Building a bibliography for the study of literary journalism

A note from . . .
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This issue of Literary Journalism Studies includes the first installment of what is planned to be a regular feature—a listing of bibliographic entries that both documents the growing scope of new scholarship and recognizes earlier scholarship that is coming to light now as the field matures and expands to encompass more work outside of English. These new listings will build on the bibliography that was published in the spring 2011 issue, and the goal is to develop a fully searchable, Web-based database.

We have developed a structure for each bibliography entry that begins with basic citation information and then adds further descriptive terms. Our goal is for each item in the bibliography to be described by at least three terms, starting with country/region and era (according to century). Other possible descriptors include authors discussed, form (including such terms as sketches, long form, gonzo), venue (referring to the kind of publication where work has appeared, e.g. magazines), and topics, such as race, politics, culture, and poverty.

We believe that this bibliography, whether in print or online, will be a valuable tool for scholars as they pursue their own research. We hope that it will help to streamline the research process by guiding scholars to research on, for example, particular authors or forms of literary journalism. Also, by showing where previous studies have already addressed particular issues, the bibliography can help to reduce duplication of efforts. In addition we hope that the bibliography will help to raise the profile of our disciplinary field and attract even more research and scholarship.

To reach these goals, we are going to need a lot of help. That’s why we spoke at IALJS-6 in Brussels about forming a bibliography committee. One role for members of this committee will be to identify and provide bibliographic information for scholarship that is not yet in the database. We are
particularly interested in having members who are fluent in languages other than English who can both suggest works for inclusion and serve as referees to help us evaluate scholarship that is beyond our expertise.

We expect this committee to operate fairly informally and inclusively. If you are interested in helping us with this effort, please contact us by email. Even if you are not interested in participating over the long term, please do let us know of any suggestions for or concerns about our approach. We welcome, and need, your input.

A final note on the bibliography being compiled here. The first installment published in the last issue of Literary Journalism Studies is now available online at the journal’s website, www.literaryjournalismstudies.org. The new listings in this issue will be added to the online site in the near future.

In related news, we are happy to note that the publisher of this journal, the International Association for Literary Journalism Studies, has recently entered into an agreement to have the content from Literary Journalism Studies included in EBSCO Publishing’s Communication & Mass Media Complete database, a widely used research tool that contains articles from many of the leading scholarly publications in media studies. Because this is a nonexclusive agreement, we hope to develop similar arrangements with additional database providers. Your suggestions about other databases where the content from this journal should appear are most welcome. Please let us know.

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AUSTRALIA


CANADA


ITALY


THE NETHERLANDS

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SPAIN


UNITED KINGDOM


UNITED STATES


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