

DEDICATION

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PREFACE

The *Handbook* should provide answers to many of your basic questions about submitting your dissertation to the Rackham Graduate School. The *Abstract and Dissertation Format Guidelines*, available on the web at www.rackham.umich.edu/OARD, should provide the answers to your formatting questions. Please note that this *Dissertation Handbook* is correctly formatted.

For information on achieving candidacy, Required Fee Total, or other Rackham requirements, you should consult the *Rackham Graduate School Academic Policies* handbook. You may view this on-line at www.rackham.umich.edu.

During the course of completing your doctoral degree, you may find the Dissertation Checklist in Grad Tools helpful in navigating the Rackham and departmental requirements. Grad Tools can be found at www.gradtools.umich.edu.

As you look ahead to completing and defending your dissertation, you should also check to make sure that you have fulfilled all registration requirements of the Graduate School, and that you are aware of the doctoral degree deadlines for each term. Be sure to check the Rackham website often for information on these matters and other topics, as well as deadline schedules for each term.

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