

The Volunteer | Contributor Guide

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The Volunteer welcomes any articles, reviews, and interviews that may be of interest to ALBA's constituency, including abbreviated or adapted versions of longer articles that have appeared elsewhere or in different languages. Generally, we'll consider pieces of between 400 and 2,500 words written for a nonspecialized reader, in a journalistic rather than academic style. We are not in a position to offer honoraria.

Brief style guide:

- No footnotes or endnotes.
- US typographical and spelling conventions: double quotes, full stops and commas within quotes ("That's not true," she said. "It was the Popular Front."), we add no spaces around em dashes—like this—and write color (not colour), analyze (not analyse), etc.
- Don't underestimate the power of a good lede.
- Don't assume all pieces need a concluding paragraph.
- Please include a one- to two-sentence biographical line to print at the end of the text.

Editorial process:

- We edit pieces journalistically for style and length. This almost always includes some cutting and rewriting.
- We always send the edited versions to the authors for their approval.
- We welcome submissions in other languages and translate pieces that are accepted for publication.
- We welcome suggestions for headlines and illustrations, but the editors make the final call on both.
- Given the space limitations in the print issue, some pieces will appear online only, or in an abbreviated form in print, with the full version online.