

Submission Guidelines

General guidelines

MSU Working Papers in SLS seek submissions of the following types of articles in the following sections:

- Research papers
- Position papers, literature reviews and research proposals
- Book / teaching material reviews
- Interviews

All submissions should:

- be anonymous, with any identifying information removed from the document;
- not have been previously published, nor be under review in another journal for consideration;
- be in OpenOffice, Microsoft Word, or RTF file format;
- provide DOI URLs for the references where applicable;
- follow APA guidelines (7th edition) with the exception that figures, pictures and tables should be presented in the body of the article rather than in the Appendix section; and
- be proofread for typos and errors before submission.

Specific guidelines

Research papers

Submissions should:

- be an empirical manuscript;
- include and address these section headers: abstract & keywords, introduction, literature review, research questions, methodology (participants, materials, procedure), results, discussion, conclusions, references and, if necessary, appendices; and
- be a maximum of 8500 words (including references, tables and figures).

Position papers, literature reviews, and research proposals

Position papers should:

- include an opinion in an important issue in the field; and
- be based on empirical evidence and a comprehensive survey of the state-of-the-art research.

Research proposals should:

- include an introduction, literature review, methods, anticipated results, and discussion.

Literature reviews should

- be comprehensive and up to date; and
- identify research gaps upon which further research can be based.

Submissions to this section should not be longer than 6000 words (including references, tables and figures).

Book / teaching material reviews

A review in this section should:

- review books, or teaching materials (including textbooks, websites, audio-visuals, and software) that fall within the broad field of second language studies;
- review current materials (i.e., published in the past five years);
- provide a critical review, that is, both a summary and a critique;
- describe the objective of the work and the content itself which, however, does not typically take more than one third of the space;
- comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the book / materials, including but not limited to, appropriateness for target users/ readers, success in achieving its objectives, clarity and usefulness; and
- be a maximum of 1500 words.

Interviews

The interview itself can:

- take place in person or by Skype/Zoom; and
- be audio recorded, but please do not forget to seek consent.

Interview questions can address:

- the interviewee's work;

- how the interviewee became involved in SLS;
- issues and challenges facing the field of SLS today and in the future;
- how the field of SLS has matured / developed over time;
- advice on conducting research; or
- how SLS can serve the community at large.

The write-up should:

- focus on quotes from the interviewees (see previous editions as examples);
- be reviewed by the interviewee before submission; and
- be a maximum of 1500 words.

In order to prevent duplicated interviews, please let us know your plans in advance (see notification of interview plan below).

Please submit your manuscripts directly to the co-editors.

Thank you so much for your time! We look forward to receiving your work.

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