



SUBMITTING TO SPECIALTY LAW REVIEWS AND JOURNALS IN GENDER, WOMEN & SEXUALITY

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THIS PAPER, MODELED AFTER THE *Law Review Submission Guide* prepared by Professors Allen Rostron and Nancy Levit at the University of Missouri Kansas City School of Law,¹ and after the *Information for Submitting to Online Law Review Companions*,² contains information about 29 U.S.-based law reviews and journals classified under the subject “Gender, Women and Sexuality” by the Washington & Lee Law Journal Rankings³ and five additional journals that contain the word “gender” in their title, but are not listed in the Washington & Lee Law Journal

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¹ Allen Rostron & Nancy Levit, *Information for Submitting Articles to Law Reviews & Journals*, SSRN.COM, papers.ssrn.com/abstract=1019029 (providing details for mechanics of submitting articles to 203 law reviews and journals).

² Bridget J. Crawford, *Information for Submitting to Online Law Review Companions*, SSRN.COM, papers.ssrn.com/abstract=33341802 (providing details for mechanics of submitting essays, commentaries, reviews, responses, and other writings to 50 online companions to the main law reviews and journals).

³ W&L Law Review Rankings, WASHINGTON & LEE UNIVERSITY, managementtools4.wlu.edu/LawJournals/

Rankings.⁴ Within each category (W&L-ranked journals, then non-ranked journals) journals appear in the order of the “rank” of the school, if any (as determined by the most recent *US News* overall ranking, not because that system merits endorsement, but because it is convenient). Specifically, the material presented here is derived from the journals’ websites and includes the following information: name of the specialty journal; word count limitation, if any; preferred submission method; whether articles from the online journal are included in HeinOnline’s Law Journal Library; other information of possible interest to authors; *US News* ranking of affiliated school, if any; W&L Law Journal Ranking within category of “Gender, Women and Sexuality,” by “combined” score for 2017 (most recent year available).

⁴ See *id.* SSRN does not include in its “Scholarly Papers” (which are “Publicly Available”) any “data tables.” Comment of “Katie M.” in Abstract Comments History: Author Comments to Information for Submitting to Online Law Review Companions, SSRN.COM, papers.ssrn.com/abstract=33341802 (“We have recently reviewed your submission to SSRN. Our classifiers have determined that this submission is very useful information, however [sic] would still be considered non-scholarly. Because of our acceptance of your [sic] previous paper 1019029 we have made the decision to allow the public viewing of this paper. In the future, similar submissions will be processed to appear in the ‘Other Papers’ section of your Author Page, which is where submissions that are not full scholarly research papers (including submissions such as data tables, summary book reviews, opinion, advocacy and satirical papers) are displayed as per SSRN policy.”). Note that “previous paper 1019029” is not “my” paper. See Rostron & Levit, *supra* note 1.

SSRN does consider bibliographies to be “Scholarly Papers” (which thus are “Publicly Available”). See, e.g., Mark Levin & Kallista Hiraoka, Gender and Law Scholarship in the Law in Japan Field: A Bibliographic Compilation, <https://papers.ssrn.com=3104875> (displaying under “Scholarly Papers” on SSRN Author Page for Mark Levin, SSRN.COM, papers.ssrn.com/sol3/cf_dev/AbsByAuth.cfm?per_id=624452). Example provided by way of illustration, not by way of conveying disapproval of any kind.

Reasonable minds might disagree whether this paper is comprised of principally “tables” or “data” of a bibliographic or quasi-bibliographic nature. This material and others like it might constitute an entire new genre of material – denominated, say, as “bibliographic data” that SSRN will exclude from its “Scholarly Papers,” despite the relative importance to legal scholars of law review submission information relative to, say, bibliographies, in the internet era. See, e.g., Christopher G. Wren & Jill Robinson Wren, *Reviving Legal Research: A Reply to Berring and Vanden Heuvel*, 82 LAW LIBR. J. 463 (1990) (questioning even in the pre-internet age the wisdom of a bibliographic approach to legal research, calling such a method “self-defeating”). Elsewhere, I have hypothesized that SSRN classifies any material published in the *Green Bag* as a “Scholarly Paper” (and thus a “Publicly Available” paper for SSRN purposes). See pages 207-08 above. This is a test.

