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AI Usage Policy for Contributors

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NOT PERMITTED	PERMITTED	THE KEY TEST
– AI-generated creative content in any submission including entry prose, introductions, analysis, and annotations – Submitting AI output as your own writing, even if lightly edited or paraphrased – Unverified citations or bibliographies generated by AI tools – Using AI to produce factual claims (dates, biographical details, publication records) without independent verification – Representing AI-assisted work as human-authored when disclosure is requested	– Using AI as a complementary research starting point – verify all outputs against authoritative sources before use – Using AI to help identify search terms or explore a subject area – Grammarly or similar tools for grammar and clarity checks on text you wrote – Using AI to help format citations you identified and verified from authoritative sources – Outlining or organizing your own ideas with AI assistance before writing	– Ask: "Did I write this sentence, or did an AI write it?" – If an AI wrote it and it is creative content, it may not appear in your submission – If you wrote it and used AI only to support your process, you are within this policy – When uncertain, contact your LPP editor before submitting – We would rather answer a question in advance than return a submission

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