Huntington Library Quarterly Author Guidelines

Submitting your work to the Huntington Library Quarterly

What we publish

The Huntington Library Quarterly invites submissions of research articles concerning the literature, history, and art of Britain and America from the sixteenth century through the long eighteenth century. The journal’s scope encompasses the peoples of the historical and present-day Anglo-American world, including the British Isles and British colonies, the Caribbean, Indigenous nations, New France, and the Spanish Borderlands. Submissions need not relate to the Huntington Library’s own collections; the site of research or sources has no influence on the evaluation of submissions.

The HLQ publishes three types of research articles: essays, notes, and documents. Essays are extended original arguments; the journal favors essays based on documentary research over those that are primarily interpretive, theoretical, or synthetic. Notes are short pieces on specific topics—for example, identifying the author of a work. Documents present newly discovered or little-known texts and can include transcriptions or reproductions. Because the HLQ is an interdisciplinary journal, all contributions should be broadly accessible to scholars of early modern studies.

The journal also publishes review articles on important work in early modern studies. Contact the editor at hlq@huntington.org if you are interested in reviewing for us.

Finally, the HLQ occasionally publishes special issues; consult the Special Issue Guidelines at https://hlq.pennpress.org for details.

Style guidelines

We do not require submitters to put their manuscripts into our house style before acceptance, although of course you may (style guidelines follow below in this document). You should, however, follow a consistent style, and notes should be complete. We do not impose a word limit on essays, notes, or documents—each should be as long as it needs to be to achieve its aim—but most essays are between 8,000 and 12,000 words. This is not an invitation to prolixity; keep in mind that peer reviewers' time is precious and that lengthy essays try their patience. Please double-space, set one-inch margins, paginate, and use a 12-point typeface in your manuscript. The HLQ uses anonymized peer review; please anonymize your submission, including footnotes, by removing any identifying information, including expressions of thanks and “see my” references to previously published work.

The Quarterly welcomes illustrated articles and imposes no limit on the number of figures. We do not, however, publish “decorative” images with which the argument does not engage; that is, images should be analyzed or interpreted by the author, just as a textual quotation is. Images supplied upon submission may be nonprofessional snapshots, but high-resolution images will be required for publication, as will evidence either that the owner or photographer of the original item does not require publication fees or has granted them.

How to submit

As of December 1, 2022, the Huntington Library Quarterly uses Scholastica browser-based software for submissions and peer review. To submit, please visit https://hlq.scholasticahq.com/. You will be required to create a login and password to enter the site. If you have any difficulties submitting via Scholastica, you may find an answer on the Scholastica help site for authors. Please also feel free to contact the editorial staff at hlq@huntington.org.
The electronic submission process accepts .docx (Word) and .pdf formats for manuscripts, and most image formats for figures. Please not embed images (photographic reproductions) or figures (illustrations such as graphs, tables, or maps) within the manuscript: submit the files separately on the Scholastica upload page. Page.”

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Style sheet for publication in the Huntington Library Quarterly

The HLQ follows the most recent edition of the Chicago Manual of Style (as of this writing, the 17th), with a few exceptions, called out below.

Spelling and punctuation
We use U.S. punctuation and spelling (e.g., ~ize/~ization/~izing endings; ~or instead of ~our). Following the Chicago Manual of Style, our dictionary of first resort is Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary (online at M-W.com); next is Webster’s Third New International Dictionary (online at www.Merriam-WebsterUnabridged.com, but only by subscription). And if those fail us, we check the OED, www.oed.com. See the punctuation chapter of the CMS for guidance on American-style punctuation. If you don’t have access to CMS, http://www.thepunctuationguide.com/british-versus-american-style.html offers a short primer.

Run-in lines of poetry are separated with space–forward slash–space.

Generally, we do not use brackets to indicate ellipses or changes in initial capitalization in quotations of secondary works. These may be appropriate for quotations of primary sources, however, especially if the argument depends on close textual analysis. If you modernize spelling of quotations, for example by substituting u for v and j for i, include a footnote explaining your procedure.

Usage
In cases where American usage of particular words is distinct from British, we use the U.S. style, e.g.,

  toward/onward/forward instead of towards/onwards/forwards
  amid/middle instead of amidst/midst
  among/while instead of amongst/whilst

We use the serial (“Oxford”) comma.

Dates are given as month day, year: January 4, 1651. Old style/new style is indicated with a forward slash.

Numbers under 100 are spelled out.

Job titles are lowercased: the lord lieutenant; the archbishop of Canterbury. Titles of nobility are capitalized (as proper names) when given in full. When only the generic part of the title is given, however, it is lowercased: the second Duke of Bedford, King James VI and I, Queen Anne, but the duke, the king, the queen.

References
The HLQ uses footnotes for references. Following are examples of notes that illustrate some of our style preferences.

