**The Journal of Religious History**

**Author Guidelines**

Thank you for your interest in the *Journal of Religious History*. Please consult the following instructions for help in preparing your manuscript, and feel free to consult us with any questions. To ensure fast peer review and publication, manuscripts that do not adhere to the following instructions will be returned to the corresponding author for technical revision before undergoing peer review. We look forward to your submission.

**AIMS & SCOPE**

The *Journal of Religious History* is an international, fully refereed journal which publishes articles and reviews current work in the history of religions and their relationship with all aspects of human experience.

**EDITORIAL REVIEW & ACCEPTANCE**

Papers submitted to the journal should not have been published or be undergoing consideration for publication elsewhere. The acceptance criteria for all papers are the quality and originality of the research and its significance to our readership. Except where otherwise stated, manuscripts are double-blind peer reviewed by two to four anonymous reviewers and the editor. Final acceptance or rejection rests with the editorial board, which reserves the right to refuse any material for publication.

Manuscripts should be in a clear, concise and direct style. Where contributions are judged as acceptable for publication on the basis of content, the editor and the publisher reserve the right to modify typescripts to eliminate ambiguity and repetition and improve communication between author and reader. If extensive alterations are required, the manuscript will be returned to the author for revision.

**Committee on Publication Ethics.** The *Journal of Religious History* is a member of and subscribes to the principles of the [Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE)](http://publicationethics.org/).

**PREPARING YOUR MANUSCRIPT**

**English Language Editing Service**  
Authors for whom English is a second language may choose to have their manuscript professionally edited before submission to improve the English. Visit <http://wileyeditingservices.com> to learn about the options. All services are paid for and arranged by the author. Please note using the Wiley English Language Editing Service does not guarantee that your paper will be accepted by this journal, and all services are paid for and arranged by the author.

**Optimising Your Article for Search Engines**  
Many students and researchers looking for information online will use search engines such as Google, Yahoo or similar. By optimising your article for search engines, you will increase the chance of someone finding it. This in turn will make it more likely to be viewed and/or cited in another work. We have compiled these guidelines to enable you to maximise the web-friendliness of the most public part of your article.

**Style Guide.** The *Journal of Religious History* follows the *Chicago Manual of Style*, 16th ed. Contributors may also refer to Kate L. Turabian's short guide to the Chicago style, *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses and Dissertations*, 6th ed. (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1996).

**Spelling.** The *Journal of Religious History* publishes in British English. For word usage and word division, please refer to the *Oxford Concise English Dictionary*.

**Abbreviations** should follow the *Oxford Classical Dictionary*.

**MANUSCRIPT TYPES**

The *Journal of Religious History* publishes original articles, review articles/essays, and book reviews. The length of published articles is restricted to a minimum of **5,000 words including footnotes and a maximum of 10,000 words including footnotes**, unless prior agreement made with the Journal's Editors-in-Chief. Review articles/essays are generally 3-4,000 words including footnotes. Standard reviews are approximately 800 words and should not contain footnotes. Except for brief quotations of no more than a line, the body of all papers should be in English.

PLEASE ALSO NOTE: The *Journal of Religious History* has a broad, international readership, including academics, students and professionals with expertise across many fields of religious history. We therefore ask that the titles of submissions include enough details - such as region, country and/or dates - to make the subject of the proposed article clear to a broad readership.

Enquiries regarding review articles/essays should be directed to the Editor, Dr Celeste McNamara. Books for review and correspondence about reviews should be sent to the following address:

Attn: Dr Celeste McNamara

c/o Anna Haunton

The Journal of Religious History

Studies in Religion

University of Sydney

Room 605

Brennan MacCallum Building

Camperdown/Darlington Campus

Sydney 2006, Australia

Email: [jrh@sydney.edu.au](mailto:jrh@sydney.edu.au)

Special Issues. The Journal publishes regular thematic issues on special topics. Correspondence about potential topics for future thematic issues should be directed to the Editor.

