply the criteria for peer review to your own work before you submit it
- Usually (but not necessarily), the journal you review for is eager to solicit your own work

Future planning

- Be mindful of building a trajectory around an area of interest that you will be associated with
- Your research defines *who you are* as a scholar

Meet Journal Editors – AERA Journal Talks Sessions

AERA Journal Talks are informal sessions designed to facilitate journal editors' communication on a one-to-one basis with reviewers, authors, and potential authors. Each journal is included in one Journal Talks session, and journals participating in a session are each assigned a numbered table.

Friday, April 4	Saturday, April 5	Sunday, April 6
<p><i>Convention Center, Terrace Level – Terrace III</i></p>	<p><i>Convention Center, Terrace Level – Terrace III</i></p>	<p><i>Convention Center, Terrace Level – Terrace III</i></p>
<p>Time: 10:35 a.m.–12:05 p.m. Journal Talks 1</p>	<p>Time: 10:35 a.m.–12:05 p.m. Journal Talks 3</p>	<p>Time: 10:35 a.m.–12:05 p.m. Journal Talks 5</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Educational Technology Research and Development 2. InterActions: UCLA Journal of Education and Information Studies 3. Journal for Research in Mathematics Education 4. Professional Development in Education 5. Journal of Mathematical Behavior 6. Revista Psicoperspectivas 7. Educational Assessment, Evaluation and Accountability 8. Educational Action Research 9. Educational Researcher 10. Review of Educational Research 11. Compare 12. Journal of Research on Leadership Education 13. Applied Measurement in Education 14. Equity and Excellence in Education 15. Educational Review 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Education Policy Analysis Archives 2. Journal of Education Policy 3. Action in Teacher Education 4. Online Educational Research Journal 5. The Journal of At-Risk Issues 6. Vocations and Learning 7. Journal of Early Childhood Literacy 8. Journal of Education 9. Research in Science and Technological Education 10. American Educational Research Journal—Teaching, Learning, and Human Development 11. Journal of Literacy Research 12. Critical Studies in Education 13. Social Studies Research and Practice 14. Educational Research Review 15. Interactive Learning Environments 16. Middle Grades Research Journal 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contemporary Issues in Early Childhood 2. Journal of Moral Education 3. Vitae Scholasticae 4. Interdisciplinary Journal of Problem-Based Learning 5. International Journal of Science Education 6. International Journal of Educational Development 7. Learning and Instruction 8. Journal of Early Childhood Teacher Education 9. Studies in Philosophy and Education 10. American Educational Research Journal—Social and Institutional Analysis 11. Journal of Educational and Behavioral Statistics 12. Adult Education Quarterly 13. Journal of Curriculum and Pedagogy 14. Journal of School Leadership 15. Journal of Experimental Education
<p>Time: 12:25 p.m.–1:55 p.m. Journal Talks 2</p>	<p>Time: 2:45 p.m.–4:15 p.m. Journal Talks 4</p>	<p>Time: 12:25 p.m.–1:55 p.m. Journal Talks 6</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Learning for Democracy: An International Journal of Thought and Practice 2. The Educational Forum 3. Current Issues in Education 4. Issues in Teacher Education 5. Journal of Educational Administration 6. Studies in Educational Evaluation 7. The Internet and Higher Education 8. Christian Higher Education: An International Journal of Research, Theory, and Practice 9. Teachers and Teaching: Theory and Practice 10. Environmental Education Research 11. Assessment in Education 12. Urban Education 13. Journal of Advanced Academics 14. Religion and Education 15. The New Educator 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Global Studies of Childhood 2. Catholic Education: A Journal of Inquiry and Practice 3. American Journal of Education 4. Journal of Teacher Education 5. The Teacher Educator 6. Teaching and Teacher Education 7. The Journal of Educational Research 8. Journal of the Learning Sciences 9. Studying Teacher Education 10. Curriculum and Teaching Dialogue 11. Gender and Education 12. Africa Education Review 13. International Journal of Leadership in Education 14. Teaching Education 15. Journal of Environmental Education 16. Race, Ethnicity, and Education 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. International Journal of STEM Education 2. Contemporary Issues in Technology and Teacher Education 3. Community College Review 4. Journal of Curriculum Studies 5. Berkeley Review of Education 6. American Educational Research Journal 7. Journal of Research on Christian Education 8. Educational Administration Quarterly 9. International Journal of Qualitative Studies in Education 10. Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis 11. Journal of Transformative Education 12. Curriculum Inquiry 13. Journal of Interactive Online Learning 14. Theory and Research in Social Education 15. International Journal of Disability Development and Education