Books
We use “headline style” capitalization for secondary works, meaning that all words except for prepositions and “little words” are capitalized. More details at CMS 8.159.

Author names are given in full (as they appear on the publication); do not use initials for forenames unless they appear thus in the publication.

We list the city of publication (with state abbreviation and/or country, as needed for clarity) and the year, but not the publisher. We make an exception when the publisher is relevant to the content of the article (e.g., an essay concerning printers).

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We abbreviate inclusive numbers as per CMS 9.61.

Edited volume
We put the editors of the volume after the title, in a departure from Chicago.

Multivolume Work
If you only refer to one volume of a multivolume work, cite that volume alone.

If you refer to more than one volume, cite the entire set, including its date range. We use arabic numerals for volume numbers rather than Roman numerals.

Subsequent references
Beginning with the second reference, shorten titles and supply author/editor last names, volume if multiple volumes are cited at first reference, and page. We no longer use ibid. for consecutive references, following Chicago 17. When a work is referred to frequently, further references may appear in the text parenthetically.

Pre-1900 Titles in English
Capitalize and spell as in the original, except capitalize only the first letter in a word given in all caps and lowercase articles, prepositions, and coordinating conjunctions. Shorten long titles as appropriate, using three ellipses for internal omissions. Omit p. and pp. for page numbers unless doing so could lead to confusion. For a printed work without pagination, or in which pagination is erratic, indicate signatures, abbreviated as sig./sigs.
George Ker, *A Discouerie of the Vnnatural and Traiterous Conspiracie of Scottisch Papists, against God, his Kirk, their native Cuntrie, the Kingis Maiesties persone and estate* (Edinburgh, 1593), sig. B3.

Titles not in English
Following Chicago, capitalize Latin titles of antique and medieval works in sentence style (capitalize first word and proper nouns/adjectives). This is also the general rule for titles in other non-English languages. (See Chicago Manual of Style, chap. 11, under the specific language, for exceptions.)

Dissertations and theses
Jason D. LaFountain, “The Puritan Art World” (PhD diss., Harvard University, 2013), 34.
Periodicals
If periodicals have volume numbers, these follow the title without intervening punctuation; page numbers appear after the year in parentheses, a colon, and a space. Supply the issue number only if each issue is paginated separately (after the volume number, a comma, and the abbreviation no.). At first reference, supply the entire page range of the journal article, followed by “at X,” where X is the page on which the specific reference occurs; in subsequent references, supply only the page of the specific reference. As with books, we abbreviate inclusive page numbers as per CMS 9.61.


Online Resources
“Last modified” dates are preferable to “accessed” dates, but where the former is not available, supply the latter. Similarly, a doi, where available, is preferable to a URL. Print publications that are consulted online should be cited as the print version would be, with the doi or URL appended. Web projects that were never in print (or not in their present state, as is the case with CELM below), however, follow Chicago’s format for websites, with titles in roman type rather than italic (CMS 14.206–7).

Dictionaries and encyclopedias
If these are used frequently in an article, you may use an abbreviation at subsequent mentions.


Online versions of print publications

Web projects

Manuscripts
For foliated, rather than paginated, works, use fol. and fols. The letters r and v for recto and verso are not superscripted. Supply archive city (and, if needed, country) if the archive is not widely known.

Photography and permissions
For submission, we require only legible figures; if your essay is accepted, we require publication-quality images and written permission to reproduce them. Authors are responsible for the costs of obtaining reproducible image files and permissions.

Photographic reproductions
Although we can handle other formats, we prefer digital tiffs (or other lossless file formats), at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) for reproduction at no smaller than 7.25 x 5 inches (the size of the text block). This means that if the images are smaller in dimension than the text block, and you want them to run full page, the ppi should be bumped up accordingly so that it’s 350 ppi at 7.25 x 5.

Non-photographic figures
Maps, graphs, and other illustrations must likewise be supplied at 300 ppi. Note that they will be reproduced in grayscale in print, so color coding and shading may not be legible; try to find or create figures that read well in black and white. We generally revise the layout of tables to match our typography, so these need not be in any particular style.

Color reproduction
The printed journal is black and white. Images/figures can be in color online in Project Muse, however. If color is important to your image/figure, secure a color version so that we can use it online.

Permissions information
Below are answers to some questions commonly asked by image rights-holders about how images will be used in the HLQ:

Black-and-white or color? Black-and-white
Print run? 300
Electronic versions? The HLQ is available to subscribers in .pdf (with embedded images) and .html on Project MUSE, a nonprofit database. Images online are lower resolution, for screen reading, and not downloadable.
Inside or cover? Inside
Full page, ¼ page, ½ page, ¼ page? Consult with the editors.
Rights sought? One-time, nonexclusive, worldwide rights in English

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