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First Steps

- **Manuscript Delivery.** If you find you need an extension on your manuscript, contact your editor right away. We monitor manuscript delivery timelines closely to help build our seasonal (spring and fall) lists and promote forthcoming books to sales representatives and the media at key times in the year. A revised deadline for your manuscript often means rethinking its seasonal release.

- **Scope of the Work.** Keep an eye on word count. If you expect the word count to differ substantially from what is written in your publishing agreement, contact your editor as soon as possible. Remember: when using your word processor’s automatic word count function, be certain that notes are included in the total. The word count in your agreement refers to text, notes, bibliography, and all other material. Keep an eye on illustration and table counts as well.

Final Review

- **Peer Review.** If you signed an advance contract on the basis of a proposal or a rough manuscript, then once you have completed your manuscript, we will have it reviewed by peers before we can approve it for publication.

Final Manuscript

- **Style Guidelines.** It is important that your manuscript, now fully vetted and approved for production, follow our house style guidelines to ensure a smooth copyediting process. Please see the enclosed guidelines for formatting your manuscript and all corresponding files.

- **Permissions.** At this time, you will also need to submit to your editor any permissions releases from external sources of reprinted material. See the enclosed guidelines for determining when you must obtain permission from a source to reprint text or images.

- **Illustrations.** If your book includes illustrations, we must have high resolution files for production. Please see the enclosed guidelines for in-depth instructions on how to prepare your illustration files.

- **Transmittal.** Your editor and their assistant will prepare the materials you have provided for copyediting. The manuscript is transferred from the editorial acquisitions department to the manuscript editorial department. This is when your book is officially “in press.”

Marketing Launch

Shortly after the transfer of book files to manuscript editorial, your acquiring editor will present your book to the marketing and production teams. At the same time, the marketing department will introduce itself to you.

- **Promotional Copy.** The Press copywriter will draft promotional copy for your book with your editor’s input. You will be asked to review this copy before it is circulated on the Press website, Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and sales catalogs.
• **Abstracts and Keywords.** You will receive a form to fill out providing this information for both the individual chapters and the book as a whole. This differs from the promotional copy, and is used to improve discoverability of your book across search engines and library databases.

• **Blurbs.** We will work with you to solicit endorsements to appear on the back of your book and on other promotional materials. Most blurbs are short (approximately 50 words), in order to fit the margins of your book’s back cover.

• **Author Photo.** We may ask you for a high resolution author photo to feature on the inside flap of your book’s dust jacket, or on the book’s back cover. A portrait taken by your university’s photographer would do just fine, unless you have a head shot handy. We customarily credit the name of the photographer, so you will need to provide that information as well.

• **Title.** The title of your work is important for the positioning and discoverability of your book. Your editor will work with you and the marketing team to settle on the best possible title.

• **Cover.** Your book’s cover design is the face for your work. Tell your editor about book covers you particularly admire, or specific images you might like featured (if applicable). Your editor will work with the design and marketing departments to design a professional cover for your book.

**Production**

• **Copyediting.** The Press’s managing editor will assign a copyeditor to edit your manuscript. Many copyeditors work for the Press on a freelance basis. You will receive an email from the managing editor introducing your copyeditor and outlining a tentative production timeline. You will have the opportunity to review the copyeditor’s changes to your manuscript and respond to questions before the edited manuscript is delivered back to the Press.

• **Page Proofs.** Following copyediting, a production editor will contact you to finalize your production timeline. This editor will also send you page proofs for your book once the manuscript is typeset. You will have the opportunity to proofread the pages for any final edits, but remember that at this stage we accept corrections to small errors only, and do not invite re-writing of any kind.

• **Indexing.** During the production phase, you will also need to have your book indexed. If you prefer to hire an indexer, we can recommend some who have worked with the Press in the past. However, it is never too early to begin thinking of key words and phrases to include in your book’s index. Please see the enclosed guidelines for early index preparation.

**Publication**

• **Advance Books.** Your editor or their assistant will send you a few advance copies of your book received here at the Press. The remaining quantity of your author’s copies will be shipped to you from the warehouse, and arrive some time later.

• **Marketing Publication Date.** Your book’s official marketing release is scheduled at least a month after the arrival of the advance books. This delay is intentional. It allows time for Amazon and other vendors to stock your book so that when your book is officially released, people can pick it up and buy it right away.

• **Promotion.** As you will hear from the marketing team, you involvement in your book’s promotion is a key component of its successful outreach to readers. In this packet, you will find suggestions for building your author platform, which you can begin doing now, before the book is out.
Style Guidelines

As you prepare your manuscript, please observe the following guidelines, which are designed to save you valuable time and effort during the publishing process and help prevent costly errors. Adhering to these guidelines decreases the chance of us returning your manuscript for additional formatting and organization.

