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Notes to Authors of Article Submissions

In General

JSAH is a double-blind peer-reviewed international journal devoted to all aspects of the history of the built environment and spatial practice, including architecture, landscape architecture, urbanism, and city planning. Published since 1941, *JSAH* has defined the field of architectural history and is a pioneer in digital publication. We seek articles that are historically rigorous, conceptually sophisticated, and theoretically innovative. Our scope is global.

Articles should not have been published previously and should demonstrate a full command of the scholarly literature and available archival and field sources. They should proceed beyond the presentation of these materials to make original interpretations and draw new conclusions. Articles are limited to 8,000 words of text, plus notes and captions not exceeding 4,000 words, and 20 illustrations.

JSAH publishes two editions, on paper and online. The text content of the two editions is the same, but the online edition supports video and audio functions.

Manuscript Submission

BEGINNING MARCH 2024

Manuscript submissions and subsequent correspondence between authors and *JSAH* are supported by the *JSAH* Scholastica website (<https://jsah.scholasticahq.com/>). Go to the website and you will be given the opportunity to create your own password protected account, which you will use to upload the manuscript that you wish to propose for publication. The website will direct you on how to upload the files that are described below. If you are unable to submit material through the website, you should contact the editorial assistant of the journal (JSAHedAsst@sah.org). DO NOT MAIL MANUSCRIPTS TO THE SAH OFFICE OR THE EDITORIAL OFFICE.

Contents of the Initial Submission

Initial submissions must include these separate files, presented in this order:

1. Abstract (150 word limit) and four to eight keywords as a Word file.*
2. Text and accompanying endnotes as a Word file.
3. Captions with illustration sources for the print edition (with variant captions for the online edition clearly identified) as a Word file.**
4. Low-resolution scans of the images, uploaded as individual files, as explained on the website. *Do not place images together as a Word file.* If an article is accepted for publication, you will then be required to provide high-resolution TIFF files (see instructions below).

*In addition to providing keywords in the same Word file as the abstract, the *JSAH* Scholastica website will ask authors to enter article keywords. Please choose keywords that reflect the main geographic regions, themes, chronology, and typology discussed in your submission. The use of keywords assists editors in assigning manuscripts to appropriate reviewers and enables readers to identify the focus of the article. To read more on how *JSAH* utilizes keywords, please refer to the [editor's note from issue 82.1](#) and the Scholastica website on [best practices for article keywords](#).

**Authors of accepted manuscripts will be asked to write alternative text (alt text) that describes visual content of images, charts, and tables. *JSAH* will provide instructions and examples of alt text.

Form of the Manuscript

1. The author's name (or authors' names) should not appear on the manuscript or be used in the file name of any electronic submission. All files should be labeled with a key word from the title of the article.
2. The abstract, text, endnotes, and captions/sources must be double-spaced and formatted for printing on standard size paper (8½ x 11 inches or A4). Set the word processing program to print a maximum of twenty-five lines per page in twelve-point type (ten to twelve words per line). Pages must be left-justified and numbered consecutively throughout each file. Do not use automatic numbering for the caption list or numbered lists.
3. Footnotes are not acceptable. Notes must be supplied as double-spaced endnotes at the end of the article using the Endnote function in Word. As a rule, notes should not exceed two-thirds of the length of the text.
4. The abstract is limited to 150 words. It should summarize the argument and define the methodological approach of the article. It should be written in the third person.

