

Guidelines for Contributors

Scope

Arc is an interdisciplinary, refereed journal published annually by the School of Religious Studies, McGill University. The journal combines the talents of professors and graduate students in offering space for scholarly discussions on various aspects of the academic study of religion.

We invite innovative and original work that engages with: theology; comparative studies in religion; theoretical or methodological discussions; thoughts, ideologies and philosophies; religion and politics; philosophy of religion; history of religions; sociology of religion; role of religion in culture and society; religious ethics; religion and literature; religion and art; religion and linguistics; religion and health; interreligious studies.

Arc encourages submissions from diverse religious traditions, perspectives, and periods.

Format

Arc considers two kinds of submissions:

1. **Articles.** Article submissions should provide original contributions to any of the areas suggested in the journal's scope / the most recent call for papers. Articles should fall between 6,000 and 10,000 words in length, including footnotes. Longer items may be considered, but should be discussed with the journal editors prior to submission. We do not accept submissions that have been published in full or in part elsewhere, and you must affirm that your submission is not currently under consideration for publication elsewhere.

3. **Book Reviews.** Book review submissions should address recently published works that fall within the interests of the journal's scope or the most recent call for papers. By "recently" we mean within the last two years. Books that fall outside of this two-year window may be considered, but these should be discussed with the book review editors prior to submission, and it must be made clear why the book is relevant to review now (e.g., the book has not yet been reviewed, a new edition provides additions / critical context worth commenting on, etc.). Book review submissions should not exceed 1,500 words.

Manuscript Preparation

1. *Arc* accepts electronic manuscripts submitted in the following document format: Microsoft Word (.doc or .rtf). *If your manuscript includes non-Latin fonts, please indicate which font(s) you are using.* Email submissions should be sent to the following address: arc.relgstud@mcgill.ca.

2. Submissions should use Canadian spelling (e.g., "favour," "colour," "radicalization," rather than "favor," "color," "radicalisation").

3. Submissions should use gender-inclusive language, with the exception of direct quotations and translations of ancient texts, which should conform to the standards of the original language.

4. All notes should appear as footnotes (not endnotes), numbered consecutively using Arabic numerals.

For first-time citations, a full bibliographic reference should be given in a note:

- Stanley Fish, *Is There a Text in This Class? The Authority of Interpretive Communities* (London: Harvard University Press, 1989), 123.
- M. Jimmie Killingsworth and Jaqueline S. Palmer, “Millennial Ecology: The Apocalyptic Narrative from *Silent Spring* to *Global Warming*,” in ed. Carl G. Herndl and Stuart C. Brown, *Green Culture: Environmental Rhetoric in Contemporary America* (Madison, WI: University of Wisconsin Press, 1996), 21–45.
- Pierre Hadot, *The Veil of Isis*, trans. Michael Chase (Cambridge, Mass.: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2006), 18.

If a complete bibliographic reference has already been given in a previous footnote, use the following short form: author’s last name, abbreviated title, page number.

- Fish, *Is There a Text in This Class?*, 124.
- Killingsworth and Palmer, “Millennial Ecology,” 34.
- Hadot, *The Veil of Isis*, 25.

**Please avoid the use of “ibid”* (See: Chicago Manual of Style, 17th ed., 14.34).

4. Commas and periods should fall within quoted material, while colons and semicolons follow closing quotation marks. Question marks and exclamation points follow closing quotation marks, unless they belong within the quoted matter (See: Chicago Manual of Style, 17th ed. 6.9-6.11).

5. When using dashes to replace commas, parentheses or colons, use spaced “en” dashes rather than “em” dashes (See: Chicago Manual of Style, 17th ed. 6.83 & 6.85).

6. When citing legal or archival documents, manuscript collections, scripture and other types of classical works, foreign language texts, multimedia mediums, etc. please carefully review the Chicago Manual of Style guidelines, particularly sections 14.221–14.305.

For questions of style, punctuation, and spelling not covered here, please refer to the *Chicago Manual of Style*, 17th ed. (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2017); and the *Canadian Oxford Dictionary*, 2nd ed. (Oxford University Press, 2004).