

## ***The Journal of Forensic Vocational Analysis*** **Guidelines for Book Reviews**

*The Journal of Forensic Vocational Analysis* (JFVA) is organized around a single theme and features multiple perspectives and scholarly, yet accessible, discussions of current and future concerns of interest to today's forensic vocational experts. In meeting this goal, the editors invite readers to submit reviews of books, videos, and other educational mediums that would be pertinent to our field. We also invite individuals to submit reviews of books as they relate to one of our upcoming special issues. We ask that you review a book you already own—provided that it (a) merits critical evaluation, (b) has been published in the last 1-2 years, and (c) is related to an upcoming JFVA theme (see page 2).

### **Instructions to Contributors**

#### CONTENT

Reviews should accomplish the following objectives:

1. Describe the book's content. About half of the review should describe the content of the book and the orientation of the author.
2. Evaluate contribution to knowledge and practice. The review should address the book's strengths and weaknesses as they relate to its contribution to scholarship and its implications for practice.
3. Compare with other works. The review should place the book in context with other works addressing a similar theme and suggest how the new volume contributes to the literature.
4. Indicate the intended audience. The review should suggest, briefly, who is likely to benefit from the book, given the author's approach and the assumptions made about the reader's previous knowledge of the subject. What level of experience is needed to use the information in the book? Who will find it most useful? Although not appropriate for all books, the quality of the volume as an edited, manufactured product might also allow for comment (e.g., Are the illustrations appropriate and well executed? What's missing from the book? Would it benefit from a better index, a final chapter on practical applications?).

#### STYLE

1. Each review should be between 800 and 1,000 words.
2. Book reviews must contain a heading with the following information: book title, author or editor, publisher's name and full address, year of publication, number of pages, and price:

*Holding the Center: Memoirs of a Life in Higher Education*, by Howard Wesley Johnson.  
Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2001, 352 pp., \$21.95 (paper).
3. If you wish to cite works other than the one under discussion, include a list of references at the end of the review. Follow the style of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (5<sup>th</sup> ed.).
4. Papers should be typed, double-spaced, with wide margins. **They should be emailed to Chrisann Schiro-Geist at [chrisann@memphis.edu](mailto:chrisann@memphis.edu).**
5. Book reviews will be evaluated by the JFVA editorial staff. If a book review is accepted for publication, contributors will be asked to supply a computer file on a standard disk in Microsoft

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