Editorial Miscellany

1. Spelling: Use current American spelling and typographical practice. *JSAH* uses the online *Merriam-Webster Dictionary* (<https://www.merriam-webster.com>), which is based on the most recent print edition of the *Merriam-Webster Collegiate Dictionary* (eleventh edition, 2003) but is frequently updated.
2. Names and titles: After the first mention, the last name of a person, living or dead, will suffice unless clarity requires a title or additional name.
3. Numbers and dates: Use figures rather than spelled-out numbers for cardinal numbers over one hundred and for all measurements. Form the plural of decades without an apostrophe: "1980s" rather than "1980's." Dates should be given in the following forms: "17 October 1947," "17 October," "October 1947," "1947–50."
4. Dimensions: Use figures rather than spelled-out numbers and spell out units of measurement: "100 feet," "43 centimeters," "26 Roman palmi." English and metric units may be abbreviated in discussions of quantitative data in technical articles: 100 ft., 43 cm (no periods with metric abbreviations).
5. Quotations from languages other than English must be translated into English in the text, with the original in an endnote only if necessary. Isolated non-English words should be italicized. Quotations of any length in languages other than English are set in roman type. Proper nouns in languages other than English—personal titles, names of buildings or rooms (Sala della Pace, Residenz), names of institutions (Bibliotheca Hertziana), and the like—are not italicized.
6. For recommendations concerning all other editorial issues, consult *The Chicago Manual of Style* (seventeenth and eighteenth editions) or the editor.

Endnotes

Endnotes should be formatted according to the rules set out in *The Chicago Manual of Style* (eighteenth edition), with the exceptions noted below.

In citations, abbreviate the title of this journal as *JSAH*. Do not abbreviate the titles of any other periodicals. The names of archival sources may be abbreviated after being spelled out on first mention, but abbreviations should be used only for those that appear multiple times.

Book

Author (or editor), *Title* (city of publication [include state or country if not commonly known]: publisher, date of publication), page numbers.

Example: K. Michael Hays, ed., *Architecture Theory Since 1968* (Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press, 1998), 83-86.

NOTES: Despite *The Chicago Manual of Style's* recommendation (as of the eighteenth edition) not to include publisher locations in book citations, *JSAH* style calls for showing that information. For state names, *JSAH* uses traditional abbreviations rather than two-letter postal codes.

Journal Article

Author, "Title of Article," *Journal Title* volume no., issue no. (month/season and year of publication), page numbers.

Example: Jennifer Hock, "Jane Jacobs and the West Village: The Neighborhood Against Urban Renewal," *JSAH* 66, no. 1 (Mar. 2007), 16–19.

NOTES: Even though *The Chicago Manual of Style* recommends the use of a colon before the page numbers, *JSAH* prefers a comma. If volume number, issue number, and pages are provided, the journal's month or season is not necessary, but it may be included if available. If the month is shown, it is abbreviated.

Essay in a Collection

Author, "Title of Article," in *Title of Collection*, ed. Name(s) of Editor(s) (City: Publisher, date), page numbers.

Example: Frank Lloyd Wright, "The Art and Craft of the Machine," in *America Builds*, ed. Leland Roth (New York: Harper & Row, 1983), 364–76.

NOTE: In this type of citation, "ed." stands for "edited by," not "editor," so "ed." (not "eds.") is correct when the collection has more than one editor.

Archival Material

Author, title and/or type of document (memo, note, diary entry), date, page number(s), folder/box/dossier name or number, name of collection, archival institution, location (if the archival institution is a well-known depository such as a major university library, it is not necessary to specify the city and state).

Example: Douglas Haskell, memo to staff, 23 July 1952, 3–4, box 57, folder 3, Douglas Putnam Haskell Papers, Avery Architectural & Fine Arts Library, Columbia University.

NOTE: If the document is a letter, begin entry with Author to Recipient, date, etc. There is no need to state that the correspondence is a letter.

Example: Jean-Amrie Odin to John Timon, 16 Apr. 1844, Odin Correspondence, DeAndreis-Rosati Memorial Archives, DePaul University, Chicago.

IMPORTANT: As archives differ in the ways they catalogue material, not all of the above information (folder/box/dossier name or number, etc.) may be available. At the very least, you must provide an author name and some form of identifying information for the source referenced (such as memo, journal, meeting minutes, unpublished pamphlet), along with its date.

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Newspaper Articles

Author, "Title," Name of Column (if a regular column), *Newspaper*, section no. (if any), date.

Example: Gretchen Morgenson, "Applying a Discount to Good Earnings News," Market Watch, *New York Times*, sec. 3, 23 Apr. 2000.

