



SOUTHEASTERN GEOGRAPHER

Author Guidelines

Southeastern Geographer is a quarterly peer-reviewed journal that publishes a wide range of scholarship on all geographical topics with emphasis on the broadly defined American South.

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Journal Content

Southeastern Geographer publishes five different types of content: Research Manuscripts, Reviews of Books (and other Media), Cover Art, Forums, and Geographical Notes. Proposals for special issues are also welcome. Information on special issues and guidelines for special issue proposals are available [here](#).

Initial Submission

Research Manuscripts

Manuscripts should be approximately 5,000–7,000 words in length, excluding footnotes and bibliography. The abstract should not exceed 200 words. If figures and tables are included, they should be limited to five each (ten total). References Cited should include recent (within the last two years) citations.

After initial manuscript evaluation by the Editors for suitability in *Southeastern Geographer*, manuscripts will be sent to a minimum of two reviewers for evaluation. Authors are highly encouraged to list the names of three to five potential external reviewers. Both author(s) and reviewers will remain anonymous throughout the review process. Most articles are reviewed and receive an editorial decision within 50 days of manuscript submission. Manuscripts with either excessive grammatical errors or lacking clarity will not be sent out for peer review.

Geographical Notes

Southeastern Geographer publishes an occasional section (*Geographical Notes*) that contains manuscripts of four to ten pages in length focusing on significant developments in geography,



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Forums are a series of short articles (2-5 pages each) centered on a specific focus or theme ([example](#)). Forums may be organized based upon conference panels or sessions, or may provide another opportunity to bring together a range of related short interventions. Forums should include a short introductory essay and should be *no longer* than 40 pages in total length. Before submitting a forum for consideration, forum organizer(s) must contact the editors with their proposed theme.

Reviews

Southeastern Geographer welcomes reviews of books, software, documentaries, and other media relevant to the journal and its readers. If you are interested in reviewing a book (or other media) or are an author or publisher who believes that a book may be relevant to the audience of *Southeastern Geographer*, please contact the Review Editor directly for more information.

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[Initial upper case and boldface]. Author(s) or Editor(s). Place of Publication: Name of Press, Date. pp. [both Roman and Arabic numerals]; maps, diags., ills, notes, bibliog., index [include these as appropriate]. \$00.00 paper (ISBN); \$00.00 cloth (ISBN); \$00.00 electronic (ISBN).

The reviewer's information should follow the bibliographic information. Example:

Big City Grits: A New Geography of the Great Southern Breakfast.

Devyn Allen. Dothan: Southeastern Alabama University Press, 2023. xv and 213 pp., figs., bibliog., and index. \$15.95 paperback (ISBN 9980817959967).

Reviewed by Douglass Anderson
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Reviews that include references should follow the formatting guidelines identified in this



document.

Cover Art

Southeastern Geographer welcomes photographs, maps, art, and other images related to the American South not under copyright protection as cover art submissions for the journal. Each issue will also contain a Cover Art section, in which contributors can provide up to 1000 words, including references, to explain the broader significance of the image. Please review prior issues of *Southeastern Geographer* for examples of essay format, including reference formatting and the inclusion of a bio sketch. The Editors reserve the right to send Cover Art essays out for peer review, but in most cases, their revision and acceptance will be handled directly by the Editors. Contact the Editors at segedit@geosci.msstate.edu for more information.

A cover art contest is held annually at the SEDAAG conference. All submitted artwork will be displayed during the conference in November, with voting open to SEDAAG members.

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The original manuscript file should not include any identifying information. This includes names of authors, affiliations, biographical sketches, or acknowledgments. This information will be added to your final files if the manuscript is accepted for publication.

Manuscripts that do not meet the formatting guidelines will be returned to the author for revisions before initial review:

1. All parts of the manuscript (highlights, abstract, text, notes, references, tables, and figure captions) must be 12-point font, double-spaced, have the first line of each paragraph indented 0.5 inch (1 tab space), have 1-inch margins on all pages (including tables and figures), and be paginated.
2. For initial review, tables and figures should be included in the same file as the text, occurring immediately after being cited. Captions should be italicized, and placed above the table and below the figure.
3. Manuscripts, except for highlights, abstract, references, tables, or figures, should be no longer than 7,000 words. The abstract should be no longer than 200 words.



