

## Demystifying the Publishing Process

Publishing is perhaps the most daunting—and mysterious—prospect for graduate students. While understanding the importance of publishing to the life of any academic, many graduate students feel unprepared to submit their first article and desire the guidance of experienced professors and peers to clarify the process. We have heard this concern repeated by graduate students across the country. So, in response to the current graduate community, we are offering a panel which will present three perspectives on the publishing process: a first-time submitter, a referee, and an editor. The purpose of the panel is to elucidate each stage of the process from the viewpoint of the individuals involved so that graduate students can approach the task of publishing with greater confidence.

Our first presenter recently received his PhD and submitted his first article for publication. He will speak to his personal experience, focusing on how he selected a journal, what sort of feedback the editors and referees gave, and what he learned from editing his article. Our second presenter—in addition to publishing a book and several articles—has refereed for both journals and presses. He will describe the job and responsibility of a referee with the hope of preparing future academics for this professional role. Additionally, he will share how future authors should respond to a referee's report. Finally, our third presenter has not only published prolifically, but also serves as the editor of a journal. He will outline the best practices for drafting an article or revising a term paper for publication. Afterward, the audience will participate in a question-and-answer session where they will be invited to engage with the panelists individually or collectively.

Graduate students need not puzzle over the publishing process. By introducing panelists in various stages of their professional careers, we aim to clarify each aspect of publishing from a

different perspective. We intend for participants to leave the panel having gained insight into the publishing process, equipped with the information to work towards publishing without trepidation.