

# Overview

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Established at Elizabethtown College in 1986, the Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies is the only research institute in the nation devoted exclusively to the scholarly study of the groups that have emerged from the Anabaptist and Pietist (A&P) traditions. The Center reaches national and international audiences through its research, publications, visiting scholars, and public programs.

The Young Center solicits proposals for its series Young Center Books in Anabaptist and Pietist Studies published by the Johns Hopkins University Press. The series seeks to:

- Stimulate and encourage original/creative scholarship in A&P studies.
- Solicit manuscripts which advance original scholarship in A&P studies as well as those that synthesize key findings in A&P scholarship.
- Acquire manuscripts of national scope and significance, with occasional regional studies in areas with large A&P populations.
- Publish historical and contemporary studies of A&P topics and/or communities.
- Give primary attention to North American studies with occasional European historical projects.
- Identify high quality scholarly manuscripts that are accessible to general readers, including ones with crossover potential as trade books and supplemental texts for academic courses.
- Publish interpretive scholarship in A&P topics for general readers.
- Provide an avenue of publication for scholars in A&P studies.

The series typically does not publish fiction, poetry, festschriften, memoirs, conference proceedings, edited collections, reprints, or doctoral dissertations (unless the dissertation has been substantially revised and organized into a suitable format for a book).

Series editor Donald B. Kraybill guides the acquisition and development process for new manuscripts. Kraybill solicits and screens manuscripts that are fitting for the series, assists authors in refining and organizing their manuscripts, guides them in preparing their manuscripts for review and publication, arranges peer reviews, and provides the Press with an evaluation and assessment of manuscripts.

## Inquires

Prospective authors working on topics that fit the series should send an e-mail inquiry to the series editor (Kraybilld@etown.edu) before submitting a proposal. Kraybill will respond to each inquiry, indicating if the proposed project is appropriate for the series.

For a list of the series books published to date and links to documents related to the acquisition process, visit [www.etown.edu/youngcenterbooks](http://www.etown.edu/youngcenterbooks).

## Proposals

If a project has potential for the series, Kraybill will offer suggestions for developing it and encourage the author to submit a proposal. **Please note that the series does not consider simultaneous proposal submissions to multiple presses.**

A proposal should include these items:

- **Cover letter** (1 page). The cover letter succinctly introduces the project, explains its significance, and describes the qualifications of the author.
- **Curriculum vitae** (2 to 3 pages). The curriculum vitae provides information that establishes the author's qualifications for writing the proposed book.
- **Prospectus** (2 to 4 pages). The prospectus should be organized with subheads that address these issues: the proposed book, its argument/thesis, conceptual and methodological approach, intended audience, distinctive merits, original scholarly contribution, comparison with similar books, word length, likely number and type of illustrations, and schedule for completion. The prospectus should make a clear and compelling case for the unique contribution of the proposed book and why it merits publication.
- **Table of contents.** The table of contents shows the organization and provides a brief description (3 to 4 sentences) of each chapter.
- **Sample chapter.** The sample chapter demonstrates the author's best writing; it should not be a rough draft. Complete manuscripts should not be sent unless invited.

The proposal should be e-mailed to Kraybilld@etown.edu as a Microsoft Word attachment. Kraybill will review the proposal and respond to the author, suggesting the appropriate next steps in the manuscript development process.

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