



The Anthropology of Children and Youth Interest Group (ACYIG) Blog – Submission Guidelines

What is the ACYIG Blog?

The ACYIG blog is a venue to writers and readers around themes common to the anthropology of children and youth. It provides a time-sensitive forum for scholars to communicate budding ideas, reflect on methodology, or share thoughts on critical issues that might not fit elsewhere. It also brings scholars into dialogue with practitioners to reflect on questions related to children and youth.

The blog is open to ACYIG members and non-member guests. We intend for our content to serve anthropologists as well as other academics and practitioners from diverse fields that intersect with children and youth, to inspire critical and innovative thinking in addition to providing a platform for networking and tip-sharing.

What should the posts be about?

The topics are open to contributors' interests, but here we list a few relevant themes:

- children/youth in the news — Experts on topics that are coming up a lot in the current news write about their take on current events, parse out the news coverage or what isn't being addressed, give deeper ethnographic insight into what is at stake, perhaps provide historical perspective, etc.
- important issues related to children/youth that are NOT in the news — Things we know about as researchers that we wish had media coverage, and why.
- photography from the field / brief photo essays
- questions of ethics and the IRB — specifically in relation to research with minors and protected populations
- the “anthropology of childhood and youth” outside of typical anthropology departments
- status and future of being an “anthropologist of childhood/youth” in the U.S.; job advice & related
- “why study children?” – novel perspectives and creative applications for thinking about the relevance of our discipline
- notes from the field — open-ended reflections on research w/ kids
- kids' perspectives on participating in research

- childhood and youth in popular culture, etc.
- summaries of discussions that occur on our listserv (or other such community resources)

If you have any concerns about the relevance of your post, do not hesitate to contact Dori Beeler at dbeeler@nd.edu or Sara Thiam at sthiam1@jhu.edu.

Why write for the ACYIG Blog?

ACYIG is the largest interest group of the American Anthropological Association and it unites scholars from diverse sub-fields of anthropology around topic areas related to children and youth. For these reasons, the ACYIG Blog can be a great way for you share your work with others who may be working on related topics. It can put you in contact with scholars, practitioners, and you have the chance to gain valuable feedback on your work from readers' comments. Because the Blog is a less formal venue, you can submit thought pieces, snippets of larger projects, or preliminary thinking on a new research topic without the level of commitment and formality needed for a peer-reviewed publication.

Finally, by submitting your original work to the ACYIG Blog, you boost the visibility of the interest group in the AAA and beyond, allowing others to learn about our members' exciting projects!

Conventions and Style Tips

We suggest that posts be written with the following style preferences in mind:

- Max length of approx. 800-1000 words
- Use a catchy yet informative title
- Attach at least one related photograph or image, with source and copyright information
- Include 2-3 keywords
- Provide a reference list, using AAA style guide formatting [insert link]
- Embed any referenced links into the text
- Keep to one main idea/thread of thinking per post
- Provide a brief 1-3 sentence author bio with links to your social media bios or websites as desired

Submission Procedure

To submit your post, send a Word document (or other rich text file) attachment via email to dbeeler@nd.edu, with the subject line: ACYIG Blog Submission. You can insert your images into the document to show editors where you would like them to appear, but please also separately attach high definition copies of each image to the email.

Submissions are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis by ACYIG volunteers through a non-peer-reviewed selection process. Each submission will receive a confirmation of receipt and a response regarding whether or not the submission will be posted to the Blog. Authors may be asked to make

revisions or to include supplemental information, references or links where appropriate. All submissions are subject to editing, however much care is given to retaining authors' original intent and content.

ACYIG has the right to publish and reprint selected posts and references to those posts on its Blog, social media, website and email listserv. On some occasions, ACYIG will seek external publication of posts through its partnership agreements, however authors' permission and preferences will be sought prior to allowing the post to be republished outside of ACYIG media. Authors retain full copyright to the material and may freely reuse the post in the same or altered formats as desired without seeking prior permissions or including an ACYIG byline.

For more information on submitting to the ACYIG Blog, please contact Dori Beeler at dbeeler@nd.edu.

We look forward to receiving your submissions!

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