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**Criteria for Manuscripts Submitted to  
*Constructing the Past*,  
The History Journal of the Nu Gamma Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta**

Next year will mark the first year of open submissions for the history journal. The following is a set of guidelines for those wishing to submit papers.

*490 Papers:*

- Have an original\* thesis and/or a fresh interpretation of the relevant primary and secondary sources that distinguishes itself from others in the subject area.
- Engage in the historiography of the subject by placing the thesis in the context of other historical scholarship in the field.

*290 Papers:*

- Address and engage the issue of historical truth as required in the History 290 course.
- Have an original\* thesis and/or an engagement of the primary and secondary sources that distinguishes it from other scholarship in the subject area.
- Address the historiography of the subject and attempt to place its thesis in the context of other scholarly literature.

*Other Papers:*

- Have an original\* argument and/or provide a clear, thoughtful insight into the issues surrounding an issue, person, event, culture, or idea in history.
- Attempt to place the argument in the context of the scholarly debate on the topic.
- Engage primary sources if possible under the confines of the particular class assignments.

*General Guidelines*

**Papers Must:**

- Be double-spaced with twelve point font.
- Have numbered pages
- Include a cover page or header with a title, name, phone number and email address
- Use the Turabian Manual for footnote/endnote citations and bibliography.

\*Original—new interpretation of primary sources and secondary literature, a thesis in an area of historical scholarship previously unexplored, or a new analysis of a subject's historiography.