

Michigan Journal of Sustainability Call for Papers University of Michigan

The *Michigan Journal of Sustainability* is seeking high-quality work for inclusion in our online, open-access, peer-reviewed journal sponsored by the University of Michigan Graham Sustainability Institute. The Journal presents articles about sustainability research that are useful and usable to practitioners and policy makers. Editors of the journal invite abstracts that bridge the science-policy-public divide. **A subsection of this upcoming volume will pertain to water quality, water scarcity, and the relationship of water with natural or human systems.** This edition of the Journal is scheduled for publication in early 2016.

The *Michigan Journal of Sustainability* will accept timely, innovative, and informative scholarly articles translating research at the human-environment interface. Editors encourage submissions emphasizing the role of water and sustainability, as well as broader topics involving human-environment interactions.

Optional Abstract Submission and Review Process

Prospective authors are encouraged to submit an abstract before drafting their manuscript to ensure that articles are aligned to the unique mission of translating interdisciplinary sustainability research to a broad audience. The Editorial Board will review submitted abstracts for applicability to both the Journal's mission and to the specific topic of water sustainability (for the special section). Editors will provide authors with feedback about their abstract to consider as they draft their article.

- **Abstract Submission Deadline:** September 9, 2015
- **Online Submission via the Journal website:** <http://sustainability.umich.edu/webforms/mjs-submission>.

Abstracts are limited to 300 words, excluding references. Abstracts should include a description of the focus of the article, and indicate how the work is relevant to an interdisciplinary audience of academics, practitioners, and/or policy makers. One key tip is to eliminate jargon, such as acronyms. Authors should indicate the type of article they plan to submit (see below for types of articles). Citations should follow the Chicago Manual of Style, 16th edition. In-text citations should appear in the author-date format [example: (Graham et al., 2014)].

All authors of abstracts will be notified no later than September 21, 2015 if they are invited to submit an article to Journal. Final decisions regarding article acceptance will be made following the submission and review of the full article manuscript.

Manuscript Submission and Review Process

Manuscripts (full articles) for consideration in this special issue will be reviewed by two in-field and one out-of-field expert, and a member of the Editorial board. Manuscripts will be reviewed for accuracy, quality, and relevance to the focus of the Journal.

- **Manuscripts Submission Deadline:** November 4, 2015
- **Online submission via the Journal website:** <https://michiganjournalofsustainability.submittable.com/submit>

Guidelines:

- A full list of article style guidelines is available on the Journal website: <http://sustainability.umich.edu/mjs/submissions/>.

Types of Articles

Feature Articles: Includes reinterpretations of original research for non-specialist audiences, application-based projects, and review articles, especially those synthesizing a current research area and showing links to other disciplines and practical applications. Length: 5,000 words limit.

Field Notes: Features research-in-progress or shorter discussions about current field research. These may include write-ups of fieldwork and/or the process and outcomes associated ongoing projects. The aim is to present the more descriptive aspects of the research/practice, which may include preliminary results. Images and figures may be included. Length: 1,000 word limit.

Seeing Sustainability: Photo essays, maps, drafts, videos, or drawings that show visual exploration of a theme. Framed by a written essay as well as detailed captions, the sequence of images elicits and addresses questions about human-environment interaction. Length: no more than 1000 words (essay portion) with up to 10 images with 100 word captions or 10 minutes of video.

Teaching and Learning: Pieces focusing on critical issues in the classroom, informal learning environments, and higher education related to sustainability. Length: 1000 word limit.

Reviews: Reviews of books, articles, tools, resources, or other compilations from leaders in the field. Length: 1000 word limit.

Example Articles: See the Journal website, <http://sustainability.umich.edu/mjs/>.

Editing and Publication Process

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