Commentaries

Commentaries are short, non-peer-reviewed articles. There are three main types of commentaries:

- Invited responses to plenary papers published in the journal: These commentaries are published in the journal as a set and typically include a response by the plenary author. An example is the exchange for Yarimar Bonilla’s 2019 AAG plenary lecture, published in Volume 78 and available here.
- Volunteered commentaries on articles published in the journal: The author of the critiqued article will have the opportunity to respond to the commentary; the commentary and the author’s response will appear together in the journal.
- Invited reflections on current issues and themes identified by the editorial team: The style here is more scholarly and formal than a blog post, but less rigorous than a regular journal article. The idea is to respond in a timely way to current issues using the methods and insights from the subdiscipline. Commentaries on a particular theme may be published in different issues of the journal, but they will be compiled online, along with an editorial introduction.

Individual commentaries are 1500-2000 words in length, including references (endnotes are discouraged). While not peer-reviewed, commentaries are reviewed by the Setting the Agenda editor and possibly other members of the editorial team. Questions about commentaries can be directed to the Setting the Agenda editor, Caroline Nagel: cnagel@mailbox.sc.edu.