

University of British Columbia
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE Fall 2009

LARC 581B Sustainable Urban Design Seminar (3)
Th 9:00 to 12:00 McMillan Room 358

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Summary:

A five thousand word research style article, with illustrations, composed and formatted in the manner of Landscape Journal submissions (the cubist space article was in that format). Should conform to typical logical structure of such articles: working hypothesis or “main idea”, then arguments/case studies/statistics/phenomenology, and/or other evidence. Then conclusions. Three hundred word abstract and an annotated bibliography are also required.

Due dates:

Annotated Bibliography: OCT 8.
Abstract: OCT 22.
Final paper NOV 12.
Presentations of papers NOV 12.

Step 1. Annotated bibliography:

For you research question find at least ten references to annotate.

For each reference summarize the main hypothesis or idea, the arguments marshalled, and the conclusions drawn. 80 – 200 words.

Submit: Typed, on paper. Shoot for 1,000 words but not to exceed 2,000 words.

Step 2. Select model article:

Go to editions of Landscape Journal to find an article that uses a methodology similar to the one you want to use. Use this as a model for both the abstract and the article.

Step 3. Write abstract.

Tip: Abstracts for Landscape Journal articles are on line for free at <http://lj.uwpress.org/cgi/reprint/21/1/1> Unfortunately the articles themselves cost 19 dollars. Bound editions are at the main library. Abstracts are given for each of the articles in Landscape Journal. They are a very brief synopsis of the entire argument that includes hypothesis, argument, and conclusions usually in less than 300 words. Note: Abstracts are often written before the research is done. This is most often the case when submitting for inclusion at conferences. While this sounds backwards, it's a good way to clarify your argument before you complete it. You can always go back to fix and change it later.

Submit: Typed on one page.

Step 4. Write the article

Write a 5,000-word article (no more than 6,000, no less than 4,500 words).

Write article in the style of the one you are using as a model.

Your article must establish a working hypothesis and provide evidence to support it. Methods can be diverse: historical analysis, qualitative, phenomenological, scientific, etc. But in any case you must have a hypothesis, or idea, support it with evidence, and draw a logical conclusions. Use references correctly formatted in accordance with Landscape Journal requirements.

Final article submission requirements

- I 5,000 word article typewritten with illustrations as necessary.
- II Begin with 200 word abstract
- III Next, reference the article that you are using as a model and provide two sentences on how the features of the model article are manifest in your own work.
- IV End with references and annotated bibliography.