Electronic Sources

Provide all of the relevant information mentioned above for the media type (book, article, etc.), along with the complete URL. Provide an access date only if the material has no date of its own.

Examples:

Karen Hastings, "Saint in the Saddle?," *Dallas Morning News*, 25 Mar. 2005,
<http://www.dallasnews.com/sharedcontent/dws/dn/religion/stories/032605dnrelkeralum.56d1c.html>.

Alison McQueen, "Empress Eugenie's Quest for a Napoleonic Mausoleum," *Nineteenth-Century Art Worldwide* 2, no. 1 (Feb. 2003), http://www.19thcartworldwide.org/winter_03/articles/mcqu.shtml.

"Land Acknowledgement," City of Chicago, <https://www.chicago.gov/city/en.html> (accessed 11 Sept. 2022).

NOTE: Follow the style above for placement of the access date, if needed, rather than the style shown in *The Chicago Manual of Style*.

Shortened Citations

Citations for repeated sources should be in shortened form: author's last name, main title (shortened if longer than a few words), and relevant page number(s).

Captions (including illustration sources)

Illustrations should be numbered consecutively in the order in which they are mentioned in the text. When the online edition utilizes different media, clearly identify the print and online captions for each figure. (For instance, the print edition may show a movie still, while the online edition has a video clip.) The same number of illustrations should be used in both editions, and the images in the two sets should be keyed to the same locations in the text, which will be identical in both editions. Captions in the print edition may direct readers to the online edition to see additional features and/or may summarize what cannot be seen in the print images. Captions should not include narrative descriptions but may direct readers' attention to relevant areas of the images.

Information should appear in the following order: figure number, designer (if known), name of the building or object, location, date, brief description (if necessary), and source (using the copyright holder's specific wording, if required). Each caption should include complete information, so that readers do not have to return to earlier figures for details.

Examples for the print edition:

Figure 1 Paul Rudolph, Blue Cross and Blue Shield Building, Boston, 1956–60 (author's photo).

Figure 2 Paul Rudolph, Blue Cross and Blue Shield Building, 1956–60, cafeteria ceiling showing hanging saucerlike lights alternating with diamond-shaped skylights (*Architectural Forum* 108 [Apr. 1958]; see *JSAH Online* for 1962 film).

Examples for the online edition:

Figure 1 Paul Rudolph, Blue Cross and Blue Shield Building, Boston, 1956–60 (author's photo).

Figure 2 Paul Rudolph, Blue Cross and Blue Shield Building, 1956–60, cafeteria ceiling with hanging saucerlike lights alternating with diamond-shaped skylights, filmed in 1962 by Myron Taylor (video courtesy Blue Cross archives).

Illustrations

The initial submission need only include a set of low-resolution images for the print edition, sufficient to present the argument to the editor and peer reviewers. If a manuscript is accepted for publication, the author must procure high-quality illustrations for both the print and online editions, although some or all of the illustrations may be the same in both. Illustrations for publication must follow the specifications given below.

The UC Press platform for *JSAH* no longer supports 3-Dimensional Models, GIS Mapping Integration, or Adobe Flash VR panoramic photography. It supports video and audio on the online edition.

Digital images (required for both editions)

- 300 dpi minimum at 5 x 8 inches or 3.6 megapixels. Images need not exceed 1200 dpi.
- Saved as RGB for color, or grayscale for monochrome. Color is preferred.
- Saved in TIFF format.
- Line art must be scanned at 1200 dpi in bi-tonal mode (1-bit).
- File name should include a key word from the title, online and/or print edition, and figure number.

Scanning images from books or other publications results in lower quality images. Please avoid using scans, but if their use is absolutely necessary, the author is responsible for correcting the pattern (descreening) in PhotoShop and alerting *JSAH* to the problem.

For additional information regarding the preparation of digital images, including line art, please see the Penn State University Press website: https://www.psupress.org/books/author_resources/author_digsub.html, particularly the section on halftones. This site details the descreening process and other ways to avoid problematic issues that often arise with scanned images.

