

Resources for Public Philosophy Writing

Examples

- Past winners of the APA Public Philosophy Op-Ed Contest: <http://www.apaonline.org/page/oped>
- List of public philosophy blogs from the Public Philosophy Network: <http://publicphilosophynetwork.ning.com/page/blogs-1>
- The Stone archives: <https://www.nytimes.com/column/the-stone>
- Philosophy essays on Aeon: <https://aeon.co/philosophy>

Tips

- David Johnson, “Ten Rules of Thumb for Op-Ed Writing” (written for philosophers): <http://blog.apaonline.org/2016/05/23/ten-rules-of-thumb-for-op-ed-writing/>
- The Op-Ed Project, “Tips and Tricks”: <https://www.theopedproject.org/oped-basics/>

Venues and submission guidelines

A good place to start is The Op-Ed Project’s list of many newspapers’ submission guidelines: <https://www.theopedproject.org/submission-information/>

(1) National, general interest publications

- *The New York Times*: for both The Opinionator (general) and The Stone (philosophy-specific), submit to opinion@nytimes.com. 400-1200 words suggested.
- *Slate*: send to slateoffice@slate.com with “Article Submission” in subject line.
- *HuffPost*: go to <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/contact/> and click the link under the heading “Send us a blog pitch,” which takes you to a Google form where you can submit a 500-1000 word blog post.
- *The Atlantic*: send manuscript or pitch to submissions@theatlantic.com
- *The New Yorker*: does not accept unsolicited nonfiction pitches.
- *Salon*: email submission; address depends on the section you’re submitting under (e.g., life, culture, politics). Guidelines here: <http://www.salon.com/about/submissions/>
- *Boston Review*: submit at <https://bostonreview.submittable.com/submit>

(2) Local newspapers

- *Boston Globe*: op-eds send to oped@globe.com, 700 word maximum. Letters send to letter@globe.com, 200 word maximum.
- *Boston Herald*: send letters and op-eds to letterstoeditor@bostonherald.com
- *Cambridge Chronicle*: send to cambridge@wickedlocal.com
- Many *national and large city papers* are listed on the Op-Ed Project page (link above). These often accept articles from outside the city in question, and sometimes outside the state.
- *Small city and town “local” papers* are a good venue for residents. They look for local-focused stories and reflections and it is easy to get a letter accepted. A few are listed in the Op-Ed Project page (link above), but you should check with your local paper for their particular guidelines.

(3) Popular academic publications

- *Chronicle of Higher Education*: accepts submissions in several categories; see <http://www.chronicle.com/page/Submissions/638>. Send 1000-1200 word op-eds to opinion@chronicle.com; send 350 word max letters to letters@chronicle.com.
- *Times Higher Education*: guidelines at <https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/writing-for-times-higher-education/418274.article>. (Word limits and guidelines differ for features, opinion pieces, and blog posts). Send submissions to THE.Submissions@tesglobal.com.
- *Aeon*: does not accept unsolicited pitches, but says “if you are an academic who would like to get in touch with one of our commissioning editors directly, please email editorial@aeon.co and provide us with a short bio and a link to your faculty page or website.”
- *The Conversation*: only accepts submissions from authors with academic affiliations. Submit a pitch at <https://theconversation.com/become-an-author>; guidelines for submissions at <https://theconversation.com/us/introduction>.
- *3:AM Magazine*: guidelines at <http://www.3ammagazine.com/3am/submissions/>. Submit to submissions@3ammagazine.com. They advise mentioning a relevant editor; the editors for philosophy are Richard Marshall (senior) and Mark de Silva (junior).

(4) Philosophy-specific publications

- *Daily Nous*: “If you have news you would like to share, or other items you think would be of interest to professional philosophers, please send it to dailynouseditor@gmail.com.”
- *Philosophy Now*: email 1000-3500 word articles to editors@philosophynow.org. Submission guidelines at <https://philosophynow.org/authors>.
- *PEA Soup*: only accepts new threads from invited contributors.