- **Organizing the Files.** Save one Word file per chapter and for the front matter (title page, table of contents, dedication, preface, etc.), bibliography, and other book sections. All tables and figure legends (or captions) should appear in respective single Word documents. Name the text and illustration files clearly and sequentially; e.g., authorlastname_ch1.docx; authorlastname_ch2.docx; authorlastname_figure1-1.jpg, etc.

- **Version control.** If possible, prepare your manuscript on the same computer and software from start to finish to help prevent corruption of any files. Leave your files in the format in which they were produced, unless instructed otherwise by your editor.

- **Formatting the Text.** The manuscript that you submit to the Press will not look the same as the published version—it will be edited, designed, and typeset before publication. The less formatting you include in your submitted version, the easier it will be to edit and design your book. Here are formatting guidelines to help streamline the publishing process:
  - Number all pages in the footer section of the manuscript. Be sure to indicate the chapter number on each page (e.g., page 1-1 for the first page of chapter 1).
  - Set one-inch margins on all sides of the page.
  - Double-space the entire manuscript, including notes, extracts, and bibliography.
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  - Make paragraph indents throughout the text using the tab key, not the space bar or automatic indent function, except where text following an extract or list is a continuation of the preceding paragraph.
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  - Align all chapter numbers, titles, and subtitles at the left margin. Exception: in block quotes of verse, align each line exactly as you want it to appear in the published book.
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Style text in roman type except where italics or actual underlining is required (for the latter, use the underlining feature).

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- If your manuscript has any accented letters or special characters that are not available on your computer, send us a list of them and indicate how you have marked them in the text. If possible, bring these special characters to your editor’s attention in advance; we can advise you on a simple way to flag these characters.

- **Reference and Formatting Style.** For all other questions of style, including the formatting of notes and references, please consult *The Chicago Manual of Style, 17th edition*. If any questions remain, please contact your editor.

- **Notes and References.** Use the endnote function of your word processing software. Do not use footnotes, regardless of whether your book will be printed with footnotes (instead, use endnotes and notify your editor of your preference to have the notes appear at the bottom of pages, although be aware that the use of footnotes rather than endnotes is very much the exception). Please follow these additional guidelines:
  - Use superscript Arabic numerals for the endnote reference numbers in the text.
  - Do not attach numbered notes to chapter titles, epigraphs, or subheads. If you’re unsure how to handle such material, talk to your editor.
  - If your book will have both notes and a full bibliography, the notes should contain short citations only. If your book will have only notes, give the full cite at the first mention in each chapter, with short citations thereafter.
  - Carefully review the accuracy, completeness, and consistency of style of all citations and update any “in press” entries as possible.
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  - For notes to tables, see the Tables section below.
• **Tables.** If you are including tables with your manuscript, please follow these guidelines:

  o Create the table(s) using the “table” function in Microsoft Word (instead of using the “tab” key to create columns).
  o Avoid creating tables with more than 10 columns because of the difficulty in accommodating them on the printed page.
  o Save all tables in one separate electronic file from the manuscript text—do not embed them in the text.
  o In the electronic table file, each table should start on a separate page.
  o In the manuscript text, indicate where you would like each table to appear by typing a placement instruction (e.g., “<TABLE 5-2 ABOUT HERE>”) after the designated paragraph. Do not interrupt a paragraph with this instruction. All tables must be explicitly mentioned in the text (with a few exceptions to this rule; talk to your editor).
  o Notes to tables must be designated starting with the number 1 or letter a (or the series of symbols that starts with an asterisk), beginning anew with each table. The numbering of table notes and text notes must be entirely independent of one another.

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  o Do not embed art in your text files. Electronic artwork should be saved in separate files.
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  o It is essential that all art, in final form, be provided at the time you submit the manuscript for editing and production so as not to delay publication.
Some say the world will end in fire;
Some say in ice.
From what I’ve tasted of desire
I hold with those who favor fire.
--Robert Frost, “Fire and Ice”

A dangerous rise in internal temperature is called hyperthermia; a dangerous fall in internal temperature is called hypothermia. This chapter is about how to prevent burns and how to prevent hypothermia and hyperthermia.

Burns and Scalds

The causes of burn injuries can be thought of as falling into three categories: being burned through contact with open flame, being burned through contact with a hot surface, and being burned through contact with hot liquids or steam (fig. 3.1).

