

## SHGAPE Blog Style Guide

### Style & Tone

The *SHGAPE Blog* seeks to be both a site to advance excellent scholarship in the GAPE and be accessible to a general audience. This means that you should write your blog piece in a more conversational tone, and not one you would employ in a traditional journal. An ideal essay submission has a clear and concise argument with a compelling narrative. We encourage pieces to make a connection to contemporary issues, although that is not a requirement.

We will consider any piece that contributes original research on the Gilded Age and Progressive Era (GAPE), which we broadly define as 1865-1920.

In addition to traditional essays, we also encourage the submission of graphic essays, videos, or other non-traditional forms. The blog is open to any researcher, regardless of affiliation. You do not need to be a member of SHGAPE to publish, although you're welcome to [join us!](#)

Some useful examples:

- Sara Harwood, "[Teaching Digital Literacy through a Walking Tour about the 1906 Atlanta Race Riot](#)"
- Coyote Shook, "[Flu in the Arctic](#)" [graphic essay]
- Theresa Ventura, "[Lessons from 1911: Taal Volcano, American Colonialism, and Philippine Disaster Nationalism](#)"

### Submissions & Editing

- All pitches and/or finished pieces should be submitted as a word document (.doc or google doc) to Co-Editor Chelsea Gibson at [cgibson2@binghamton.edu](mailto:cgibson2@binghamton.edu)
  - At this stage, please include any potential photos/documents and a contributor bio
- Within 1-2 weeks, our editors will return your essay with comments in a Google Doc, which you may answer in the Google Doc or download and edit in a .doc file
  - Editors will review your revisions, and may ask for further changes
- Once the editors have approved your essay, it is sent for a final round of editing to Alan Lessoff, Editor-in-Chief of the SHGAPE website
  - Please note: most submissions go through at least two rounds of editing before it is approved
- The entire process typically takes anywhere from 4-6 weeks

### Length

- We typically publish pieces between 750-1500 words

## **Titles & Subtitles**

- Try to come up with a pithy and catchy title that avoids the ubiquitous “:”
- When appropriate, we encourage you to break up your essay into subheadings

## **Photographs**

- Photos are not required, but are highly encouraged
- It is the author’s responsibility to secure rights for publication or ensure your image is not copyrighted
- Please include clear citations when submitting your image/s

## **Citations/References**

- We use footnotes and follow the Chicago Manual Style for formatting
- Footnotes should be reserved for direct citations
- When possible, you should use hyperlinks as a citation rather than a footnote -- we strongly encourage you to take advantage of the digital forum and link out to relevant libraries, sources, news articles, or other scholarship
- No bibliography is necessary, but you can include a “list for further reading” if appropriate

## **Contributor Bio**

- Please keep your biography to 50 words or less & use hyperlinks when appropriate
- If applicable, include your Twitter handle