

Armed Forces & Society: Building Civil-Military Relations Scholarship

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Organization of Presentation

1. Short Bio
2. Early Civil Military Relations
3. History of *Armed Forces & Society*
4. Trends in Contemporary Civil Military Relations
5. Editorial Process (submission - publication)
6. Tips for Publishing

Short Scholarly Biography



- 1969 – Vietnam War
- 1977 – Dissertation
“The Determinants of Service
in the Armed Forces during the
Vietnam Era”



Early Publications

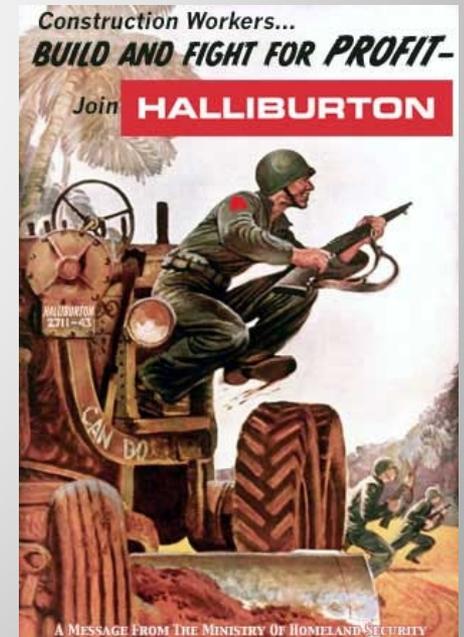
- 1980 – “Enlistment during the Vietnam Era and the ‘Representation’ Issue of the All Volunteer Force” *Armed Forces & Society*
- 1981 – “The Burden of the Draft: The Vietnam Years” *Journal of Political and Military Sociology*





1988 Women in the Military “Sex Roles in the Military” *The Military More than a Job* (Moskos & Wood)

1989 Military Privatization
“Consequence of Privatization”
The Bureaucrat



1993 – Socioeconomics

“A New Paradigm for Military Policy: Socioeconomics”
Armed Forces & Society

1996 - Family Demographics

“Changing Family Demographics: Impact on
Accessions...” in *Future Soldier and the Quality
Imperative*



Early Civil Military Relations Traditions

Huntington
Democratic Control

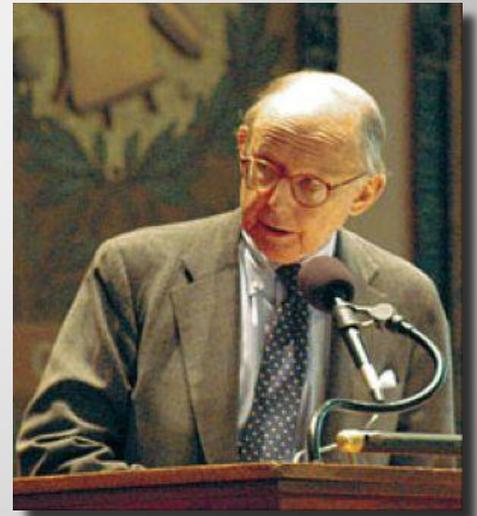
Janowitz
Citizen Soldier

Civil Military Relations

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Samuel Huntington

- Political Science
- Liberal theory of democratic state
- Problematique -military strong enough to defend the state can threaten the polity
- Objective Control - regime loyalty/Professional autonomy
- Functional Imperative
Societal Imperative
- Effectiveness



Soldier and the State

Morris Janowitz

- Sociology
- Civic republicanism theory of democracy
- Engage citizens in activities of public life
- Functional Imperative –Threat change “Constabulary Force”
- Pragmatic professionalism
- Equity



The Professional Soldier

Take key themes and develop

Functional Imperative Threat influences Tasks

Social imperative

What does Equity mean

What does Effectiveness mean

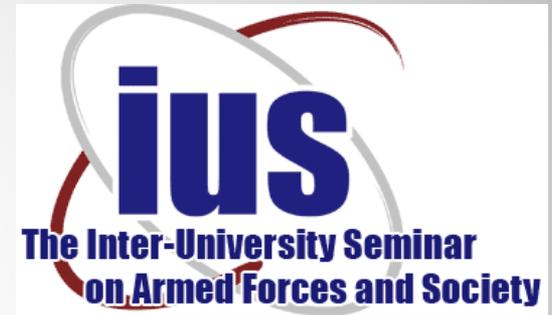
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Armed Forces & Society