A wide variety of circumstances can set the stage for burns and scalds. Here are some accounts of burns and scalds among people 65 and older treated in emergency departments in 2010:
• picked up a hot pot from the stove and burned hand
• reached over a stove to grab a pot and sleeve caught fire
• turned around while cooking at a gas stove, and nightgown caught fire
• hair caught fire while blowing out a candle

I never thought that something like this would have happened to me. There I was one minute, cooking dinner over the stove, and the next minute I was being rushed to the emergency room by my son-in-law. All I wanted to do was make dinner for the family. I should have paid more attention to the big, blousy sleeves I was wearing.

How can these injuries be prevented? That’s the topic of the following sections, which are organized according to the three underlying hazards: open flames, hot surfaces, and hot liquids.

Open Flames

Factors that increase the risk for fire-related injury and mortality among older people include decreased mobility, hearing loss, loss of sense of smell, and confusion. Open flame is an obvious fire hazard. So, the first exercise is to look for the use of open flame (including pilot lights) in the home.

The Kitchen

Open flame in the kitchen is likely to be limited to the oven or cook-top. The gas cook-top presents the highest risk of open flame hazard to the person who reaches near or over a lit burner (table 3.1). The best preventive measure is to turn off burners before removing pans from them.
Other Rooms

Candles can be lovely and add warmth and pleasant scents to a room, but they also are an open flame hazard. Many candles have been recalled for posing a fire hazard when they themselves caught fire or when they caught other items on fire. In 2011, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) issued the following statement:

> Fire pots that use gel present an unreasonable risk of fire-related injury because they can spread or spew ignited fuel onto users and surroundings. Unlike candles, these products do not have a wick to sustain the flame. If these pots tip over while ignited, fuel and fire will spread quickly. Fire pots are portable, decorative lighting accents marketed for indoor and outdoor use. Their purpose is decorative. They provide some illumination and are not intended to provide heat.¹

The gel fuel used with the fire pots is viscous, like syrup, and is made primarily of alcohol, so it burns clean, without smoke or ash (box 3.1).

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Image Guidelines

Images, whether photographs, illustrations, graphs, maps, or otherwise, can appeal to your reader on an aesthetic and intellectual level. Your type of book and contract determine whether images will be used, and will impose limits for the quantity and type we are able to produce in your book. However, you should still run images by your editor, who may have feedback on how essential a particular image is to furthering the intellectual point of your book. Keep in mind that permission fees are your responsibility, and can add up quickly in an image-heavy work (see our permissions guidelines for more information).

Talking with your editor about what your book requires and what the budget allows will also let you know whether or not full color is an option. If your book includes color printing, talk with your editor about whether it will be color throughout, or whether there will be a color gallery stitched between signatures of the book.

Once you have determined what images to include in your submission, you will want to supply quality files that maintain the integrity of the image and will print well in a book. Since these requirements may be different from those for other types of publications (blogs, journals, etc.), the following guidelines explain the technical aspects of procuring high quality files suitable for book publication.

File Types

- **Acceptable file formats.** TIFF, JPEG, EPS, AI.
- **Unacceptable file formats.** PNG, GIF, Freehand, CorelDraw, PowerPoint, Visio. PNG or GIF files are not acceptable as they are inherently compressed and low in resolution and intended for use in digital displays (websites, presentations), and not intended for print.
- **Other file formats.** If your images are in Microsoft Word, Excel or PDF format, do not submit them before consulting with your editor. It may be determined these will not be acceptable. While some exceptions may be made, these formats typically do not translate the same way in book-printing as they may in other forms of publication. Images that are pasted into Microsoft Office documents (Word, Excel, PowerPoint) are not acceptable, as these programs automatically compress and lower the resolution of images.

Gathering and Submitting Files

- **One image, one file.** Submit every image file separately. You will likely need to upload all image files to Dropbox or another file sharing system as the files may be too large to attach via email.
- **Composite images.** For instances where you would like two or more images presented together in the book, do not combine images into a single file, rather, submit each file individually and send an additional mock-up of how these images should be placed together. (In addition to the labeling system described below, you might label these files as A, B, C, D, etc., to indicate relative order.)
- **Labeling image files.** For each image submitted, clearly label to indicate placement cited in the manuscript text (e.g., Figure1-1.jpg, or Photo2-1.tif, or, if your images will appear in a gallery,
Plate1.tiff). This should correspond to the numbering system within the manuscript indicating approximate image placement (see style guidelines).

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**Common Types of Images**

- **Photographs or scans.** (TIFF or JPG, 300 ppi or greater)
  We accept high resolution digital photographs or scans in either JPEG or TIFF format that are a minimum 300 pixels per inch (ppi) at their final intended print size. Print size may vary depending upon the trim size of your book, i.e. for a 6 x 9 book, the art area tends to be around 4-1/4 x 7 inches. This rule of thumb (“print size”) helps us weed out any images which may be too small to reproduce well in print.

