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ABSTRACT
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ARCHIVES
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Captions take sentence-style capitalization. Captions that are complete sentences include terminal punctuation; captions that consist solely of a single phrase do not. If credit or source information is provided, it should be the last element of the caption, without terminal punctuation.

Figure 1. The author with unidentified friend, 1977

Figure 2. The author posed for this picture with an unidentified friend in 1977.

Figure 3. Noam Chomsky at a political rally, 1971. Courtesy John Allan Cameron Archives, University of Florida, Gainesville

Figure 4. Coal miners in Matewan, West Virginia, April 1920. The miners’ strike was depicted in John Sayles’s film Matewan. Photograph courtesy Matewan Historical Society

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Sample Footnote Citations

Book
1. Green, Bombay Islam, 102.

Chapter in a Collection

Multivolume Work

Unsigned Newspaper Article
4. “Harnessing the Cauvery: Story of the Scheme,” Times of India, February 6, 1901.
[Unsigned newspaper articles are listed in the footnotes; see CMS 14.207.]

Unpublished Interview
5. Mr. Y, interview by the author, Kuwait, February 11, 2010. [unpublished interviews are listed in footnotes only.]

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A full bibliography that includes all the sources cited in the text must be provided. Works that are not cited should not be included in this section. References are arranged alphabetically by author. For a book with four or more authors, list all the authors in the bibliography entry. (In the footnote, however, cite only the name of the first-listed author, followed by “et al.”) CSSAAME does not publish separate lists of primary, secondary, and archival sources. Primary and secondary sources should be combined; archive information should be listed in a footnote.

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Sample Entries

**Book**

**Chapter in a Collection**

**Translation**

**Non-English Work**

**Multivolume Work**

**Multiauthor Work**

**Online Book**
Journal Article
[Journal published in volumes; the month or season is not required. Issue numbers should be given if available.]

Online Journal Article

Special Issue

Magazine Article
Tuckman, Mitch. “Exiled on Main Street.” Village Voice, July 26, 1976. [Note: The is dropped before periodicals in the notes and reference list.]

Online Magazine Article

Newspaper Article
[Note: Page cite not necessary per CMS 14.203.]

Online Newspaper Article

Dissertation

Paper or Presentation

Online Paper

[To cite an undated online document in a reference list, use an access date rather than n.d. (no date); see CMS 15.51.]

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Photographs and other camera-ready figures should be submitted as separate files in Editorial Manager. Please follow the “Rights and Permissions Information” and “Journal Art Guidelines” available on the Duke University Press website. Figures should be cited parenthetically in the text.

It should have been clear that the sculpture was meant to be a caricature (fig. 1).

INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE
Avoid sexist language and terms that are gender specific (chairman, mankind, etc.). Never allow the form s/he. State both pronouns—he or she/him or her/his or her—or recast the sentence in the plural. Avoid alternating the use of masculine and feminine pronouns in an article.

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Three to five keywords, intended for online use only, must be provided with every article. Keywords should be specific and include both technical and nontechnical terms, if relevant. It is also helpful to include terms other than the main nouns in the article title. Broad terms like Asia or policy, which apply to a wide range of content, are less effective than specific terms.

Indian National Congress, photography, citizenship, actor-network theory

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SPELLING AND TERMS
Follow *Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary*, 11th ed., and *Webster’s Third New International Dictionary* for spelling. If more than one spelling is provided in the dictionary, follow the first form given (e.g., *judgment*, not *judgement*; *focused*, not *focussed*). Common foreign terms are set in roman type.

Put neologisms within quotation marks at first use.

A term referred to as the term itself is italicized.

In the twentieth century *socialism* acquired many meanings.

The word *hermeneutics* is the most overused term in recent monographs.

Names of scriptures and other highly revered works are capitalized but not usually italicized (except when used in the title of a published work).

- the Bhagavad Gita
- the Bible (but biblical)
- the Book of Common Prayer

**SUBHEADS/SECTIONS**

Roman numerals alone should not make up a subhead. Textual subheads are strongly preferred, but line breaks may also be used without subheads. We do not publish essays in which each paragraph is numbered.

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For titles in English, capitalize the first and last words and all nouns, pronouns, adjectives, verbs, adverbs, and subordinating conjunctions (*if, because, that*, etc.). Lowercase articles (*a, an, the*), coordinating conjunctions, and prepositions (regardless of length). The *to* in infinitives and the word *as* in any function are lowercased.

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- Nineteenth-Century Literature
- Avoiding a Run-In
- Policies on Re-creation
- Twenty-First-Century Texts
- Reading the Twenty-Third Psalm

**TRANSLATIONS**

Because *CSSAAME* is an English-language journal of comparative studies, its contents are prepared so as to be accessible to an English-reading audience. For instance, in the
main text of an article, translations of non-English titles of literary works, films, paintings, and other artistic works are provided. Translations of titles follow the original titles in parentheses and are treated as bona fide titles whether or not they represent published translations.

**TRANSLITERATIONS**
A word should be transliterated only if there is no acceptable English equivalent. Per CMS 11.94, transliterated forms that are listed in *Merriam-Webster’s* are preferred (e.g., ulema, not ‘ulamā’).

If there is no acceptable English equivalent and no transliteration listed in *Merriam-Webster’s*, authors should consult the ALA-LC romanization tables for the appropriate language. However, as per CMS 11:94, diacritics should be kept to the minimum level necessary to preserve clarity and specificity.

In particular, for Arabic and Persian texts, authors should use diacritical marks only for ‘ (ayn) and ’ (hamza) (for example, talaq, not ṭalaq). Per CMS 11.97, the hamza is represented by an apostrophe (as in da‘im), and the ‘ayn by a single opening quotation mark (as in ‘ayn).