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For further information concerning the rankings of the journals and their associated law schools, please consult the source of your choosing. Many colleagues find the Washington & Lee law review rankings website helpful.

Name of Specialty Journal	Word Count Limitations	Preferred article/essay submission method	Articles included in HeinOnline Law Journal Library?	Other	US News overall ranking of affiliated school (Mar. 2019)	W&L Specialty Journal Ranking by "Combined" Score for 2017 (most recent)
Yale Journal of Law & Feminism	None specified.	<i>Strongly encourages and prefers</i> electronic submissions, emailed to us at lawandfeminism@yale.edu as an attachment (preferably in .doc format), or can mail three hard copies of each submission plus disk containing digital version of article in Word format. Submission also possible via Scholastica; no submission via ExpressO.	Yes	"[W]e generally need to have articles for the Fall term issue (published in January) by the first week in June. Articles for the Spring term issue (published in June) should generally be in our office by the first week in November."	1	2
Harvard Journal of Law & Gender	None specified.	Submission via email to hlsjlg@gmail.com or via Scholastica; no submission via ExpressO. Manuscripts should be double-spaced and follow most recent edition of Bluebook. Submissions considered on rolling basis during academic year and over summer.	Yes	Also publishes online-only content. Submissions are anonymized by the journal editors so that identity of author known only after offer made.	3	1
Columbia Journal of Gender & Law	None specified.	Preference for submission via Scholastica; no submission via ExpressO. Also can submit via email to columbia.jgl.submissions@gmail.com.	Yes		5	3
New York University Review of Law & Social Change		Submission via Scholastica; no submission via ExpressO. Also can submit via email to nyu.risc.submissions@gmail.com. Word or PDF format acceptable. No research surveys, book reviews or purely historical articles. No articles on int'l law unless directly applicable to domestic practice. From website: "We ask that the scholarship you submit to <i>Social Change</i> fit the page-to-practice model. 'Page-to-practice' is a broad term that describes the publication philosophy embraced by the <i>Review of Law and Social Change</i> . It refers to legal scholarship that seeks to eliminate inequalities, correct injustices, or consider the relationship between the law and individuals' lived experiences."	Yes	Legal scholarship only. Also has online-only publication, <i>The Harbinger</i> .	6	8
University of Pennsylvania Journal of Law & Social Change	None specified.	Submission preferred via email to jlasc@law.upenn.edu. Can also submit via snail mail. Submission also possible via Scholastica; no submission via ExpressO.	Yes		7	10

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Michigan Journal of Gender & Law	20,000 to 35,000 words preferred.	Strongly prefers submissions via Scholastica or ExpressO. May also submit via email to mjgl-submissions@umich.edu. Citations should conform to the Bluebook.	Yes	From website: "Please be advised that emailed submissions often receive less dedicated review."	9	6
Duke Journal of Gender Law & Policy		Manuscripts may be submitted via email to DJG@law.duke.edu. Also accepts submissions via Scholastica or ExpressO.	Yes	Submissions closed as of 5/20/19.	10 (tie)	4
Duke Forum for Law & Social Change	None specified.	Journal "publishes in a symposium-style format, with each issue dedicated to a topic of contemporary concern. Symposium topics are selected by faculty advisors and Forum members approximately one year before publication." No submission via Scholastica or ExpressO.	Yes	As of 5/20/19, journal website says: "We are no longer accepting submissions for the Spring 2016 publication. The Forum will begin accepting submissions for the Spring 2017 publication when we announce next year's theme in March of 2016. Please direct any questions to dlfc@law.duke.edu." Not clear how often website updated. Most recent posted article is from 2017.	10 (tie)	21
Berkeley Journal of Gender, Law & Justice	None specified.	Strongly prefers submissions via ExpressO or via email to bglj.submissions@gmail.com. Submission possible via Scholastica or direct mail. Submissions should "critically examine the intersection of gender with one or more other axes of subordination, including, but not limited to, race, class, sexual orientation, and disability."	Yes		10 (tie)	14
Georgetown Journal of Gender & the Law	None specified.	Submit via email to lawgenderjournal@georgetown.edu and indicate in subject line, "New Submission – Author's Last Name." Submission possible via Scholastica or ExpressO.	Yes		14	17
UCLA Women's Law Journal	None specified.	Submission via Scholastica or direct email to wlj@lawnet.ucla.edu; no submission via ExpressO. Include "brief summary of biographical data, either in the footnotes of the submission or as an attachment." Citations should conform to Bluebook.	Yes		15	28

