

Guideline for Authors for International Journal of Geospatial and Environmental Research

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Equations

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where Q is discharge (m³/s) and Ad is drainage area (km²).

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Banks, W.F. 1958. Secret meeting in Boise. *Midwestern Political Review* 6:26-31.

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Books

Flood, E.F. 1998. *Fluvial terraces of the Oconee River, Georgia*. Atlanta: Turner Press.

Collins, G.A., and Wortmaster, M.D. eds. 1953. *The collected works of G. Farthington Pennyloss*. Boston: C.F. Pennyloss.

Sanders, G.S., Brice, T.R., DeSantis, V.L., and Ryder, C.C. 1989. *Prediction and prevention of famine*. Los Angeles: Timothy Peters.

Chapters in Books

Glass, J.K., and Fields, J.T. 2000. Urban shadows on the rural landscape: Reflections of new office buildings. In *A cultural history of Atlanta, 1861-1991*, ed. E. T. Kim, 241-257. New York: Manhattan University Press.

Journal Articles

Hill, P.B. 1997. The lowest and highest places in the southeastern United States: Florida and Tennessee. *Southeastern Geographer* 33:93-107.

Banks, W.F. 1958. Secret meeting in Boise. *Midwestern Political Review* 6:26-31.

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