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GW Journal of Ethics in Publishing

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The George Washington University [Master of Professional Studies in Publishing program](#) solicits papers for the [GW Journal of Ethics in Publishing](#), a new, open access journal. The *GW Journal of Ethics in Publishing* (GWJEP) welcomes articles, case studies, and conference presentations from scholars, students, and publishing, library, and scholarly communication professionals on topics including, but not limited to, diversity and inclusion, accessibility, peer review, open access, sustainability, publishing metrics, equity, and other aspects and issues of ethics in publishing. This online journal is managed by students in the GW Publishing program and overseen by Editor-in-Chief Randy Townsend and an editorial board of publishing professionals.

We welcome papers professionals, scholars, faculty, and students, from the fields of publishing, library scholarly communication, journalism, and related fields, on topic areas such as:

- ✦ Ways to ensure publishing is inclusive: in all its dimensions
- ✦ Making sure diverse voices are part of the conversation about inclusion, equity, and accessibility
- ✦ Work to ensure peer review, authorship, editing, publications metrics, etc., are equitable and free of bias
- ✦ Can equitable, inclusive, and accessible publishing become a reality instead of a goal?
- ✦ Institutional efforts to increase diversity, for example, within the Association of University Press (AUPresses), Society for Scholarly Publishing (SSP), and other publishing institutions.

- ✦ Financial equity and sustainability, including institutional support, and access to research and publications, as ethical issues.
- ✦ Accessibility as an ethical issue
- ✦ How publishers can ensure publications are more accessible

Alumni of and current students in the GW Master of Professional Studies in Publishing program are invited to present on their Ethics in Publishing Capstone projects, including both “Making the World Better” projects and Case Studies.

Scholarly articles, case studies, and “Making the World Better” projects are subject to peer review, unless invited. Peer review will comprise double-blind peer review (wherein neither the author nor the reviewer know each other’s identity), although the journal may also experiment, with authors’ permission, in alternative forms of peer review. Papers from underrepresented voices are especially encouraged.

GWJEP is published in conjunction with the GW Ethics in Publishing Conference. Conference presentations as well as papers based on previously-presented material are also encouraged.

The journal will be published utilizing the [Manifold Scholarship](#) platform developed by the University of Minnesota Press, the Graduate Center at the City University of New York, and Cast Iron Coding, though a grant from the Mellon Foundation.

The *GW Journal of Ethics in Publishing* accepts five main categories of articles:

- ✦ Scholarly articles and case studies presenting research about ethical issues in publishing
- ✦ Applied Ethics/“Making the World Better” articles and projects that explore ways of contributing to communities, including local, regional, or global publishing communities or other communities on aspects of publishing, literacy, and so on.
- ✦ Invited editorials and commentaries
- ✦ Reviews of books, websites, digital projects, and other web resources with a focus or considerable aspect of ethics in publishing.
- ✦ Conference presentations

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