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Thank you for publishing with Clemson University Press. This guide has been put together to answer any queries you might have regarding the permission, production, and marketing processes at Clemson and to ensure the publication of your book is as smooth as possible. However, if you have any questions that are not answered in this guide, then please do not hesitate to contact your commissioning editor.

1. A guide to permissions

Unless it has been agreed otherwise in your contract, it is the *author's responsibility* to clear all copyright permissions for any text or illustrative material that is not your own work yet will be appearing in your book. It is also the author's responsibility to pay any permission fees associated with this, unless agreed upon otherwise with Clemson. Clemson offers the following as a basic guide to permissions, but authors are advised to ensure that they approach permissions according to current law and best practices and are ultimately responsible for doing so. Please also be advised that it is important that you begin the permissions process as early as possible, as it can take a long time for publishers and copyright holders to answer your query letters.

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Some publishers require permission to quote as little as one line of poetry. In order to ensure that your use is considered fair use, avoid long quotations and the reproduction of any poetry not under direct critical scrutiny. Should you have any doubts about copyright or permissions, please raise the issue with your commissioning editor.

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For works of art, you will need to acquire a high-quality photograph of the artwork (illustrations need to be at least 300ppi (pixels per inch) at the size at which they are to be reproduced) and provide permissions documentation for the image.

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Sample Permission Request Letter

The following is a sample permission letter that can be adapted for your needs. The main points to note are the rights required, which will be as follows:

Territory: World distribution

Language: English language only

Print run: confirmation will be provided by your commissioning editor, but for hardback monographs it will be less than 400 copies, for which there should be no or a minimum permission fee.

Editions required: all editions (so you are covered for any reprints and future editions) including electronic publishing.

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I am presently writing a book for Clemson University Press, titled *****, and I would be most grateful if you would grant permission for the following material to appear within it:

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Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely

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2. Submitting your manuscript

All manuscripts accepted for publication are copyedited and proofread by the Press, but the process is streamlined if manuscripts have consistent usage before they arrive. The following guidelines are by no means exhaustive, but will be very helpful.

Before you send your manuscript, please complete the following steps.

1. Please number each page continuously throughout, not chapter by chapter.
2. Please spell-check the manuscript before submission. For US spelling, please refer to Merriam-Webster's (available online).
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4. Do not format the text as if it were a printed book (for instance, introducing page or section breaks, using running heads, formatting subheads in display fonts). Do not fully justify your text; instead, all text should be aligned left unless it needs to be centered for some reason. Italics or bold text is acceptable, but please distinguish the different levels of headings by font size.
5. Please speak with your commissioning editor regarding citation and bibliographic style. Clemson University Press prefers footnotes, with complete citations in the first reference note as per the *Chicago Manual of Style* in lieu of a full bibliography. Please do not use *ibid.*, *op. cit.*, *art. cit.*, etc. Other citation and bibliographic styles may be acceptable, provided that a consistent system is employed and that redundancies are not incurred.
6. For US style, please refer to *Chicago Manual of Style* for punctuation rules.
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8. As per the *Chicago Manual of Style*, only capitalize titles in a direct address or when the full title is listed (thus "the president of the United States," but "President Obama").
9. Spell out numbers up to one hundred and use numerals thereafter.
10. Use an en dash in number ranges thus: 11–12, 22–29, 126–27.
11. If your book requires sidebars, please submit the text for sidebars in a separate file. All sidebars can appear in one file, but they should be clearly labeled with the chapter they should appear in (e.g., Sidebar 1.1). Please indicate in the main text the approximate placement for each sidebar (e.g. [Sidebar 1.1 near here]).
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13. If you have more than a few images, diagrams, and/or tables, you will need to compile an art log and a captions file. An art log is a list of each illustrative item with file name, caption, and permissions. Please label each item in the art log and the separate file by chapter (e.g., Figure 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3). The art log is primarily for cross checking files, placements, and permissions. Please submit a separate file of just captions for copyediting, which will ensure your captions adhere to house style.
14. Label tables as "Table," illustrations or diagrams as "Figure," and musical examples as "Example." (E.g., Figure 1.1, Table 1.1, Example 1.1, and Example 1.2)
15. Tables should be provided as separate Word or Excel documents with only the information that should appear in the printed table. Please label them by chapter and the order in which they appear (e.g. Table 4.1, Table 4.2, etc.)