4. The title should be chosen with care to appeal to a diverse audience and should represent the content of the article.
5. Authors should also provide a shorter running head no longer than six words. The running head should be included on a separate line, below the abstract.
6. Three to five keywords, which do not duplicate words in the title, should follow on a separate line below the running head.
7. Authors are required to provide highlights for their manuscripts. Highlights should consist of three to five bullet points < 100 characters each that convey the key results and conclusions of the article. Highlights should be placed after the title and author page and before the abstract.
8. Only two levels of headings should be used to organize the text. Both should be left-justified. First-level headings should be bolded and in all caps (e.g. **FIRST LEVEL HEADING**), with no other special formatting (e.g., do not italicize). Subheadings should use initial caps and be italicized (*Second Level Heading*). Numbered outline headings—4.1, 4.2, and so on—should not be used.
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11. Tables should be limited to five or fewer and should be 12-point font with 1-inch margins.
12. Figures should be limited to five or fewer, and should adhere to the following guidelines:
 - a. Figures must be provided AT SCALE (generated at the same size as will appear in the journal). Standard portrait positioning: maximum figure width (left to right across the page) is 4 1/2 inches and maximum figure height is 7 inches (figure caption will occupy one 1/8-inch line – allow 1/8 inch for each additional line). Rotated landscape positioning requires a 90° shift of page-to-read illustration.
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 - c. EPS and PDF are the preferred formats for graphs, maps and line art.
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lettering embedded in figures should be a minimum type size of 8-point and a maximum of 12-point. Use only sans-serif type styles.

- e. The combined file size of all figures included with the manuscript should not exceed 40 megabytes.
 - f. Use grayscale tones and a maximum of five data classes for choropleth maps (and other shaded-area figures). If more classes are needed, patterns can also be used.
 - g. For the final manuscript submission, in addition to being embedded in the text, each figure should also be submitted as a separate file following the above guidelines. Files should be labeled as AuthorFigure# (e.g., SmithFigure1).
 - h. When available, color versions of figures are encouraged for inclusion in the digital publication. All final figures must also be submitted in grayscale for the print copy.
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13. Miscellaneous formatting
- a. All measurements should be in metric units.
 - b. Equations should be centered on their own line and numbered sequentially in parentheses on the right margin. All terms must be defined where they initially appear as follows: $Q = 2.4Ad$ (1) where Q is discharge (m^3/s) and Ad is drainage area (km^2)
 - c. "Percent" should always be spelled in the text.
 - d. All acronyms should be spelled in the text the first time they are used, followed by the acronym in parentheses. For example, "geographic information systems (GIS)". Acronyms should not have periods between the letters (US not U.S.).
 - e. All whole numbers from one to one hundred should be spelled unless they are paired with a mathematical symbol (e.g., $2 + 2 = 4$), abbreviation (e.g., 25 km, 16 cm), "percent" (e.g., 25 percent), or "score" (e.g., score of 57).
 - f. All quotation marks should be double with the exception being if material is quoted within a quote. In this instance, single quotes are used for the embedded quote. Direct quotes from secondary sources that are > 60 words should be set as extracts/block quotes (i.e., separated from surrounding text by one line at the beginning and one line at the end, and indented 0.5 inches on either side). Shorter quotes should be integrated into the text. Excerpts from interviews comprise the exception. Any interview excerpt of more than a single sentence in length should be set as an extract, no matter how long it is.
14. References cited in the text should appear in the *References Cited* section and vice versa. Please refer to the citation examples in Table 1.
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more than two authors should be cited using the first author's name followed by "et al.": (Sanders et al. 2022). Parenthetical listing of sources in the text should be organized first by year, and then by the author(s): (Jones 2021, Smith and Jones 2022, Sanders et al. 2023, Murphy 2024). When specific pages are referenced, include the page number or range (Jardin 2018, p. 76; Andrews 2019, pp. 227-228).

- b. Personal communications, software packages, and other unpublished work should be cited in their entirety in the text. Personal communications should include the following: name of the person, position, and organization (if relevant), date of communication, method of communication (fax, e-mail, letter, conversation, etc.). Software packages should include the name of software, version used, maker of software, city/state/country of location of the software maker.

Table 1. *Southeastern Geographer* reference format: examples.

