

## **Submission Guidelines for Book Reviews** **Updated August 8, 2011**

We welcome the submission of book reviews to *The Weekly Qualitative Report*! If you are interested in having a book review published in *TWQR*, please follow these steps:

When selecting a book to review for *TWQR*, keep in mind that we publish reviews of books published in the last three years addressing both qualitative research methodology and reports of qualitative studies, as well as books addressing epistemological, philosophical, and theoretical issues pertaining to qualitative research.

In order to determine whether or not we have not already published a review of the book you are considering reviewing, please search for the book's title or author on *The Qualitative Report* website by entering the title or author's name at the following link:

[http://google.nova.edu/search?site=qr&client=qr&output=xml\\_no\\_dtd&proxystylesheet=qr&proxycustom=<HOME/>](http://google.nova.edu/search?site=qr&client=qr&output=xml_no_dtd&proxystylesheet=qr&proxycustom=<HOME/>) or scroll through the *TQR* Article Index page located at <http://www.nova.edu/ssss/QR/aindex.html>.

If we have not published a review of the book you are considering, we will be happy to consider your review. If we have published a review of the book, but you feel that you would offer an alternative perspective to the one included in the published review, we will consider your review; in this case, however, we ask you to write your review as a response to the published review.

We are especially interested in publishing reviews which reflect a degree of creativity. We think merely retelling the contents of each chapter or summarizing a general affection for the text on the part of the reviewer does not seem to contribute much new or of value to the reader or to the book's author, so we like to see other ways a reviewer can create a book review that brings new insights to the understanding of the original work. To get an idea of different ways to carry out and report a book review we suggest you read *TQR/TWQR* Editor-in-Chief Ron Chenail's essay, "How to Read and Review a Book like a Qualitative Researcher" which can be found at <http://www.nova.edu/ssss/QR/QR15-6/readreview.pdf>.

When constructing your review, please include the following elements:

- A title that clearly identifies the subject of your review
- An abstract of 120 words or less
- A list of three to five key words included in the review
- The body of your review, in which you provide a context for your review, in which you present the main focus and intent of the book, identify strengths and weaknesses, and suggest potential readership for the book and possible applications.
- If there are online resources associated with the book provided by the publisher, we also ask you to describe these items and provide a link to those resources.
- References in APA style
- An author's note of 120 words or less, in which you describe your current position(s) and ways in which readers can contact you.

When you are ready to submit your book review, please send it to *The Weekly's* Managing Editor, Laura Patron, at [lp764@nova.edu](mailto:lp764@nova.edu). We will notify you whether we are able to use the review and whether any revision is required. Following publication, we will send your review to the book's publisher for further distribution.

If you have any questions, please contact Laura at [lp764@nova.edu](mailto:lp764@nova.edu). Thank you!