Thinking of Reading  Contributor Guidelines

Each contributor’s entry will consist of four main parts: a title, an introductory essay, a book list, and a brief personal profile.

The title for your contribution

The essay, 750 words maximum, should introduce the list, give reasons why the reader might find it interesting to explore these readings, and provide some appropriate contextual discussion. You should, in appealing prose, tell the reader what makes the list cohere, how the list fits into a larger picture, and which rewards the reader might find by exploring its entries. You may include bits of personal reflection and highlight some of the quirks or idiosyncrasies of the topic, but your goal should always be, first, to elicit interest, and second, to provide a useful, engaging and accessible resource for an audience of educated readers.

The book list should (normally) present five titles. Each entry on the list should include, beyond the title, a description of no more than 150 words that notes the particular focus of the book as well as what makes the book useful, exemplary, unique, necessary, or wholly unnecessary but delightful, etc. Beyond these five titles, you may choose to include one or two further titles without description as recommended background (or further) reading.

Bibliographic information should include:
(1) Author, title, publisher and year of first publication.
(2) When multiple editions or publishers exist, please specify your preference if you have one.

The personal profile, which should be no longer than 70 words, provides you with a chance to introduce the person behind the list as well as to promote your own publications or projects. Please begin by supplying your name as you wish it to appear and your institutional rank and department, along with any other biographical information you consider appropriate. Please write the profile in the third person:

Additional material
To make the volume as reader-friendly as possible the editors will provide an introductory essay to the volume, a table of contents featuring each contributor’s list, and as much indexing as space will permit. Because we want our contributors to reach out to our readers, we plan to make individual titles and lists as easy to find and browse as possible.

When you have completed your entry, please save it as a Word Document and upload it at the project website: www.thinkingofreading.com