



AAG JOURNAL EDITOR SELECTION POLICY AND PROCESS

Serving as Editor of one of the flagship journals at the American Association of Geographers (the “Association”) is an important way to contribute to the AAGs’ strategic mission, core values, and its community. This service brings with it the responsibility of providing an example of leadership to others in the field. AAG considers service as Editor at the Association a distinction, not a right, and has the sole discretion to choose candidates it thinks best reflect the Association’s expectations and community standards. In service to these goals, the AAG may reserve the right to decide that credible and substantial information about conduct inconsistent with AAG’s current standards for professional conduct may be a prudent reason not to put an individual forward for service, even if there has not yet been a definitive determination establishing misconduct or the conduct predated the current articulation of those standards.

To address these challenges, all applicants to an AAG Editorial position must agree, confidentially and in writing, to a series of statements about their standing in the community and adherence to the AAG Professional Code of Conduct. An applicant may decline to serve for any reason, confidentially, and without explanation or imputation of any inappropriate conduct. If a volunteer discloses any relevant history, that will not automatically disqualify them.

AAG appoints Editors for its journals following this (summarized) process:

- AAG issues Calls for Applications for an upcoming editorial vacancy on one of its journals.
- The application process includes a PDF form which asks applicants to carefully review, complete, sign, and return the form.
- Applicants will only be forwarded for consideration by the Publications Committee and the AAG Council once they have returned the signed form to the AAG affirming their compliance with the required statements and/or making disclosures of relevant information, and if AAG assesses in its sole discretion that it is prudent to allow the applicant to be considered to serve in this capacity.



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CODE OF CONDUCT CERTIFICATION FORM

Thank you for applying to serve as Editor of an AAG journal. Editors must meet the highest standards of professional conduct to be eligible to serve in this role. Therefore, in order to determine eligibility, please read the document, make the appropriate selection, provide any relevant information, if applicable, and sign.

Please review each of the following statements carefully:

1. I have read the AAG Professional Code of Conduct (www.aag.org/governance).
2. I have never engaged in conduct that violated the standards set forth in the current AAG Professional Code of Conduct, nor, to my knowledge, am I now or have I ever been subject to an allegation, inquiry, action, or decision regarding alleged conduct that violates those standards, in any setting.

Please select one of the following options:

☐ I affirm that each of these statements is true.

☐ I cannot affirm these statements but wish to remain eligible to apply by providing an explanation. I understand that I will be contacted by an AAG official to provide further explanation.

☐ I wish to retract my application. Applicants may choose to retract their application for any reason and without explanation. This decision will remain confidential, and no further explanation will be required or sought by AAG. Applicants selecting this option remain eligible to submit future applications.

PRINT NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE