# PUBLISHING YOUR WORK WITH SFAA

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| Content | Publishes articles that advance, synthesize, and interpret the application of anthropological method and theory to practical problems in the contemporary world pertaining to applied social science. | Publishes work on the usefulness of anthropology in the world through case studies, toolkits, policy briefs, creative work, dialogues, and other content of interest in practicing social scientists. Published work in print with companion multimedia on the Practicing Anthropology blog. | Publishes updates from the Board, committees, and topical interest groups, Short interviews with social scientists, activists and community leaders, brief reports from members "in the field," stories of public engagement. |
| Editorial process | Peer reviewed<br><br>*Authors submit completed manuscripts to the journal. Editors conduct an in-house review to determine initial fit.  If the manuscript is deemed appropriate for the journal, editors send the manuscript out to qualified reviewers (people who work in similar research and practice areas) to complete a <u>formal review</u>. Reviewers send recommendations to publish or not, and necessary revisions. Authors receive word that the manuscript is 1) accepted, 2) accepted with revisions, 3) rejected but invited to revise and resubmit, or 4) rejected. Authors receive feedback from reviewers for further revision.  The average time from initial submission to publication is about 5-6 months*<br><br>***Benefits of peer review**: Peer reviewed articles are more closely aligned with other academic journals. They have more citations and have more robust theoretical and methodological sections, as well as explicit applied outcomes than are necessary for journals that are not peer reviewed.*<br><br>*Peer reviewed articles also count more than editor reviewed or invited publications toward tenure and promotion in most university settings. Peer reviewed articles may be useful in consulting and practicing portfolios.* | Editor reviewed<br><br>*Authors submit completed manuscripts to the journal. The editor reviews manuscripts and decides if the article is a good fit with the journal and if it has potential to move on toward publication. The editor of PA often consults with members of the editorial team who complete <u>informal reviews</u> and send feedback. In some cases, the editor makes decisions without review. Authors receive word that the manuscript is 1) accepted, 2) accepted with revisions, 3) invited to revise and resubmit, or 4) rejected. Authors receive feedback from reviewers for further revision.*<br><br>***Benefits of editor review**: These articles are shorter than peer reviewed articles and often take less time to write and prepare. They are also accessible to wide audiences who may or may not be involved in academic scholarship. This is a good choice if you want to get your work out to an audience but have not yet had time or resources to develop a peer reviewed article. We publish work by senior anthropologists, first time authors, young practitioners, and everyone in between.*<br><br>*Editor reviewed articles do count for some promotions in academic settings though this varies by institution. Editor reviewed articles may be useful in consulting and practicing portfolios.* | Invited or volunteered<br><br>*The SfAA Newsletter is about news. It is a vehicle to get the word out about on-going events to the membership and others in a timely way;  to report on TIGs activities; to share news about new books, reports, films that pertain to applied anthropology and other social sciences; for faculty to describe novel instruction methods for teaching applied anthropology and other social sciences; for practitioners to write about their hands on experiences in the private and public sectors; for applied anthropologists and social scientists to network and share their experiences. It is a place to begin conversations in a fast and concise way.*<br><br>***Benefits of publishing with the news**: The fastest way to communicate with SfAA members and colleagues on timely news items.*<br><br>*News items may or may not count toward promotion portfolios. Check with your institution or employer. News articles may be useful in consulting and practicing portfolios.* |
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