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Texas Journal of Women, Gender and the Law	None specified.	Journal has account on ExpressO BUT journal website says, "The Journal will be on hiatus after the publication of Volume 24 Issue 2 (2014-2015)."	Yes	Journal's ExpressO account "[c]losed for submissions until further notice."	16	19
Southern California Review of Law & Social Justice	None specified.	Submission via email to RLSJ@lawmail.usc.edu or Scholastica. No submission via ExpressO.	Yes		17	16
Law & Inequality (University of Minnesota)	None specified.	Submission via Scholastica. Hard copy submission permitted, but digital submissions receive priority. No submission via ExpressO. Please use double spacing, Times New Roman 12 point font, one-inch margins. Conform citations to Bluebook.	Yes	Begins considering articles for next academic year in February and continues until volume full.	20	12
Boston College Journal of Law & Social Justice (formerly Third World Law Journal)	None specified.	Defunct. From school website: "In 2017, BC Law will merge our previous specialty journals with BCLR and increase the staffing and number of BCLR issues published each year."	Yes (but defunct)	Defunct	27 (tie)	9
Journal of Gender, Race & Justice (Iowa Law)	None specified.	Submission possible via Scholastica, ExpressO, or email to jgrj@uiowa.edu. Hard copy manuscript can be submitted. Include cover letter and CV.	Yes		27 (tie)	7
Wisconsin Journal of Law, Gender & Society (U Wisconsin-Madison)	None specified.	Submission possible via Scholastica or ExpressO. Can also email directly at uwjlg@gmail.com. Manuscripts should be double spaced. Text and citations should conform to the Bluebook.	Yes		34 (tie)	27
William & Mary Journal of Race, Gender & Social Justice	None specified.	Submit via email to jrjgsj@emial.wm.edu. Can also submit via Scholastica or ExpressO.	Yes		39 (tie)	11
Cardozo Journal of Equal Rights and Social Justice (formerly Cardozo Journal of Law & Gender)	None specified.	Submit via email to cardozo.jlg@gmail.com. Submission also possible via Scholastica or ExpressO.	Yes		52 (tie)	13
University of Maryland Law Journal of Race, Religion, Gender & Class	Preference for manuscript 20-50 pages in length.	Submission possible via ExpressO or rrgc@law.umaryland.edu. Include cover letter with title of manuscript, page count for manuscript, author's email address, mailing address, daytime phone number. Also include CV and abstract. Double spaced, printed on one side only, 12-point Times New Roman font.	Yes		52 (tie)	18

