

Mosaic

an interdisciplinary critical journal

Guidelines for New Submissions

Mosaic publishes essays that engage the interdisciplinary study of literature and/or literary-critical theory. We will not consider essays that are part of a thesis or dissertation, have been published previously, or are being considered for publication in another journal or medium. *Mosaic* does not publish fiction or poetry.

GENERAL STYLE AND CONTENT

- ☐ Essays must represent innovative thought extending or challenging current critical positions.
- ☐ Essays may examine literary works or issues related to any historical period, national culture, ethnic group, genre, or media.
- ☐ Any interdisciplinary critical approach or methodology may be employed.
- ☐ Essays may be mainly theory-oriented or may conjoin theorizing with practical application or examination of specific texts.
- ☐ Essays must be thoroughly researched and make concrete reference to recent scholarship in the given area.
- ☐ Essays may be in English or French.
- ☐ Essays may include images. At this early stage, images may be submitted in a separate .pdf or Word document and needn't be print-ready.

LENGTH AND DOCUMENTATION

- ☐ Essays must be between 7,000 and 7,500 words (including abstract, notes, and Works Cited).
- ☐ Endnotes (not footnotes) shouldn't exceed 500 words in total and should be used only to clarify problematic documentation procedures. Discursive notes should be kept to a minimum.
- ☐ Essays must include an abstract of 50 words or less.
- ☐ List all cited or referenced sources in the Works Cited. Use parenthetical citations to cite in-text sources. Please follow MLA style throughout (8th ed.).

PREPARATION OF MANUSCRIPT

- ☐ Essays must be submitted as Word files with one-inch margins. Essays should be double-spaced and pages numbered.
- ☐ Please ensure no identifying information appears in your essay.
- ☐ Please follow *Mosaic's* [Guidelines for Style and Structure](#). Address all questions to Karalyn Dokurno, Production Manager: mosasub@umanitoba.ca.
- ☐ Once your essay is ready, please submit it at <https://mosaic.umanitoba.ca/common/submit>.

EVALUATION PROCEDURES

- ☐ *Mosaic* follows a double-blind peer review process. Submissions are sent to specialists who will constructively assess its soundness of argument, adequacy of research, extent of contribution to scholarship in the area, degree of interdisciplinary component, and style and quality of writing.
- ☐ An essay will receive one of four decisions: Accept, Conditional Acceptance, Reject/Resubmit, or Reject