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All manuscripts are subject to double-blind peer review. Upon receipt of the manuscript, a paper will be sent out for review to three (3) professionals with expertise in the core area investigated. The three (3) reviewers will be comprised of at least one (1) editorial board member and one (1) non-board member. Ideally, the initial review process will be completed within six (6) to eight (8) weeks from initial submission. No initial review should exceed twelve (12) weeks. Please note that July submissions will not be sent out for review until the first week of August.

Submissions

Expectations and Formats

The Industrial Geographer solicits high-quality research in economic geography, encompassing both the traditional, research article format, and shorter research notes and discussions. All submissions to The Industrial Geographer must represent the original work of the author(s). It is the responsibility of the author(s) to obtain copyright permissions, if necessary. Simultaneous submissions of works to other journals are not acceptable. A cover letter must be provided along with any submission that certifies that the above conditions have been met, and will be met as long as The Industrial Geographer’s review process is ongoing.

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Style Guidelines
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All articles must include a 150-200 word abstract that summarizes methods and key findings. Both articles and research notes should include a maximum of five (5) key words for the purposes of indexing. Ideally, the keywords would detail location, topic, method, and two (2) other related descriptors.

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DeVol, R. 1999 America’s High-Tech Economy: Growth, Development, and Risks for Metropolitan Areas. Milken Institute, Santa Monica, CA.
Rickman, P. 2001 Official, United Auto Workers Local 12, Toledo, OH, telephone interview August 15.

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