16. Illustrations can be supplied as electronic graphic files, of which TIFF files are best. Illustrations need to be at least 300ppi (pixels per inch) at the size at which they are to be reproduced: i.e. a postage stamp image at 300 ppi is no good unless it is being reproduced at postage stamp size, as by the time it is blown up it will lose resolution. Images can be scaled down to fit, but not scaled up too much unless the resolution is very high. Scans need to be gray scale or CMYK. If RGB scans are supplied we will convert them into CMYK for the printers, but the color may alter a bit. So if the illustration needs to be accurate to an original photograph or painting, you must supply CMYK scans with the color corrected to your satisfaction. When submitting electronic files for your illustrations.

Sending your manuscript to the Press:

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3. Please do not attempt to create an index until the Press provides page proofs. Unless agreed otherwise in your contract, it is the author's responsibility to index the book. If you would prefer to hire a freelance indexer to do this for you, the Press can supply you with some references. However, you will need to pay the indexer independently for his or her work.

3. The production process

Once your manuscript has passed the peer-review process that all manuscripts undergo at Clemson University Press, and you have made any final revisions to the manuscript following the reader's report, your manuscript finally enters the production department. Following is a brief summary explaining how your manuscript is turned into a book.

Clemson University Press uses a team of highly skilled freelancers who will publish your book to the very highest standard. Once your complete and final manuscript is passed to production it is assessed by our managing editor, who checks that all the material is there and assesses the level of copyediting required for the work. The manuscript is then sent to a freelance copyeditor who will check references and correct grammar, spacing, and spelling mistakes. Please also note that we will not ordinarily send the copyedited manuscript back to you before typesetting unless a large amount of editorial intervention has been necessary. The managing editor will contact you with any queries raised by the copyeditor; normally this will occur when the managing editor sends you the typeset proofs, though if the queries might affect a significant portion of text you will be consulted prior to typesetting.

A copy of the reformatted and copyedited manuscript will be sent to you as PDF proofs. You are now required to check the proofs thoroughly in case errors have been missed. It is strongly advised that any new additions or further changes to the text are *not* made due to the time and expense involved, unless they are absolutely crucial. However, if you have any concerns with the copyeditor's work you should consult the managing editor as soon as possible.

You will also be asked to create the index from the proofs, unless it has been agreed that the Press will commission an index separately (this is rare). The index will form a crucial part of your book, and as such it will require a fair amount of time and effort. You will need to compile (in Word) a list of

major people, places, events, publications, and themes mentioned at some length in your book, and the pages on which these terms occur in the typeset text. The production team will assist you with guidance and provide a sample index from a published Clemson UP book, but please be aware that the work will take some time and effort. It is recommended to schedule several days to a week for the indexing work (or perhaps more, if the book is very long and / or complex).

Once all corrections have been made to the text and you have signed off on the final set of proofs, the production staff will arrange for it to be printed and bound. Alongside this process, your cover will be created. Your contact in editorial will consult with you over possible cover images. The image and your blurb are then passed to the production department, who assigns a designer to design your cover. A proof of your cover will be forwarded to you for your approval.

4. The marketing process

Just as every book receives individual and careful consideration through the production process, the same applies to the marketing stage, where every book receives a custom-made marketing plan in order to maximize its publicity and sales. However, there are some aspects of this marketing process that are similar to the majority of books we publish and this section attempts to explain these to you.

One of the most important documents that you will be asked to complete for Clemson is the *marketing questionnaire*. This will be sent to you during the final editorial review of your manuscript and it is important you complete this in as much detail as possible. The marketing questionnaire is used and referred to extensively during the course of your book's publication and, with the information you provide and our experience in publicizing and selling books, a final marketing plan is drawn up, which you will be given the opportunity to see and comment upon.

