



## Book Review Guidelines

Thank you for your interest in reviewing a book for *Communal Societies*. We view this process as an integral contribution to academic dialogue. Books selected for review in *Communal Societies* address important features within the field of Communal Studies. Reviews should evaluate the book's contributions and limitations and assess its significance to the field. Please find below our general guidelines and additional formatting pointers. The editors greatly appreciate your willingness to contribute the mission of *Communal Societies*.

- Book reviews should be between 1,000 and 1,200 words in length.
- *Communal Societies* follows *Chicago Manual of Style*.
- Please include the bibliographical information of the book at the outset of the review and follow the format below:

***Title of Book in Bold Italics***  
**AUTHOR IN BOLD-CAPS**  
City [use only the first city listed], St.: Publisher, year. 212 pp.  
ISBN 000-0-000-00000-0 (\$29.95 cloth; \$17.95 paper).
- Do not use footnotes. When referencing another book within the review, include parenthetical publication information.

For example: She follows Lawrence Foster's analysis in *Religion and Sexuality* (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1981).
- Please use parenthetical references to page numbers; do not use footnotes.

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- Please include your full name set in all caps, followed by your university affiliation (consistent with institutional preference) set in italics at the conclusion of the review, indented one tab. Please include Emeritus or Emeriti if appropriate.

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