



Book Manuscript Workshop Program

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The Book Manuscript Workshop Program supports tenure-track and tenured faculty in preparing the manuscripts of their scholarly monographs for submission to a top University press by bringing 2–3 distinguished expert reviewers to campus for an intensive workshop. Workshops provide focused, constructive feedback on complete or nearly complete manuscripts of scholarly monographs and enhance intellectual development, scholarly impact, and professional networks. Preference will be given to Assistant Professors and, next, to recently tenured Associate Professors. The College will fund up to two workshops annually.

Goals

- To provide structured, high-quality critique of a monograph manuscript by recognized experts in the field.
- To strengthen the manuscript's readiness for submission to publishers.
- To foster collegial scholarly dialogue across disciplines.
- To support faculty professional development, especially for early-career researchers.

Eligibility criteria

- Open to tenure-track faculty and recently tenured (<5 years) Associate Professors in the College of Arts and Sciences.
- Manuscript must be substantially complete (full draft) or nearly so (>80% drafted) and ready for expert review at the time of application.
- Manuscripts should be single-authored scholarly books (i.e., monographs), and may be in any academic discipline in the College.

Workshop Format and Requirements

- Participants: Invited experts should include 2–3 recognized scholars (external to the university) with expertise aligned to the manuscript subject.
- Manuscript Distribution: Applicants must provide the full or nearly complete manuscript to reviewers at least 6 weeks prior to the workshop date to allow for adequate reading time.
- Workshop Duration: Workshops should last one full day (minimum), with intensive discussion sessions, author responses, and group commentary. Workshops should be open to the University academic community.

Funding Structure (up to \$5,000 per workshop)

The College provides funding to cover workshop costs, including:

- Honoraria for external reviewers.
- Economy travel or mileage, lodging (typically two nights), and local transportation for external reviewers.
- Meals for the duration of the visit for external reviewers and for the faculty member whose work is under discussion.
- Departments may contribute supplementary funds to support additional reviewers, expanded honoraria, additional meal expenses, or extended workshop durations.

Application Materials

- Cover letter describing the manuscript, its scholarly significance, and the intended outcomes from the workshop.
- Full/nearly complete manuscript draft.
- CV of the faculty applicant.
- Proposed list of 2–3 external reviewers with brief rationale for each.
- Proposed workshop schedule and preferred dates.
- Itemized proposed budget showing honoraria, travel, lodging, and other planned expenses.
- Complete applications must be submitted to the Office of the Dean at least 60 days prior to the date of the anticipated workshop.

Applications are welcome on a rolling basis, subject to available funds. After receiving the award from the Office of the Dean, the faculty member and their department are responsible for organizing the workshop, including coordinating travel arrangements of the external reviewers, ensuring distribution of the manuscript to reviewers at least 6 weeks prior to the workshop, and making room reservations and catering arrangements. Awardees must submit a written report within 30 days after the workshop, outlining key feedback and next steps for the manuscript. The College will track outcomes, including manuscripts accepted for publication within two years of workshop completion, to monitor impact. Funds must be fully expended in the fiscal year in which they are awarded. This program is intended to complement existing initiatives offered by the College of Arts and Sciences and the Center for the Humanities that support faculty in the book disciplines. The Sr. Associate Dean overseeing this program is Jennifer Ferriss-Hill (j.ferrisshill@miami.edu).