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SUBJECT FOCUS

The JOTS welcomes *original* manuscripts from scholars worldwide focused on the depth and breadth of technology as practiced and understood past, present, and future. Epsilon Pi Tau, as perhaps the most comprehensive honor society among technology professions, seeks to provide up-to-date and insightful information to its increasingly diverse membership as well as the broader public. Authors need not be members of the society in order to submit manuscripts for consideration. Contributions from both academics and practitioners are equally welcome.

A general guide to the breadth of topics of potential interest to our readers can be gained by consideration of the 17 subclasses within "Technology" of the classification scheme of the Library of Congress, USA lcweb.loc.gov/catdir/cpsolcco/lcco_t.pdf. This includes engineering and allied disciplines, informatics in its many manifestations, industrial technology, and education in and about technology. Authors are strongly urged to peruse this list as they consider developing articles for journal consideration. In addition, JOTS is interested in manuscripts that provide:

- brief biographical portraits of leaders in technology that highlight the difference these individuals made in distinct fields of technology or its wider appreciation within society,
- thoughtful reflections about technology practice,
- insights about personal transitions in technology from formal education to the work environment or vice versa,
- history, philosophy, sociology, economics, and anthropology of technology,
- technology within society and its relationship to other disciplines,
- technology policy at local, national, and international levels,
- comparative studies of technology development,

- implementation, and/or education,
- industrial research and development,
- new and emerging technologies and technology's role in shaping the future.

Within this immense diversity of technology, its applications and import, authors must communicate clearly, concisely, informatively, and only semi-technically to readers from a diverse set of backgrounds. Authors may assume some technical background on the part of the reader but not in-depth knowledge of the particular technology that is the focus of the article. Highly technical articles on any field of technology are not within the purview of the journal. Articles whose subject focus has been extensively explored in *prior* issues of the journal are only of potential interest if they: 1) open up entirely new vistas on the topic, 2) provide significant new information or data that overturns or modifies prior conceptions, or 3) engage substantially one or more previously published articles in a debate that is likely to interest and inform readers. Syntheses of developments within a given field of technology are welcome as are meta-analyses of research regarding a particular technology, its applications, or the process of technical education and/or skill acquisition. Research studies should employ methodological procedures appropriate to the problem being addressed and must evince suitable design, execution, analysis, and conclusions. Surveys, for example, that exhibit any or all of the following characteristics are of no interest to the journal: 1) insufficient awareness of prior research on this topic, 2) insufficient sample size, 3) improper survey design, 4) inappropriate survey administration, 5) high mortality, 6) inadequate statistical analysis, and/or 7) conclusions not supported by either the data or the research design employed. The journal is neutral in regards to qualitative, quantitative, or mixed method approaches to research but insists on research quality.

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