Morris Janowitz

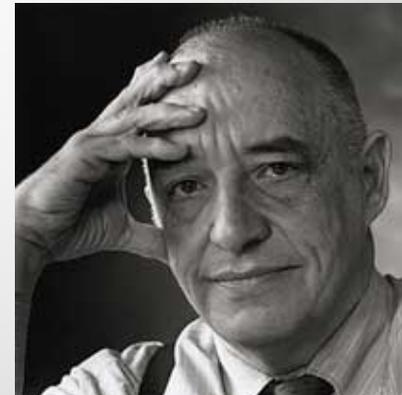
Founder

Inter-University Seminar for
Armed Forces & Society



Charles Moskos

Early President IUS



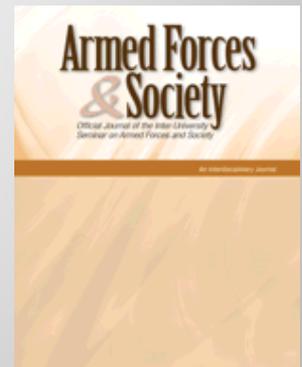
Editors

Armed Forces & Society

Editor	Dates	Discipline
Janowitz	1974-1981	Sociology
Segal	1981-1987	Sociology
Welch	1987-1991	Political Science
Stanley	1991-1995	Sociology
Burk	1995-1998	Sociology
Eitleberg	1998-2001	Public Administration
Shields	2001- Present	Public Administration

Trends in Civil Military Relations Scholarship

- Trends using ERGOMAS
Classification
- Trends - topics of special issues
- Trends - Key topics





Working Groups

1. Morale, Cohesion, Leadership
2. Public Opinion Mass Media
3. Women in Military
4. Military Family
5. Military Profession
6. Democratic Control of Armed Forces
7. Warriors in Peacekeeping
8. Recruitment/Retention
9. Blurring of Military and Policy Roles
10. Violence & Military Use of Force

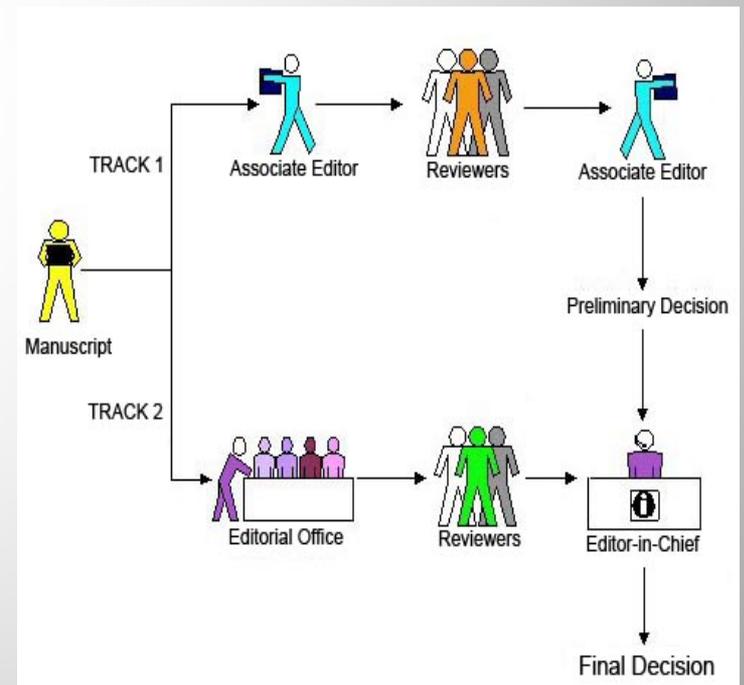
ERGOMAS	•Huntington	•Janowitz	•other
Morale, Cohesion, Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Professional Autonomy •Effectiveness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Traditional interest of sociology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Officer Education •Irregular threats influence leadership
Public Opinion Mass Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Societal imperative 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Public image of military
Women in the Military	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Societal Imperative •Effectiveness (Women in Combat) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Equity •Traditional interest of sociology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Career advancement •Interpersonal relationships •Violence •Cultural change

ERGOMAS Group	Huntington	Janowitz	Other
Military Family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Social Imperative •Effectiveness 	Traditional Sociology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Greedy institutions •Stress
Military Profession	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Objective Control •Effectiveness 		How social or functional imperative effects profession
Democratic control of Military	Problematique	Problematique	Models of Democratic Control

ERGOMAS	Huntington	Janowitz	Other
Warriors in Peacekeeping	Functional Imperative	Functional Imperative	

Editorial Process (submission - publication)

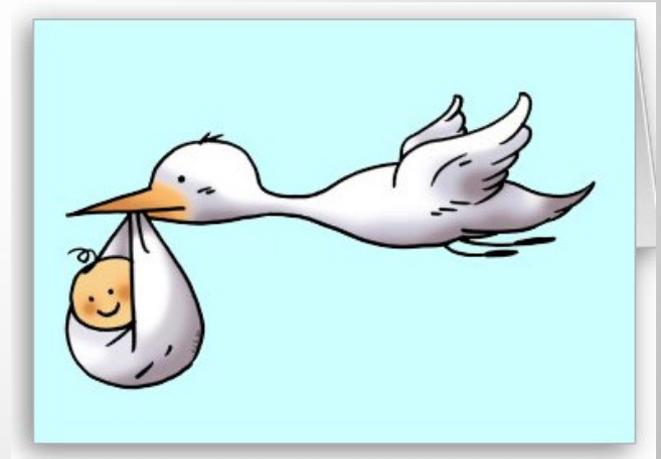
- Stages in manuscript processing
- Editor's Perspective