Video (for the online edition)

- File formats: .3gp, .avi, .mov, .mp4, .mpg, .flv, .swf, .mkv preferred.
- File size: Up to 1GB
- Duration: Up to 10 minutes
- Codec: H.264 is a common and preferred codec, however the journal does support many codecs.
- Resolution: Recommended: 1280 x 720 (16 x 9 HD) and 640 x 480 (4:3 SD). There is no required minimum resolution; in general the higher resolution the better. For older content, lower resolution may be unavoidable.
- Bit rate: Because bit rate is highly dependent on codec, there is no recommended or minimum value. Videos should be optimized for resolution, aspect ratio, and frame rate rather than bit rate.
- Frame rate: The frame rate of the original video should be maintained without resampling. Pull down and other frame rate resampling techniques are strongly discouraged.
- File name should include a key word from the title, online and/or print edition, and figure number
- When in doubt, convert files to MPEG4 video with MP3 audio.

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- File formats: MP3 or AAC preferred
- File size: Up to 100 MB in size
- Duration: Up to 10 minutes
- Sampling rate: 44.1 kHz. For older content, lower frequencies may be unavoidable.

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- Bit rate: 128 kbps preferred. For older content, lower rates may be unavoidable.
- Channels: 2 (stereo) preferred.
- File name should include a key word from the title, online and/or print edition, and figure number.

Labeling of illustrations

1. Electronic files should have file names that include a key word from the article's title, online and/or print edition, and figure number. For example: Smith, online and print, fig. 2.
2. After you upload an electronic image, Scholastica will prompt you to supply a "description." You should write the figure number and a short caption (e.g., Figure 1. Paul Rudolph, Blue Cross and Blue Shield Building, Boston, 1956–60).

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SAH requires that authors clear rights to images for reproduction in the *Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians*. You may need to obtain both a loan permission from an image lender (e.g., a museum or a photo bank such as Art Resource or Corbis) and a copyright permission from the rights holder for the work (e.g., an artist, artist's estate, or agent such as the Artists Rights Society).

Artworks whose creator died more than 70 years ago are no longer in copyright. For such works, the only copyright may be that of a photographer who created the photo of the artwork. Or there may be no photographer's copyright—if, for example, you take the photo yourself. If there is no copyright, then you only need to rent or purchase or take a photo, and the paperwork need only cover that transaction.

If the artist or architect died less than 70 years ago, or if the work was created by a corporate entity (e.g., an architectural design firm creating a floor plan) less than 125 years ago, copyright is still in effect. (Copyright has this length of term in most countries worldwide.) In such cases, you need to obtain permission from the rights holder as well as rental of a photo.

For example, if you wish to reproduce a drawing in the collection of an archive, you must obtain permission from the copyright holder (the architect's estate, which may be managed by the Artists Rights Society), and you must obtain a digital file of the drawing from either a photo bank or the archive. The latter transaction may include you signing a permission form with restrictions or terms—that form is not a copyright permission but a rental contract.

Fair use law may allow for the use of copyrighted materials for scholarly purposes. For more information about Fair Use and when it may be invoked, see the College Art Association's *Code of Best Practices in Fair Use for the Visual Arts* <http://collegeart.org/programs/caa-fair-use/best-practices>.

Tips and Information for Obtaining Image Permissions:

- Begin to request pictures and permissions as early as possible. Some sources are slow to respond to requests.
- Find out who handles permissions for a given artist, artwork, or museum. For example, the image permissions for the Réunion des Musées Nationaux in France are handled in the U.S. by Art Resource in New York. Many 20th-century artists and artists' estates are handled by the Artists Rights Society in New York. Image rights holders may be listed in a credits section in a book that reproduces the work. Museums and archives may also supply such information.
- Print run and distribution: *JSAH*'s print run (number of printed copies per issue) is 1500; *JSAH*'s distribution (total number of digital and print subscriptions) is 2800.
- Scope of rights: request world English-language rights. (The *Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians* is sent to libraries and other member organizations and individuals overseas.)

