

Ohio Social Studies Review (OSSR)

Statement of Purpose

- Provide an outlet for research and best practices in social studies
- Provide a forum for debate about the implementation of meaningful research and practice in social studies

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Call for Proposals

The editors of the *Ohio Social Studies Review*, a peer-reviewed international journal, issue a call to submit manuscripts for the Spring 2012 issue, which is scheduled for May publication.

Theme: Urban Education and Social Studies

The challenges faced by urban schools worldwide are an ongoing concern and represent widespread inequalities in public education offerings. In the U.S., a 2009 study by America's Promise entitled "Cities in Crisis 2009: Closing the Graduation Gap" revealed that "the average graduation rate of the 50 largest cities is well below the national average of 71%, and there remains an 18 percentage point urban suburban gap" (retrieved from

<http://www.americaspromise.org/Our-Work/Dropout-Prevention/Cities-in-Crisis.aspx>). This is an example of just one of the many unique issues facing urban schools. What is the role of social studies education and teaching in addressing this pervasive societal issue? How do the issues of urban students impact social studies teaching and learning on a daily basis? What successes have teachers and administrators found in addressing these needs?

The editors of the *Ohio Social Studies Review* are interested in soliciting manuscripts that address these and related questions of the issues faced by students and teachers in urban settings..

We are especially interested in manuscripts authored by teachers or co-authored by researchers and practitioners that highlight practical responses to persistent challenges.

The *Ohio Social Studies Review* is especially directed at OCSS membership, comprised in large part of practicing classroom teachers; therefore, manuscripts that focus on practical applications will be preferred.

Submission Guidelines

Submissions from all social studies disciplines as well as from interdisciplinary perspectives are welcome. Incomplete manuscripts will be returned without review. Each submission will be refereed using a double-blind peer review process. Submit manuscripts as a file attachment to the Co-editor at: doppen@ohio.edu

To be sent for peer review, manuscripts must be:

- Original, accurate, meet submission guidelines, and not under consideration elsewhere.
- Submitted in Microsoft .doc or .docx format.
- Submitted in *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (6th edition) style. Please note that this is a most recent version of APA.
- Manuscripts that do not comply with APA style will be returned without review.

- Formatted in *Times New Roman*, size 12 font, double spaced with graphics embedded in text in .gif or .jpg file formats.
- From 2,000 to 4,000 words in length, *including* references.

Please include:

- A title page with complete contact information for all authors, including address, telephone, fax, and email.
- An abstract of 200 words or less following the title page.
- A biographical sketch of each author of 50 words or less at the end of the manuscript.

Submission

Submit your manuscript with an email message indicating that it has not been published elsewhere, is not under consideration for publication elsewhere, and that copyright will be given to the *Ohio Social Studies Review* should it be accepted for publication.

Manuscripts should be submitted no later than **February 1**, to:
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