

A Call for Special Issue Contributions

The legacy, influence, and relevance of Aldo Leopold and *A Sand County Almanac*: A reexamination, reassessment, and reenvisioning

The year 2019 marks the 70th anniversary of the publication of *A Sand County Almanac*, a groundbreaking book by the American conservation scholar-practitioner Aldo Leopold. The journal *Socio-Ecological Practice Research (SEPR)* <https://www.springer.com/earth+sciences+and+geography/geography/journal/42532> will publish a special issue (SI) to commemorate this historical event.

1 The theme and topical areas

Under the overarching theme

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the SI editorial team—the guest editor and advisory committee (see a roster at the end of this call under **5 The SI editorial team**)—invites scholarly contributions from around the world in one, or any combination, of the following three topical areas.

1.1 Reexamining Leopold's legacy

The SI editorial team welcomes articles that *critically reexamine Leopold's multi-faceted and interdisciplinary legacy* as manifested in the book and/or in his personal life and professional career path through pluralistic lenses of the sciences and humanities. These disciplinary lenses include, but are not limited to, ecology, economics, sociology, conservation biology, ecological planning and design, ecological philosophy, ecological virtual ethics, ecological aesthetics, ecological wisdom, geography, history, and political science.

Articles in this topical area may be written as reflective essay, intellectual biography, perspective essay, review article, or research paper. (See a description of these article types the journal provides in the inaugural editorial <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s42532-018-0001-y>).

1.2 Reassessing Leopold's influence

The SI editorial team welcomes articles that *systematically review and assess the impacts of Leopold's multi-faceted legacy* over the past 70 years. The impacts may range from those on academic disciplines, societies, socio-ecological practices (of planning, design, construction, restoration, conservation, and management), to those on environmental education, personal growth, and career development.

Articles in this topical area may be written as review article and research paper as well as reflective essay or perspective essay (<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s42532-018-0001-y>).

1.3 Reenvisioning Leopold's relevance

The SI editorial team welcomes articles that *explore the contemporary and future relevance of Leopold's multi-faceted legacy* in the 21st century. These may include, for instance, the articulation of the general

concepts of the *land ethic* and the *ecological conscience* to such emerging conceptions as ecological wisdom, landscape sustainability science, and the environmental humanities.

Articles in this topical area may be written as perspective essay, research paper as well as communication (<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s42532-018-0001-y>).

Please refer to recommended readings listed at the end of this call.

2 Abstract preparation and submission

General benchmarks for abstract preparation and evaluation (and for potential SI manuscript preparation and evaluation) can be found in “**3 A set of important commonalities**” in the inaugural SEPR editorial <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s42532-018-0001-y>. A list of recommended readings can be found on pages 3—5 of this call.

More specifically, an abstract should be:

Designating the topical area it falls within and choosing an article type;

Limited to 700 (or fewer) words (information about author and affiliation not counted);

Submitted by January 3rd, 2019 (US EST) through the portal <https://tinyurl.com/sepr-al>.

3 Key deadlines

Abstract submission: January 14th, 2019

Acceptance notification: January 31st, 2019

SI manuscript submission: June 15th, 2019

Special issue paper *Online First* publication: shortly after manuscript acceptance

Special issue compilation: November, 15th, 2019

4 Questions?

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6 Recommended Readings

Primary literature

Books

Leopold, A. 1933. *Game Management*. Charles Scribner's Sons. Reprinted in 1986 by University of Wisconsin Press.

Leopold, A. 1949. *A Sand County Almanac and Sketches Here and There*. Oxford University Press, New York.

Essays, Letters, Journal Entries, and Radio Broadcasts

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Meine, C., ed. 2013. *A Sand County Almanac & Other Writings on Ecology and Conservation*. Library of America.

Radio broadcasts read by Stan Temple: <https://news.wisc.edu/aldo-leopolds-radio-broadcasts/>

Secondary literature*

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Berry, M.M. 2013. Thinking like a city: grounding social-ecological resilience in an urban land ethic. *Idaho Law Review* 50: 117-152. [Link](#)

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Leopold, E.B. 2016. *Stories from the Leopold Shack: Sand County Revisited*. Oxford University Press.

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- Meine, C. 2010 edition. *Aldo Leopold: His Life and Work*. University of Wisconsin Press.
- Mitman, G. 2005. "In Search of Health: Landscape and Disease in American Environmental History." *Environmental History* 10 (2): 184-210. [Link](#)
- Norton, B.G. 2015. *Sustainable Values, Sustainable Change: A Guide to Environmental Decision Making*. University of Chicago Press.
- Rolston, H. 2015. "Rediscovering and Rethinking Leopold's Green Fire." *Environmental Ethics* 37 (1): 45-55. [Link](#)
- Savoy, L. E. 2015. "Alien Land Ethic." In *Trace: Memory, History, Race, and the American Landscape*. Counterpoint.
- Shilling, D. 2009. "Aldo Leopold Listens to the Southwest." *Journal of the Southwest* 51 (3): 317-350. [Link](#)
- Warren, J.L. 2016. *Aldo Leopold's Odyssey: Rediscovering the Author of A Sand County Almanac*. Island Press.
- Whyte, K.P. 2015. "How Similar Are Indigenous North American and Leopoldian Environmental Ethics?" [Link](#).
- *See also: "Aldo Leopold." *Oxford Bibliographies in Ecology*. [Link](#)