



Mount Saint Mary College Journal of Psychology Research Proposals

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Call for Papers

You are invited to submit a manuscript to *Brainwaves*: Volume 4, Spring 2014

This journal publishes research proposals based on a contemporary issue in psychology. Submissions are selected based on how well authors have described past research and the problem, justified their proposal, used sound scientific methods in developing their proposal, and communicated their ideas through good writing.

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Final manuscripts in APA format are due on April 22 by midnight.

THE PROCESS:

Each paper will be sent for a blind review to two reviewers. The Brainwaves student editor will compile these reviews and make the final decision. The decision can be:

- Accept
- Minor Revisions Needed
- Major revisions needed with possibility for acceptance this semester.
- Reject for this volume, with possibility for submission next semester contingent on major revisions.

If you have been advised to revise and resubmit your paper, you will have to do so within only a few days. You will also be required to then transfer your manuscript to a Brainwaves template, which will be emailed to you.

Manuscript Submission Instructions:

- 1) Attach your manuscript with author note removed and no name.
- 2) Attach a cover letter (see sample below) that does have your name. Be sure to include the statement that "I attest that the work is my own and that I properly cited sources".
- 3) email to BrainwavesJournal@gmail.com

Appendix: Poster submissions:

Poster submissions are NOT peer reviewed, but will be accepted by the editorial board. They are due by May 5 to BrainwavesJournal@gmail.com with the statement that "I attest that the work is my own and that I properly cited sources"

Interested in serving as an editor or reviewer next semester? Email BrainwavesJournal@gmail.com.

THANK YOU!

Michele Barry (Alumna editor) and Yasmine Kalkstein (faculty editor)

Sample Cover Letter for Journals

April 3, 2013

Dear Editor(s):

We are submitting a manuscript for your consideration entitled "Examining Influences on Women's Decision to Try Labour After Previous Caesarean Section: A Pilot Study" to the Journal of Reproductive and Infant Psychology (word count:3811 including abstract). This manuscript has been submitted exclusively to your journal.

Our work focuses on variables that may influence women's decision to try for a Vaginal Birth After Caesarean (VBAC) or an Elective Repeat Caesarean Delivery (ERCD). Given a relatively high caesarean rate in the United States (where we conducted the research) and increasing patient involvement in healthcare decision making, it is important to understand variables influencing women's choices. Results from our study suggest that risk perception, locus of control, past birth experiences, and informational sources, including the internet, may predict women's choices and influence their decision when choosing a VBAC or ERCD.

Any additional questions concerning this manuscript can be directed to:

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We thank you for your time and consideration and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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