Armed Forces & Society: Building Civil-Military Relations Scholarship

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Organization of Presentation

1. Short Bio
2. Early Civil Military Relations
3. History of *Armed Forces & Society*
4. Trends in Contemporary Civil Military Relations
5. Editorial Process (submission - publication)
6. Tips for Publishing
Short Scholarly Biography

- 1969 – Vietnam War
- 1977 – Dissertation
  “The Determinants of Service in the Armed Forces during the Vietnam Era”
Early Publications


1988  Women in the Military “Sex Roles in the Military” The Military More than a Job (Moskos & Wood)

1989  Military Privatization “Consequence of Privatization” The Bureaucrat
1993 – Socioeconomics

“A New Paradigm for Military Policy: Socioeconomics”
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1996 - Family Demographics

“Changing Family Demographics: Impact on Accessions…” in Future Soldier and the Quality Imperative
Early Civil Military Relations Traditions

Huntington
Democratic Control

Janowitz
Citizen Soldier

Civil Military Relations
Samuel Huntington

- Political Science
- Liberal theory of democratic state
- Problematique - military strong enough to defend the state can threaten the polity
- Objective Control - regime loyalty/Professional autonomy
- Functional Imperative Societal Imperative
- Effectiveness

Soldier and the State
Morris Janowitz

- Sociology
- Civic republicanism theory of democracy
- Engage citizens in activities of public life
- Functional Imperative – Threat change “Constabulary Force”
- Pragmatic professionalism
- Equity

*The Professional Soldier*
Take key themes and develop

Functional Imperative Threat influences Tasks

Social imperative

What does Equity mean

What does Effectiveness mean
History
Armed Forces & Society

Morris Janowitz
Founder
Inter-University Seminar for
Armed Forces & Society

Charles Moskos
Early President IUS
# Editors

**Armed Forces & Society**

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Trends in Civil Military Relations Scholarship

• Trends using ERGOMAS Classification
• Trends - topics of special issues
• Trends - Key topics
Working Groups

1. Morale, Cohesion, Leadership
2. Public Opinion Mass Media
3. Women in Military
4. Military Family
5. Military Profession
6. Democratic Control of Armed Forces
7. Warriors in Peacekeeping
8. Recruitment/Retention
10. Violence & Military Use of Force
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Editorial Process
(submission - publication)

- Stages in manuscript processing
- Editor’s Perspective
Editorial Process
Stage 1

• Manuscript arrives
  Assign number

• Editor’s Review
  Editor’s Reject 15%

• Find Reviewers
  - look at bibliography
  - do search in AF&S
  - suggestions from scholars
Editorial Process
Stage 2

• Send out for review
  2-4 reviewers

• Reviews in
  Send reminders

• Decision
  Accept, Reject, Revise and Resubmit
Accept or Reject

• Accept     Very rare (1 in 50)

• Reject     (1 in 3)
  -Not appropriate for journal
  -Poor Literature Review
  -Poor Methodology
  -incoherent (connections between -purpose/theory/methods/results missing
  -No Theory
  -Purpose weak
  -bad writing
Revise and Resubmit

• Most common recommendation
• I read reviewers comments & manuscript
• Editor’s Comment
  - how to weight reviewers comments (Top scholar, graduate student)
  - Find additional problems
  - Suggestions for additional literature
Coach and Cop

Improve the manuscript

Make sure poor material gets caught
Editorial Process
Stage 3

• Revise and resubmit comments sent to author

• Author makes revisions

• Author responds to reviewer and editor comments with letter
Editorial Process
Stage 4

• Revised Manuscript and letter with explanation arrives

• Re-review (could be 2-4 rounds)

• Decision

Like a sports team - it often takes practice and more practice to achieve the goal.
Editorial Process
Stage 5

Texas State Tasks

• Acceptance notification
• Checklist for accepted manuscripts (Publisher Specification)
• Copyright agreement
• Submit to Sage
• Assign to Issue
• Copyediting by Sage
• Author queries – Clarification
• On line first
• In Print
Editors Perspective

New Scholars perspective
Additional Tips

• Make sure the paper is good fit for journal
• Be familiar with the journal
• Cite the journal (if nothing has been written on the topic in the journal how can it be a good fit?)
• Contacting editor is okay (ask status of ms)
- [http://afs.sagepub.com/](http://afs.sagepub.com/)
- [http://aas.sagepub.com/](http://aas.sagepub.com/)
- Investigate possible backlog Armed Forces & Society vs. Administration & Society
Additional Tips

• Share your work widely – present at conferences
• Develop cadre of research colleagues
• Okay to contact editor with questions
• Don’t take it personally
Additional Tips

• Strong Introduction
• Strong writing