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Tulane Journal of Law & Sexuality	None specified.	Submission possible via Scholastica or via email to lawandsexjournal@gmail.com to attention of "Law & Sexuality." Print submission accepted. No submission via ExpressO.	Yes		52 (tie)	22
Hastings Women's Law Journal	None specified.	Submission possible via Scholastica or ExpressO. Also accepts direct email submissions to hwljsubmissions@gmail.com. Double-spaced submissions. Include cover letter and abstract.	Yes		62	15
American University Journal of Gender, Social Policy & the Law	None specified.	Submission via Scholastica or ExpressO.	Yes		77 (tie)	5
Modern American: A Scholarly Publication Dedicated to Diversity and the Law (American University Washington College of Law)	See next column.	Cover letter, resume/CV, and article via e-mail to thewclmodernamerican@gmail.com or via ExpressO (see below) Submissions must be a Word document that is no longer than 40 pages in length with 1" margins; single-spaced and non-justified paragraph formatting; and Garamond, 12-point font. Journal uses endnotes in A Uniform System of Citation (19th ed.) and literary style of The Chicago Manual of Style. Submission possible via ExpressO (although ExpressO says submissions must be 35 pages or less).	Yes	Note: As of May 11, 2019, website says journal is "currently accepting submissions for our Spring 2017 issue," so not clear how often site is updated or if information current.	77 (tie)	23
Women's Rights Law Reporter (Rutgers-Newark Law School)	None specified.	Submit via email to wrlr.editors@gmail.com. Submission also possible via Scholastica or ExpressO. Hard copies also accepted. Include CV, cover letter. Bluebook citation required.	Yes	Closed as of 5/20/19 due to full volume.	77 (tie)	20
Idaho Critical Legal Studies Journal [online only] (formerly Crit: A Critical Studies Journal) (University of Idaho)	None specified.	Send submissions to critical-law-papers@uidaho.edu. No paper submissions. Submission possible via ExpressO. "Submissions should have some nexus with the law, the law being defined in its broadest sense. Submissions are not required to follow the traditional law review format, although submissions using that format are welcome. <i>Idaho Critical Legal Studies Journal</i> welcomes submissions in varied formats, including but not limited to law review articles, narratives, textual commentaries, and short stories."	Yes		126	24

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Feminist Criminology (Division on Women and Crime of the American Society of Criminology)	Maximum of 30 double-spaced pages.	Submit via proprietary system at https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/fc . Manuscripts should include 100-word abstract and biographical sketch. Identifying information must be removed from document before peer review. References must follow Publication of Manual of the American Psychological Association (6th ed.).	No	Peer-reviewed, peer-edited (therefore simultaneous submissions presumably not permitted). Published by SAGE Publishing.	N/A	25
Women Lawyers Journal (National Association of Women Lawyers)	Article length depends on subject matter.	Submit article electronically to nawl@nawl.org . Readership largely practitioners. Submissions should follow Associated Press Stylebook and have endnotes, not footnotes.	Yes	Consult prior issues at https://www.nawl.org .	N/A	26
Journal of Law & Social Deviance (independent, peer-reviewed journal)	None specified.	Electronic submission only to Submission@LSD-Journal.net . All attachments must be Microsoft Word compatible. Please use Bluebook legal citation when possible.	No		N/A	29
Other Journals Not Listed in Washington & Lee Law Review Rankings Under Subject "Gender, Women and Sexuality"						
Tennessee Journal of Race, Gender, & Social Justice	None	Submit via proprietary system at journal web page. Submission possible via Scholastica or ExpressO. Consult detailed "Final Manuscript Preparation Guidelines" on journal website (appear to apply to typesetting stage only).	Yes	Electronic publication only.	58	
Buffalo Journal of Gender, Law & Justice	None specified.	Appears to be defunct, as described in school's Digital Commons presence in past tense. Not currently listed on school's website, although still has ExpressO presence.	Yes	Appears defunct.	104 (tie)	
DePaul Journal of Women, Gender & the Law	None specified.	Submission possible via ExpressO.	Yes		104 (tie)	
Journal of Race, Gender & Poverty (Southern University Law Center)	Strong preference for articles between 2-50 pages in length, exclusive of footnotes.	Electronic submission via ExpressO strongly preferred. Email also possible to JRGP@sulc.edu . MS Word format. Footnotes preferred over endnotes. Citations to conform to most recent edition of Bluebook. Include cover letter and abstract.	Yes	Length > 50 pages (not including footnotes) will weigh against selection.	146-192	

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Touro Journal of Race, Gender & Ethnicity	None specified.	Submit articles via email to Journal of RGE@tourolaw.edu or submission possible via ExpressO.	No	Based on school website, does not appear to have published since 2015, although masthead for 2017-2018 academic year listed on website.	146-192	

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