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AUTHOR CHECKLIST FOR SUBMITTING ALL FINAL PROJECT FILES

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Manuscript Formatting
Use 12-point, Times New Roman font
Select 2.0 line spacing (double-spaced lines)
Remove all headers and footers (other than page numbers)
Eliminate all macros from text files
Begin paragraphs with a tab indent; do not insert blank lines to show paragraph starts/ends
Be consistent with the use of line spaces and/or dingbats when denoting breaks in the body copy
Do not type subheads in full caps
If any characters, emojis, symbols, etc. are inserted in the manuscript, alert acquisitions
Italicize text that should appear in italics
Notes should be grouped at the end of the manuscript (starting with ¹ for each chapter); Word
automatically groups notes at the end of a document, but during book design the notes will be
correctly moved before sources (bib, works cited, references)
Exception: Edited collections may insert endnotes/sources at the end of each individual chapter
Activate page numbers (do not use Roman numerals in frontmatter)
Place art callouts in the manuscript (figures, tables, photos, etc.) between paragraphs at
approximately the place where the art should appear (i.e., <figure 1="" here="">)</figure>
Use Chicago Manual of Style 18th Edition as a style guide; notes and bib style, if applicable
It is the responsibility of the author to fact check citations, quoted material, proper nouns, and
supply correct and correctly formatted backmatter material; please review all before submitting
Manuscript Organization
All project-applicable manuscript components should be placed within the final manuscript
document in the following order (insert section/page breaks between each):
• Title page: book title and author name(s) exactly as it should appear in the final book
Dedication page

- Contents page (without page numbers or leaders)
- Foreword (written by another) or preface (written by author)
- Introduction, list of abbreviations, and chronology (in that order)

- Chapters (chapter titles mirroring contents page)
- Contributor bios
- Appendix(es)
- Glossary
- Acknowledgments/permissions
- Sources (bibliography/works cited/references—MANDATORY for scholarly books)
- Notes (in final book design, notes will appear before the sources)

Art, Captions, Alt Text
All art must meet the press's print-quality standards and follow the art program submission
guidelines (see UI Press Art Program Guidelines document)
Do not embed any art (figures, tables, photographs, etc.) in the manuscript; save all art as individual
files and follow Art Program Guidelines instructions
Following the Art Program Guidelines naming system, check that all art file names match the
captions and alt text documents and the art callouts in the manuscript
Create a separate captions document (Times New Roman, 12 point, double spaced), organized by
figure number and include source and credit line information in caption as required by the
permission consent; submit with final manuscript
Create a separate alt text document (Times New Roman, 12 point, double spaced), organized by
figure number; submit with final manuscript
Alert the acquisitions editor via email to any specific art program requests (cropping, size, etc.)
Submitting Permissions to Your Acquisitions Editor
Email completed permissions log documenting permissions granted for all copyrighted material
Email copies of all permissions forms/letters and note if text or art permission; if text, note where it
appears in the manuscript / and if art, note the figure number
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Submitting All Applicable Project Files to Your Acquisitions Editor
Email the final manuscript, captions, and alt text
Email the completed author questionnaire
Email the permissions log and all signed and organized documentation
Follow the Art Program Guidelines document for submitting art files
If the manuscript extensively quotes poetry or primary documents, email scans or mail photocopies
of scanned primary sources, noting the page number of occurrence in the manuscript
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providing/paying for the index, which is due at the end of the page proof review