

Call for New Editor for the *Journal of Borderlands Studies*

The Association for Borderlands Studies (ABS) is an interdisciplinary research organization that supports investigations into a range of border issues. Founded in 1976 with an original emphasis on the study of the US-Mexico borderlands, the association presently encompasses an interdisciplinary membership of scholars representing the Americas, Asia, Africa and Europe. The primary venue for border studies is the *Journal of Borderlands Studies* (JBS), a quarterly peer-reviewed research journal published since 1985. Today, it is both published and distributed by Taylor and Francis. The ABS seek proposals from interested parties willing to overtake the post of head editor in April 2018.

We specifically seek an editor who is committed to providing the management, editorial review, copy editing, and document production that is necessary to support and enhance a high quality, peer-reviewed academic journal. The editor would be supportive of the ABS mission on scholarly research and exchange of ideas concerning international borderlands to:

1. Coordinate and lead the JBS regional editorial team (and guest editors) in the production of articles and special issues that contribute to broaden academic discussion on borders and borderlands
2. Organize and attend the semi-annual online meetings of the JBS editorial team
3. Work to increase disciplinary and theoretical diversity of research on borders and borderlands world wide
4. Report annually to the ABS board and its president
5. Formulate proposals, discuss them and, when approved by the ABS Board and President, implement them
6. Select a book editor and collaborate with him/her to produce peer reviews for 16 to 24 books annually
7. Coordinate JBS timing and production with JBS's editorial assistant
8. Report at the annual business meeting of the ABS on the ABS conference held along with the WSSA.

The proposal should clarify the applicants approach to editorship of the JBS, especially:

- Philosophy of the journal
- Ideas of the future development of the journal, including quality control
- The applicant's commitment to the journal, and how it will be secured by institutional support:
 - clerical support needed for copy editing and document production,
 - Provision of office space to support editorial functions and storage of JBS materials,
 - Necessary computer resources and related software,
 - Provision of office supplies and telephone, fax, and Internet resources,
 - Funds to support necessary travel

- The applicant's past involvement with the Association for Borderlands Studies and her/his continued commitment in the future.

The proposed editor should share their editorial and scholarly philosophy and speak to how this philosophy matches with that of the Association and past management of the Journal. We ask that the submitting teams develop a five-year plan that speaks to growth of the subscription base and increasing quality of the journal. The proposal should also document of the institutional commitment with a letter from the Provost, relevant academic Dean, or other Chief Academic Officer.

Proposals should be sent to Dr. Guadalupe Correa-Cabrera at gcorrea75@gmail.com by 30 September. After a review process, the ABS will decide on the call by the end of the year. Transition of the editorship will be in April 2018.