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Subject Matter and Scope

The [Canadian Review of American Studies](#) is a peer-reviewed forum for solicited and original contributed manuscripts whose purpose is the multi- and interdisciplinary analysis and understanding of the culture, both past and present, of the United States—and of the relations between the cultures of the United States and Canada. We invite contributions from authors in all relevant scholarly disciplines related to the study of the United States, in English or in French.

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Peer Review Process

Manuscript reviewers are appointed by the Editor. They are selected because they have expertise related to the content that is published in [CRAS](#).

Reviewer's Responsibilities

The following information may clarify how to provide evaluations that will be useful to both authors and editors.

- Reviewers are invited to contact the Editor if they have any concerns about a manuscript, if they feel they lack the expertise to complete a review, or have any questions regarding potential conflicts of interest.
- Reviewers must not cite the manuscript or refer to the work it describes before publication.
- Reviewers must adopt a respectful and impartial attitude for each manuscript under review.
- Comments designed for the author should be expressed in clear and objective terms. Suggestions for revision should not include any reference to possible acceptance or rejection of the manuscript.
- Reviewers are not expected to correct deficiencies in style or mistakes in grammar. However, any observations related to these faults will be appreciated by the editor.

Evaluating the Manuscript

As a reviewer for the [Canadian Review of American Studies](#), you are requested to evaluate each manuscript on the basis of its accuracy as well as its relevance to the review of American studies. Specifically, please comment on:

- Overall importance to the field
- Originality
- Appropriateness of the manuscript for [CRAS](#)
- Quality of writing

Process

The [Canadian Review of American Studies](#) strives to have the initial review back to authors as soon as possible in order to arrive at a decision about the manuscript. Manuscript reviewers must complete the review process via e-mail.

Reviewers are to provide a list of major and minor issues and refer to specific pages.

The reviewer is also expected to make a recommendation to accept, accept with revisions, revise and resubmit, or reject the article. This includes considering the overall importance,



appropriateness of the manuscript for [CRAS](#), appropriateness of the approach, originality, and quality of writing.

Confidential Recommendation

In a confidential recommendation to the Editor, you are asked to choose and justify your recommendation from one of the following:

Accept

No changes needed from author(s). Manuscripts that are accepted are immediately scheduled for publication.

Accept with Revisions

Manuscript is accepted for publication, conditional on author(s) making minor changes and resubmitting via e-mail. This recommendation should be made when some clarifications or changes are needed in the manuscript but the credibility of the content is not in question.

Revise and Resubmit

Authors are asked to make substantial changes to the manuscript. Manuscript acceptance for publication is conditional on the content contained in the revised manuscript.

Reject

This recommendation should be made when deficiencies indicate that a manuscript should not be published.

Queries

Questions relating to any of the above details may be directed to:

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