CALL FOR STATEMENTS OF INTEREST

African Studies Review
Editor-in-Chief


The ASA welcomes expressions of interest from individual editors. Members of the current editorial team are welcome to apply. These statements will be reviewed, and a select group of applicants will be invited to submit full proposals near the close of 2021.

The ASA is looking for individuals with creative ideas about the future of *African Studies Review*. It seeks an Editor-in-Chief actively committed to the following strategic priorities for the journal in order to increase its visibility and impact within scholarly circles and beyond:

- Disciplinary, topical, and geographic diversity of articles.
- Inclusion of work from established and emerging scholars.
- Expansion of submissions, readership, and access from Africa.
- Continued promotion of ASR’s bilingual initiative, and pursuance of articles in French.
- Capitalizing on Digital Capabilities with respect to the editorial process, dissemination of journal content, and interaction with journal audience.
- On-going development of book and film review section.
- Use of journal as a significant teaching resource.

The responsibilities of the Editor-in-Chief include the following:

- Maintain and enhance ASR’s stellar reputation in the field by soliciting and enhancing cutting-edge articles.
- Receive and manage new manuscripts year-round. Select multiple reviewers for each submission once a manuscript is received, and follow-up with reviewers to ensure manuscripts are anonymously reviewed in a timely fashion.
- Assemble accepted pieces into issues (4 per year), including working directly with authors to ensure that revisions are done in a timely manner.
- Maintain a database of reviewers and continually recruit and identify new reviewers.
- Liaise with Cambridge University Press on all aspects of the journal’s production. The Editor will work in close collaboration with the ASA Publications Committee, the ASA Secretariat, and the CUP team on all aspects of the journal’s production.
- Evaluating and updating the Journal’s strategic plan each year.
Compile an Annual Report to circulate ahead of the Fall and Spring ASA Board Meetings.
Participate as an ex-officio member of the ASA Publications Committee throughout tenure.
Present a report to the ASA Board at the ASA Annual Meeting, and meet with the Publications Committee to discuss future plans for the journal and allocation of the journal development funds.
Maintain and grow the Journal's social media presence.
Recommend appointments to the Editorial Review Board.

The ASA provides both financial and in-kind support to the editorial office including:

- Travel funds for the editorial team to attend the ASA Annual Meeting
- Funds to subsidize copy-editing expenses
- A special project fund to cover Editors' attendance at international conferences to promote the journal and/or other initiatives identified by the Editorial Team to increase the outreach of the journal and to encourage more submissions, especially from those in African Institutions.

Qualifications:

- Ph.D. Successful applicants will be respected scholars with demonstrated ability to think creatively, explore innovation, and implement new initiatives.
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and collaboratively, under tight deadlines, and with close attention to detail.
- Strong leadership, interpersonal and teamwork skills, with an ability to communicate and collaborate effectively.

The ASA Board requests that Statements of Interest be forwarded to the chair of the ASA Publications Committee, Didier Gondola, gondola@iupui.edu.

Expressions of interest should reach the chair by September 1, 2021, and should include the following:
1) Copy of professional CV of individual interested in the Editorship.
2) A 250-500-word summary of the Editor’s evaluation of the current state and future direction of the journal.
3) A description of any institutional support that might be available to the Editor.

Questions about the process of selecting the Editor, or the editorial duties involved, may be addressed to the Chair of the Publications Committee of the Board of Directors of the African Studies Association, Didier Gondola, gondola@iupui.edu or the ASA’s Executive Director Abdul Tejan Cole at abdul@africanstudies.org.

Please submit your expressions of interest by September 1, 2021. Women and Minority candidates are strongly encouraged to apply. The ASA is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.