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Since folks are asking for transparency around the process of review of contributions for the responses to Ewell in the Journal of Schenkerian Studies, I thought I'd share my experience.

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**Stephen Lett** @step\_hen\_lett · Jul 27, 2020

Replying to @step\_hen\_lett

I hastily drafted a pretty bad essay over the two weeks following the call. I submitted it on January 20 thinking it wouldn't get published, but the deadline was useful to put some ideas down.



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**Stephen Lett** @step\_hen\_lett · Jul 27, 2020

While I waited to hear from them I kept drafting and crafted a much better essay. During that time I fleshed out my analysis of Schachter's piece, which, in the initial draft was pretty flimsy.



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**Stephen Lett** @step\_hen\_lett · Jul 27, 2020

On February 23, the assistant editor contacted me to inform me that my contribution had been accepted. A few comments were added to my (very bad) draft as the extent of the journal's editing process. Mostly about sentence structure. Nothing about the ideas.



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**Stephen Lett** @step\_hen\_lett · Jul 27, 2020

In that email, the assistant editor requested that I get my final draft in by that Friday, February 28. I requested an extension because I had conference that weekend, and they granted me one until March 3.



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**Stephen Lett** @step\_hen\_lett · Jul 27, 2020

On March 3, I sent in the final draft after tons of revisions and input from friends and colleagues.



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What is published is dramatically different from what I submitted. Beyond expanding the analysis of Schachter, I also significantly changed the ending. It's still clunky, but so it goes.



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**Stephen Lett** @step\_hen\_lett · Jul 27, 2020

After that, I made some small wording changes in the proofing stage (on March 9 and then again on March 15).



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**Stephen Lett** @step\_hen\_lett · Jul 27, 2020

On Sunday April 5, I reached out to Phil to send along my piece. I was supposed to give a talk at MTSNYS in early April where he would be my program chair. Since that fell through I figured I'd introduce myself.



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**Stephen Lett** @step\_hen\_lett · Jul 27, 2020

When he responded to me he told me that JSS had never reached out to him about the issue. This worried me. But I didn't reach out to the editors about it since they had already taken it to the press. I figured ... how bad could it be?



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