**General guide for Book Reviews**

Reviews should be approximately 1000 words.

You should aim to bring out the central arguments or insights of the text. Provide some context for the work and identify its contribution to the relevant literature. Cite a few concrete examples from the text and provide the page number/s or chapter/s in parentheses.

Short quotations can be included, but not long block quotes. Do not include footnotes or endnotes. Do not give a mere list of chapter summaries or chapter titles. Polemics are to be avoided, as well as outright dismissals of the whole project. This does not mean that you cannot criticise the work or disagree with the argument, but you should aim to give the book a fair hearing. You do not need to identify small errors or typos.

In general, you should aim for balance, fairness, and appropriate criticism.

Download Book Review general guidelines here: <http://therha.com.au/publications/>

**Special Issues.** The Journal publishes regular thematic issues on special topics. Correspondence about potential topics for future thematic issues should be directed to the Editor.

**PARTS OF THE MANUSCRIPT**

**Title Page**  
The title page must contain both a descriptive and concise title of the paper; names and qualifications of all authors; affiliations and full mailing address, including e-mail addresses, fax and a contact telephone number.

**Abstract and Keywords**  
Abstracts and keywords are required for original (min. 5,000 max 10,000 all inclusive) and review articles (3-4,000 all inclusive).

**Tables and Figures**  
Illustrations, tables, maps and figures should appear on separate pages following the footnotes. They must be numbered consecutively and include captions which identify the source of any image or data. Glossy prints or digital images are required for publication. Authors are responsible for obtaining and paying for all copyright and reproduction charges.

**References**  
Authors are urged to double check all references ensuring that they are complete and include accurate page numbers. References to manuscript, archival and printed government sources should follow recognised conventions and avoid ambiguous contractions. Subsequent citations to a work previously cited should provide only the author's last name and the page number(s) and, in the case of citations to more than one work by the same author, a short title of the work. Do not use Ibid. or other Latin contractions.

Footnotes should be numbered consecutively and follow *Chicago* 16th note reference forms (Turabian 'N') NOT previous issues of the *Journal of Religious History*. Some examples follow:

***Journal Article:***  
      1. T. Swain, A Bicentenary of the Study of Australian Aboriginal Religion,' *Religion* 21 (1991): 165-195.

***Modern Book:***  
(Include publisher)  
      2. D. W. Bebbington, *Evangelicalism in Modern Britain* (London: Routledge, 1989), 35-36. and subsequently:  
      3. Bebbington, 35.

***Early Book:***  
(Publisher may be omitted)  
      4. William Baldwin, *A Treatise of morall philosophy Contaynynge the sayings of the wyse* (London, 1579)

***Government Publication:***  
      5. U. K. *Parliamentary Debates,* Lords, 5th ser. , vol.13 (1893), cols.1273-74. *and subsequently* :  
      6. *Parl. Deb. ,* Lords, 5th ser. , 13 (1893): 1273.

***Archival Source:***  
      7. Report of the Committee into Convict Discipline, 24 March 1842, CSO 22/50, Archives Office of Tasmania, Hobart.

***Manuscript:***  
      8. Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS Bodley 581, fols. 23-24v. *and subsequently* :  
      9. Bodley 581, fol. 23.

***Judeo-Christian Scriptures:***  
      10. Heb. 13:8, 12-13.  
For standard scriptural abbreviations see *Chicago Manual of Style,* 14.34-35. Include edition only if NOT Revised Standard Version.

***Classical and Medieval References:***  
      11. Abelard *Epistle* 17 to *Heloise* (Migne PL 180.375c-378a).  
      12. Cicero *De officiis* 1.133, 140.

**SUBMITTING YOUR MANUSCRIPT**Manuscripts should be submitted electronically via ScholarOne Manuscripts at <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/jorh>. Complete instructions for submitting a paper are available at the ScholarOne Manuscripts site. Further assistance can be obtained from: [support@scholarone.com](mailto:support@scholarone.com). Enquiries should be directed to the Editorial Assistant, Anna Haunton, at [jrh@sydney.com.au](mailto:jrh@sydney.com.au).

