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The 2017 volume will be coedited by Christina L. Scott of Whittier College and Sampson Lee Blair of The State University of New York (Buffalo). Manuscripts should be submitted directly to the editors (CScott@whittier.edu and slblair@buffalo.edu), preferably in MS WORD format. Manuscripts should not exceed 40 double-spaced pages (not including tables, figures, and references). Submission of a manuscript implies commitment to publish in CPFR. Manuscripts should adhere to the APA format. Manuscripts should represent previously unpublished work. An abstract of 150-200 words should be included at the beginning of each manuscript. All manuscripts will undergo peer review.

The deadline for initial submissions is January 31, 2017. Any questions may be directed to the editors at CScott@whittier.edu and slblair@buffalo.edu.