The following stages outline our some of the general marketing activities that will adhere to your book:

Invisible marketing

About nine months prior to publication, we announce details of forthcoming books internationally via bibliographic information agencies such as Nielson Bookdata and Bowker. This information is disseminated from these companies to libraries, retailers, and websites, ensuring every shop, wholesaler, supplier, library, or website has the book on their system for potential ordering.

The catalog

All new books are announced in a new titles catalogue, which is available online and circulated in print to key sales partners. The information in the catalogue is replicated in the seasonal catalogues of Liverpool University Press, who market and promote the book.

Advance publicity

About three weeks prior to publication we release review copies and press releases to relevant academic journals, national newspapers, magazines, and examination boards. Relevant societies or

organizations are also contacted with details about the book offering a special membership discount.

Direct marketing and social media

You will play a key role in this stage of the marketing process: *most libraries now only purchase monographs and edited collections when a request is placed by one of their faculty members or graduate students*. Reaching out to your networks, posting on social media, circulating flyers to learned societies, and asking all to request that their library purchase the book will be integral to your book's sales success. Clemson will gladly provide a flyer, social media ad, or other promotional materials to support your outreach efforts.

If you are on social media, please post about your book. You might share the initial cover design, share a video of you opening the parcel when your author copies arrive, or simply share a sales link. The Press can also assist in creating a social media ad for your book. Please like/follow the Press and tag us on these posts. Please also like our posts about your book or about discounts that apply to your book.

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Twitter: @ClemsonUP

Exhibitions and conferences

The marketing and promotion of your book is continuous at Clemson. Throughout the year, we attend a variety of academic conferences and exhibitions at which our books are available for purchase at a discount. Advance information, order forms, show cards, flyers, catalogues, and other promotional material are sent to relevant conferences, even those we are unable to attend in person.

Foreign rights

Clemson actively seeks the sale of foreign rights on its books, widening the appeal and impact of our books by seeking translations and co-publication deals. We attend the international and acclaimed book fairs in Frankfurt and London every year in order to sell translation and new territory rights for our publications.

Online and E-books

All of our books are promoted on our website, as well as being available for purchase from a wide variety of Internet retailers. Wherever suitable, Clemson books are made available as web PDFs for institutional e-vendors, and ePubs for the retail market (e.g Kindle, Apple, etc).

The above summary is only an indication of the marketing we do for our books. It is far from conclusive and we urge all our authors to be involved in the marketing process, to come to us with suggestions, and to be an active part in the promotion of their work.

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Please email the final files to your commissioning editor, along with this completed form and copies of any permission letters you have received.

File name (e.g. CH1 Picasso)	File contents (e.g. chapter 1)	Word count (inc. footnotes)

Total word length:	
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Final checklist

1. Have you spell-checked each file?
2. Have you double-spaced *everything*, including footnotes/endnotes?
3. Have you cross-checked all references? (All references that appear in the text must also appear in the works cited.)
4. Have you numbered the pages consistently throughout (e.g. 1–450, *not* by chapter)?
5. Have you acquired all illustrations, figures, graphs, etc. that will be appearing in your book? (There should be *no outstanding material* when the manuscript is submitted to the Press.)
6. Have you enclosed a preface, foreword, contents list, list of contributors (if applicable), list of abbreviations (if applicable), introduction, acknowledgments, dedication, etc.?
7. Have you enclosed a list of captions for any illustrations, figures, tables, or graphs appearing in the book as well as mark in the text where they should appear using square brackets?
8. Have you enclosed copies of all permission letters received?
9. Have you completed the Manuscript Submission Form and submitted it with your manuscript?
10. Have you done a final word count (including footnotes, references, list of illustrations, captions, contents list—basically all the text except the index)?
11. Is the title final and correct? If it has changed from when the work was contracted please inform your editor.
12. Have you agreed on a cover image?
13. Marketing: Clemson UP's marketing team is specialized in maximizing the readership for your work. However, a successful marketing plan requires the input of the author, who inevitably has a greater understanding of the field in which they work. On receipt of your final manuscript, your editor will email you Clemson UP's marketing questionnaire. It is vital that you complete this as thoroughly and as quickly as possible so that promotion on your book can begin.