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- **Lengthy text excerpts** may also be in copyright. Fair-use laws permit you to quote within reason (and at length in a review of the book); if you quote at length from a copyrighted text you should request permission from the copyright holder (usually the author or publisher).

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When a manuscript is accepted for publication, the author will be sent an author's agreement that must be signed and returned to the editor. Authors must also obtain permission to reproduce illustrations when necessary and pay copyright fees and other costs. Copies of the written permissions should be attached to a copy of the captions/sources lists and accompany the signed author's agreement. Advice for obtaining permissions and a sample permission request letter are given in "Guidelines for Obtaining Images and Permissions," provided to authors upon acceptance of manuscript.

The Publishing Process for Accepted Articles

When an article is accepted for publication, the editor will provide detailed instructions about the requirements for final submission. The final submission must include illustrations for both editions that meet the standards outlined above.

Upon submission, the manuscript will be copyedited to conform to *JSAH* house style. The copy editor will send edited articles to the author to review and approve; copyedited book, exhibition, multimedia, and website reviews will be sent to the author and the commissioning review editor for review and approval. The first page proofs, laid out with illustrations, will also be sent as PDFs to article and review authors for approval.

Authors may not normally make changes in their texts after the type has been set; such changes should occur during the copyediting stage. The cost of alterations after typesetting will be billed to the author. Printer's errors will be corrected without charge.

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Notes to Contributors of Field Notes

Introduced in June 2007, Field Notes is a section of short texts (under 4,000 words), including opinion pieces and commentaries on topics relevant to the historical study of the built environment, including preservation issues, alterations of historic monuments and landscapes, and public policies that impact the field. Authors are invited to propose topics to the Editor. The purpose of Field Notes was discussed in *JSAH*, vol. 66, no. 2 (June 2007), 152.

Notes to Contributors of Findings

Introduced in June 2017, Findings is a section of short texts (under 3,000 words) on new research discoveries and conclusions in architectural history, including short summaries of research in progress, commentaries on specific historical questions, reflections on research methods, and presentations of evidence that sheds new light on received scholarship. Authors are invited to propose topics to the Editor. Texts will be peer-reviewed. The purpose of Findings was discussed in *JSAH*, vol. 76, no. 2 (June 2017), 139-140.

Notes to Writers of Letters to the Editor

A letter that comments on an article or review should be sent to the editor, who may forward the letter to the author for reply. Letters will not necessarily be published; if published, they will be subject to editing. Letters and subsequent correspondence between letter writers and *JSAH* are supported by the *JSAH* Scholastica website (<https://jsah.scholasticahq.com/>). If you are unable to submit your letter through the website, you may send your letter by email directly to the editor of the journal. Please do not mail your letter to the SAH office and do not send it by post to the Editorial office.

Notes to Contributors of Book, Exhibition, and Media Reviews

Reviews are solicited directly by the review editors. Reviewers are free to express their own opinions, but the editors retain normal editorial responsibilities, including the right of rejection.

The length of reviews will be determined by the editor but does not generally exceed 1,500 words. Book reviews should include a description of the book's contents as well as the reviewer's critical assessment. Book reviews must be headed with this information: author of the book, title, place of publication, publisher, date, number of pages, number of color and black-and-white illustrations, price, and ISBN. The review author's name and institutional affiliation should appear at the bottom of the text.

All text, including book review headings, shall be double-spaced. Reviews manuscripts should conform to the requirements described in the "Notes to Contributors of Articles."

Notes to Contributors of Roundtables

Piloted in 2021, the Roundtable section gathers a collection of short essays by a group of scholars on a specific topic. The roundtable encourages new thinking and approaches to promote timely discussion about topics of key importance on the history of the built environment. The entire roundtable should be limited to 12,000 words of text, inclusive of endnotes and captions, accompanied by up to 20 illustrations. Contact the editor to discuss a roundtable proposal. The purpose of Roundtables was discussed in *JSAH*, vol. 82, no. 3 (September 2023), 248-249.

Queries

If you have questions about the format of a submission or you need guidance as to whether a subject is appropriate for *JSAH*, please write directly to the editor.

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