

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

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“CAPTURING AND PRESERVING THE ‘FIRST DRAFT OF HISTORY’ IN THE DIGITAL ENVIRONMENT”



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Preservation of news content has always posed many troublesome problems for media organizations, libraries, archives and other institutions concerned about storing the ‘first draft of history.’

The issues now are even more pressing with the growth of “born digital” publications, that is digital-only publications, “big data” projects, interactive visualizations, social media content, user-generated content and comments and all the other formats and platforms on which news content is created and delivered. In addition, the traditional linear news cycle has been replaced with a “continuous loop of gathering, processing, versioning, output, response and update,” as outlined by the Center for Research Libraries in its initiatives on preserving digital news.

In light of these developments, the *Newspaper Research Journal* is accepting research articles that will shed light on “Capturing And Preserving the ‘First Draft Of History’ in the Digital Environment” for a special issue of *NRJ*, which is scheduled for summer 2015.

This call is for manuscripts that will provide insights into the many challenges and issues facing news organizations as they try to develop methods to capture their daily news production, efficiently store it and make it accessible to users inside and outside the newsroom. Articles also may offer suggestions that would help news organizations adapt to the changing environment in which information can be stored and accessed. Researchers may want to deal with many different aspects of the process—from managerial to organizational, economic and technological perspectives.

Both social-scientific and cultural/critical approaches will be considered, as will mixed-methods approaches. Because *NRJ* attempts to provide a bridge between academia and members of the profession, preference will be given to research submissions that will provide solutions industry professionals can use.

Submissions will undergo *NRJ*’s usual peer-review process and must be original research that is not under review with any other publication, although modified conference papers will be considered. *NRJ*’s published guidelines regarding length, citation style and formatting of tabular material will apply.

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