Belcher Journal Evaluation Form

Journal title _____

Editor's name/email _____

Managing ed. name/email _____

Journal web address _____

1. **Peer reviewed** ☐ Yes ◯ No ◇ Not sure (find out)

2. **Publishing outlet** ☐ Preferred ◯ Nonrecommended ☐ Debatable

   Preferred category ☐ Field-based ☐ Interdisciplinary ☐ Regional ☐ Newer ◯ Disciplinary

3. **Reputation** ☐ Solid ☐ Medium ☐ My department favors it ◯ High ◯ Low

4. **Metric** ☐ Has a JCR IF _____ ☐ Has an SJR _____ ☐ Has a GSM _____

   Impact Factor ☐ >1 ☐ .5 to 1 ☐ <.5

   Other ranking ☐ _____

5. **Rejection rate** ☐ <80% ☐ >80% but worth it ◯ > 90% ◯ > 95% ◇ Don't know

6. **Publisher type** ☐ Strong (e.g., univ., commercial, assn. press) ◯ Not as strong (e.g., dept.)

   Publisher name _____

7. **Longevity** ☐ >3 years ◯ <3 years

8. **Production** ☐ Well produced ☐ Okay, can't tell ◯ Sloppy

9. **Punctuality** ☐ On time ☐ <1-year delay ◯ >1-year delay

10. **Fee-based** ☐ No fee to publish ☐ Requires assn. membership ◯ Requires author to pay fee to publish

11. **Contributors** ☐ Open (often outsiders) ◯ Insular (mostly insiders) ◯ Rarely people like me

    ☐ Mixed ◯ High (profs. only) ◯ Low (mostly grad. students)

12. **No. of articles** ☐ > 10 articles per year ◯ < 10 articles per year

13. **US ed. office** ☐ Yes ◯ No, based in _____

14. **Available online** ☐ Yes ◯ No ◇ Not sure (find out)

15. **Available in print** ☐ Yes ◯ No ◇ Not sure (find out)

16. **Time to publication** ☐ <3-month turnaround ☐ >4-month turnaround ◇ Can't tell

    ☐ No backlog ☐ <2-year backlog ◯ >2-year backlog ◇ Can't tell

17. **Transition** ☐ No ◯ Yes ◇ Can't tell

18. **Audience** ☐ The right audience for me & this article ◯ Not quite right

19. **Themed issues** ☐ Sometimes ☐ Never ◯ Frequently ◇ Can't tell

    ☐ Upcoming on my topic of _____

20. **Relevant prizes** ☐ Yes, for _____ ◯ No

21. **Topic match** ☐ The journal and article match in topic ◯ No ◇ Not sure (find out)

22. **Word/page limits** _____ Shortest article: _____ Longest article: _____

    ☐ Match my article ☐ Require a little change ◯ Require big changes

23. **Editors/board members I know** _____

24. **Style** ☐ Chicago ☐ MLA ☐ APA ◯ Other

    No./length of notes _____ No. of Cites _____ No. of subheadings: _____

    Other _____

25. **Submission** ☐ Electronic submission ☐ Email submission ◯ Print submission ☐ Other

    Judgment Total checked ☐____ Great journal = 22+ checked boxes; Good = 10–21; Bad = 0–9

    Total checked ◯____ Terrible journal = 22+ checked circles; Weak = 7–21; Good = 0–6