

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: Please SHARE WIDELY. Temporarily opening submissions to the “Research to the Point” textbook series (Oxford University Press, series creator and editor Dr. Patricia Leavy). This series aims to make research methods accessible and demystify the research process. This series is generally by invitation only; however, I’m placing an open call to give everyone a shot at this opportunity (topics due by March 1 and proposals due by April 1 unless an alternative agreement is made with the series editor). The “Research to the Point” series published full length textbooks centered within several trajectories A) specific research methods or genres of methods (e.g., survey research, content analysis, case studies), B) discipline-specific qualitative titles (e.g., qualitative research in business management, qualitative research in sociology), C) discipline-specific quantitative titles (e.g., quantitative research in criminology, quantitative research in health studies), and D) general titles, that cover qual and quant, or qual, quant and mixed methods (e.g., research methods in communication, research methods in psychology, research methods in social work, mixed methods research).

Authors must have a Ph.D. or the equivalent and a publishing record (teaching experience is also greatly valued and should be noted). To submit: send a brief email with the topic you’re interested in pitching (so we can confirm interest & that we don’t already have the topic covered before you do the labor of a full proposal) along with a bio or CV. We will let you know whether or not we’d like to see a full proposal which should include:

- Title
- Overview
- Table of contents with a description of the content for each chapter
- The market (courses, disciplines)
- Competing texts (please do your homework and be thorough)
- Pedagogical features (e.g., bold key terms, figures/charts/tables, discussion questions/writing activities/research activities), chapter or end of book glossary of key terms, chapter or end of book suggested resources, companion website materials). Given the mission of the series, accessibility and student-centeredness are paramount.
- Estimated manuscript page length (12 point font, double spaced) or word count
- Estimated delivery of draft manuscript (please be realistic and if you’ve never written a textbook before note that these are time-consuming projects when done well and require familiarity with existing textbooks which also takes time)
- Bio or CV with full contact info

Please note that research examples embedded in the text should reflect social justice themes, timely topics, and advances in the field, each as appropriate. Please direct all submissions to Dr. Leavy’s assistant, Shalen Lowell at shalenlowell@gmail.com with the subject line: research to the point.