Editorial Process

Stage 1

- **Manuscript arrives**
Assign number
- **Editor's Review**
Editor's Reject 15%
- **Find Reviewers**
 - look at bibliography
 - do search in AF&S
 - suggestions from scholars



Editorial Process

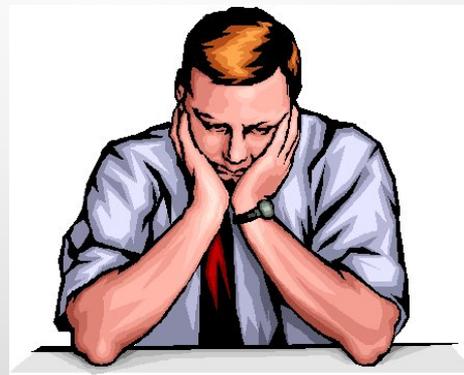
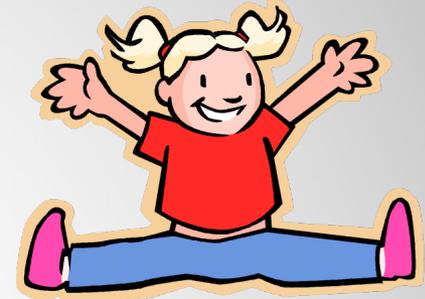
Stage 2

- Send out for review
2-4 reviewers
- Reviews in
Send reminders
- Decision
Accept, Reject, Revise and Resubmit



Accept or Reject

- Accept Very rare (1 in 50)
- Reject (1 in 3)
 - Not appropriate for journal
 - Poor Literature Review
 - Poor Methodology
 - incoherent (connections between -purpose/theory/methods/results missing)
 - No Theory
 - Purpose weak
 - bad writing

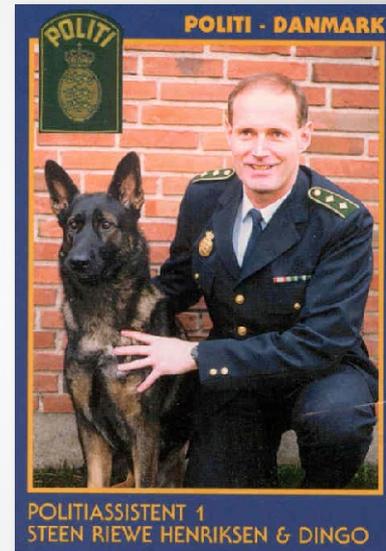


Revise and Resubmit

- Most common recommendation
- I read reviewers comments & manuscript
- Editor's Comment
 - how to weight reviewers comments (Top scholar, graduate student)
 - Find additional problems
 - Suggestions for additional literature

Coach and Cop

Improve the manuscript



Make sure poor material gets caught

Editorial Process

Stage 3

- Revise and resubmit comments sent to author
- Author makes revisions
- Author responds to reviewer and editor comments with letter

Editorial Process

Stage 4

- Revised Manuscript and letter with explanation arrives
- Re-review (could be 2-4 rounds)
- Decision



Like a sports team - it often takes practice and more practice to achieve the goal.

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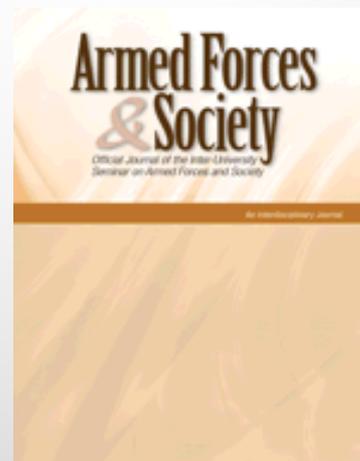
Stage 5

Texas State Tasks



- Acceptance notification
- Checklist for accepted manuscripts (Publisher Specification)
- Copyright agreement
- [Submit to Sage](#)
- Assign to Issue

- Copyediting by Sage
- Author queries – Clarification
- [On line first](#)
- In Print



Editors Perspective



New Scholars perspective



Additional Tips

- Make sure the paper is good fit for journal
- Be familiar with the journal
- Cite the journal (if nothing has been written on the topic in the journal how can it be a good fit?)
- Contacting editor is okay (ask status of ms)

- <http://afs.sagepub.com/>
- <http://aas.sagepub.com/>
- Investigate possible backlog Armed Forces & Society vs. Administration & Society

Additional Tips

- Share your work widely – present at conferences
- Develop cadre of research colleagues
- Okay to contact editor with questions
- Don't take it personally



Additional Tips

- Strong Introduction
- Strong writing