- **Illustrations, cartoons, or “pen and ink” style drawings.** (AI or EPS, TIFF or JPG, 600-1200ppi)
  If you commission this kind of illustration for your book, vector files prepared in Adobe Illustrator, supplied as either AI or EPS files, are ideal. However, if you are working with an artist who prepares line drawings and then scans or photographs them at high resolution, these files should be between 600 and 1200 pixels per inch (ppi).

- **Graphs, charts, or diagrams.** (AI or EPS, 600-1200ppi)
  If your book presents data in a visual representation, vector files prepared in Adobe Illustrator, supplied as either AI or EPS files, should be submitted. However, if you are unfamiliar with that software, then discuss with your editor if the press will consider redrawing graphs submitted in Microsoft Office software (Word, Excel, or PowerPoint). Bar graphs should use black, white, and flat screen shades of gray (e.g., 20%, 45%, or 70% black) to differentiate the bars (do not use patterns to differentiate bars). Text in the graphs should be no less than 8 point in a standard font such as Myriad Pro, Helvetica, or Arial when printed at their final intended print size. The line weight for the graphs should be no less than 0.25 point.

- **Maps.** (AI or EPS, 600-1200ppi)
  If you are reproducing historical maps photographed professionally, please follow the guidelines above for Photographs or scans. If your book will contain original maps, it is ideal to hire a freelance cartographer who can, as a work-for-hire, prepare the maps in Adobe Illustrator to produce vector EPS files. These are files that remain crisp and unpixelated at any size, and can be resized to meet the dimensions of your book. Text and legends in the maps should be no less than 8 point in a standard font such as Myriad Pro, Helvetica, or Arial so as not to risk the text not printing legibly. The line weight for the maps should be no less than 0.25 point. Should you
use specialized software for tracking migratory patterns of particular species, or atmospheric patterns, for example, talk with your editor and the Press production coordinator about file output to ensure the files you are producing are suitable for print.
Indexing Guidelines

An index is one of the two entrance points into a book. The front door—the table of contents—gives readers a broad overview of the subjects treated in the text. The back door—the index—gives readers a navigational tool to find precisely what they're looking for quickly and efficiently. They'll also be able to browse entries in which they have an interest, thereby expanding their grasp of a topic.

Some important points about indexing

- A good index does not provide a running commentary on the text, nor does it outline the text or introduce new information.
- An index is not a list of words/topics with page numbers; that would be a concordance. A concordance is useful if you want to know how many times Shakespeare used “forsooth” in his plays or where each instance occurs. Beyond questions of quantifying and locating, however, concordances are largely useless.
- An index cannot be made automatically in MS Word or any other software program. Indexes require human involvement—they must be thought into being. This takes time and experience.
- There is very little time in the production schedule for index-making. The entire task of proofreading and index preparation typically must be done within four weeks or less.

Think about hiring an indexer
Indexing is a specialized skill task that has to be completed in the tiny wedge of time authors have left after completing page proof review. Authors also have the handicap of familiarity with their books; they often find it difficult to put themselves in the mind of someone coming to the text fresh.

Good freelance indexers approach a book from the perspective of its audience, constantly asking themselves what readers will be looking for and in what contexts. They painstakingly prepare comprehensive indexes using skills they’ve honed and knowledge they’ve gathered, collaborating with their authors along the way. And authors always have the last word, reviewing and correcting penultimate drafts for their indexers to finalize.

Indexing Basics
These guidelines are concerned principally with the kind of index described in the Chicago Manual of Style, 17th edition, chapter 16. If you choose to index your book yourself, you’ll need to review the chapter thoroughly before beginning work on your index.

A good index does not provide a running commentary on the text, nor does it introduce new information, nor does it function as an outline. The best entries are short, telegraphic ones that lead the reader to the most important information in the book. A long string of unmodified page numbers after a
single main entry does not accomplish the purpose of an index.

We prefer that indexes for JHUP be run-in style instead of indented style (see Chicago for explanation of the two styles). However, if a book’s complexity necessitates the use of more than one level of subentry, the indented format may be used. Please discuss with your production editor.

When using “See also” cross references, make certain that the entry to which you’re referring the reader gives additional page references. A cross reference should never simply repeat the page numbers given in the current entry.

Formatting the index
- Set your margins to make a single column that is 38 letter spaces wide or less.
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- Allow 25 text lines to a page.
- Type the index double-spaced.
- Elide page numbers per Chicago style.
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If your index contains non-English personal names, consult Chicago on proper alphabetization.

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Your index should be submitted as an electronic file in either MS Word or RTF format.

And of course, do not hesitate to contact your production editor with questions as you work, or for recommendations of freelance indexers who have worked with JHUP in the past.