

## Guidelines for Invited Commentaries for *Monograph Matters*

The Website for the *Monographs of the Society for Research in Child Development*

**Background.** *Monograph Matters (MM)* ([monographmatters.srcd.org](http://monographmatters.srcd.org)) is a new initiative, designed as a companion website for the *Monographs of the Society for Research in Child Development*, a quarterly journal published by Wiley on behalf of SRCD. This memo provides guidelines for those preparing an Invited Commentary for *MM*. General information about *MM* may be found in a separate memo entitled *An Overview of Monograph Matters*. The Editor of *Monographs*, Lynn Liben ([liben@psu.edu](mailto:liben@psu.edu)) would be happy to talk with you as you are planning or writing your commentary.

**Content.** We expect commentaries to vary in form and style. You might discuss extensions or connections to related work, comment on new or alternative methods, or point readers to other data sets, measures, methods, or analytic tools. We do *not* intend to publish "gotcha" reviews or ad hominem arguments, but welcome commentaries that identify unanswered questions and suggest how new empirical work might address them; discuss ways that questions, constructs, methods, analyses, and conclusions might be framed differently by working within alternative theories or metatheories; or extend ideas from the *Monograph* to additional substantive, theoretical, methodological, or applied domains.

**Length.** We expect commentaries to range between 750 and 2500 words, inclusive of all material, including a list of cited references in APA style.

**Access.** *MM* will be open access. Thus, please avoid using copyrighted material unless you have written permission. Please note that unless you copyright your own material, others would be free to reproduce or distribute it.

**Review.** The Editor will review submitted commentaries and provide suggestions or edits; external experts will be consulted as needed. We anticipate accepting invited commentaries but reserve the right to exclude commentaries based on our editorial judgment.

**Titles.** Each commentary should be titled by the author.

**Author information.** Each author will be asked to fill out a Bio Form which asks for routine contributor information (affiliation, contact information, brief bio, and headshot).

**Referencing.** *MM* appears under the auspices of SRCD, and thus *MM* materials will be made available, indexed, and searchable via SRCD (free access). Commentaries are therefore not included under the relevant *Monograph's* DOI. Instead, commentaries will be accompanied by a suggested citation—consistent with APA rules for referencing digital media—which may be used for reference lists, CVs, and similar purposes.

**Questions.** Any questions should be directed to Lynn Liben, [liben@psu.edu](mailto:liben@psu.edu).