**Associate your ScholarOne account with your ORCID iD**ORCID iD is a unique and persistent identifier that distinguishes you from every other researcher and connects you and your research activities. We encourage you to register for an ORCID iD and then associate it with your ScholarOne account. Find out how here: <https://authorservices.wiley.com/Reviewers/journal-reviewers/recognition-for-reviewers/distinguish-yourself-with-orcid.html>

**Post-Acceptance**Author Services enables authors to track their article, once it has been accepted, through the production process to publication online and in print. Authors can check the status of their articles online and choose to receive automated emails at key stages of production so they do not need to contact the production editor to check on progress. Visit <http://authorservices.wiley.com/bauthor/> for more details on online production tracking and for a wealth of resources, including FAQs and tips on article preparation, submission and more.

**COPYRIGHT AND LICENSING**

Accepted papers will be passed to Wiley’s production team for publication. The author identified as the formal corresponding author for the paper will receive an email prompting them to login into Wiley’s Author Services, where via the Wiley Author Licensing Service (WALS) they will be asked to complete an electronic license agreement on behalf of all authors on the paper. FAQs about the terms and conditions of the standard copyright transfer agreements (CTA) in place for the journal, including terms regarding archiving of the accepted version of the paper, are available at: [CTA Terms and Conditions FAQs](http://authorservices.wiley.com/bauthor/faqs_copyright.asp)

**OnlineOpen – ‘Gold road’ Open Access**

OnlineOpen is available to authors of articles who wish to make their article freely available to all on Wiley Online Library under a Creative Commons licence. In addition, authors of OnlineOpen articles are permitted to post the final, published PDF of their article on a website, institutional repository or other free public server, immediately on publication. With OnlineOpen the author, the author's funding agency, or the author's institution pays a fee to ensure that the article is made open access, known as ‘gold road’ open access.

***OnlineOpen licenses.*** Authors choosing OnlineOpen retain copyright in their article and have a choice of publishing under the following Creative Commons License terms: Creative Commons Attribution License (CC BY); Creative Commons Attribution Non-Commercial License (CC BY NC); Creative Commons Attribution Non-Commercial-NoDerivs License (CC BY NC ND).

For more information about the OnlineOpen license terms and conditions [click here](http://olabout.wiley.com/WileyCDA/Section/id-815641.html).

**PROOF CORRECTIONS**The corresponding author will receive an email alert containing a link to a website. A working email address must therefore be provided for the corresponding author. The proof can be downloaded as a PDF (portable document format) file, and Acrobat Reader will be required in order to read this file. This software can be downloaded (free of charge) from the [Adobe website](http://get.adobe.com/reader/). This will enable the file to be opened, read on screen, and any corrections to be added in. Further instructions will be sent with the proof.

**EARLY VIEW**  
The *Journal of Religious History* is covered by Wiley’s Early View service. Early View articles are complete full-text articles published online in advance of their publication in a printed issue. Early View articles are complete and final. They have been fully reviewed, revised and edited for publication, and the authors' final corrections have been incorporated. Because they are in final form, no changes can be made after online publication. Early View articles are given a Digital Object Identifier (DOI), which allows the article to be cited and tracked before allocation to an issue. After print publication, the DOI remains valid and can continue to be used to cite and access the article.

**OFFPRINTS**Free access to the final PDF offprint of your article will be available via Author Services only. Please sign up for Author Services if you would like to access your article PDF offprint and enjoy the many other benefits the service offers. Additional printed offprints may be ordered online for a fee. Please click on the following link and fill in the necessary details and ensure that you type information in all of the required fields: [http://offprint.cosprinters.com/cos.](http://offprint.cosprinters.com/cos) If you have queries about offprints please e-mail: [offprint@cosprinters.com](mailto:offprint@cosprinters.com). Single issues of the journal can be purchased from our customer services department.