Book	
One author	Spira, T.P. 2011. <i>Wildflowers and Plant Communities of the Southern Appalachian Mountains and Piedmont: A Naturalist's Guide to the Carolinas, Virginia, Tennessee, and Georgia</i> . Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press.
Two authors (add eds. following the last author for edited books)	Wimmer, R., and Vetter R.E., eds. 1999. <i>Tree-Ring Analysis: Biological, Methodological, and Environmental Aspects</i> . Wallingford: CAB International.
Three or more authors (if more than five authors list the first author followed by "et al.")	Finch, B., Young B.M., Johnson R., and Hall J.C. 2012. <i>Longleaf, Far as the Eye Can See: A New Vision of North America's Richest Forest</i> . Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press.
Chapter in an edited book	Fritts, H.C., Shashkin A., and Downes G.M. 1999. A Simulation Model of Conifer Ring Growth and Cell Structure. In <i>Tree-Ring Analysis: Biological, Methodological, and Environmental Aspects</i> , edited by R. Wimmer, 3–32. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
Encyclopedia, entry without author listing.	Mexico. In <i>Encyclopedia of Latin American Theater</i> , ed. Cortés, E., and Barrea-Marlys, M. 278–327. 2003. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.
Journal	
One author	Patterson, T. 2014. Geographic Pattern Analysis of North Carolina Climate Division Data: 1895–2013. <i>Southeastern Geographer</i> 54 (3): 308–22. https://doi.org/10.1353/sgo.2014.0021 .



Two authors	Winberry, J.J., and Jones, D.M. 1973. Rise and Decline of the ‘Miracle Vine’: Kudzu in the Southern Landscape. <i>Southeastern Geographer</i> 13 (2): 61–70. https://doi.org/10.1353/sgo.1973.0004 .
Three or more authors (if more than five authors list the first author followed by “et al.”)	Alford, J.B., Debbage, K.G., Mallin, M.A., and Liu, Z.J. 2016. Surface Water Quality and Landscape Gradients in the North Carolina Cape Fear River Basin: The Key Role of Fecal Coliform. <i>Southeastern Geographer</i> 56 (4): 428–53. https://doi.org/10.1353/sgo.2016.0045 .
Conference	
Proceedings	Frost, C.C. 1998. Presettlement fire frequency regimes of the United States: A first approximation. <i>Tall Timbers Fire Ecology Conference Proceedings</i> 20: 70–81.
Paper/Poster	Struble, W., and Roering, J.J. 2017. Debris Flow Process and Climate Controls on Steepland Valley Form and Evolution. <i>AGU Fall Meeting Abstracts</i> .
Theses and Dissertations	
	Patterson, T. W. 2017. Longleaf pine masting, climate variability, and tick-borne disease prevalence in the southeastern US. Ph.D. dissertation. The University of North Carolina Greensboro, Greensboro.
Reports, News Articles, and Websites	
Printed Report	Lempert, R.J., Norling, P., Pernin, C.G., Resetar, S.A., and Mahnovski, S. 2003. Next Generation Environmental Technologies: Benefits and Barriers. MR-1682-OSTP, Science and Technology Policy Institute, RAND, Arlington, VA.
Online Report	World Health Organization. 2019. The WHO Recommended Classification of Pesticides by Hazard and Guidelines to Classification. Available at https://www.who.int/publications-detail-redirect/9789240005662 [Last accessed 12 February 2024]
Print News Article	Jordan, L. 1963, October 27. “Smoky Hollow area fast disappearing into limbo.” <i>Tallahassee Democrat</i> , p. 11. [Last accessed 12 February 2024]
Online News Article	Lee, A. 2022. \$53.3 Million. 33 Jobs. No Plan. That’s How Mississippi Lawmakers Are Spending BP Oil Spill Money. ProPublica, 23 June 2022. Available at https://www.propublica.org/article/gulf-coast-restoration-fund-mississippi-jobs [Last accessed 13 December 2023].



General Website	Black/Land Project. N.d. <i>Black/Land Project</i> . Available at http://www.blacklandproject.org [Last accessed 26 May 2024].
Other references types	
Database/dataset	Keeling, R.F., Keeling, C.D. 2017. Atmospheric Monthly In Situ CO ₂ Data - Mauna Loa Observatory, Hawaii. In Scripps CO ₂ Program Data. UC San Diego Library Digital Collections. http://doi.org/10.6075/J08W3BHW [Accessed on May 31, 2024].
Interview	Hatch, J. April 23, 1992. Interview conducted by Robert Korstad & Neil Boothby. Duke University Southern Poverty Rural Collection.

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Final Submission

The final versions should include author name(s) and affiliation(s) following the Title of the document (see final manuscript general organization below).

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NOTES

1. Any notes should be referenced in the main text using superscript.
2. However, the notes section (if one is included) should be added separately at the end, rather than directly generated from and linked to the superscripts.

REFERENCES CITED

BIOSKETCHES

Note that figures, tables, and accompanying captions, should be embedded in the text in roughly the position they should appear.