Have an Idea for a Book? We Want to Hear from You!

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I am truly excited to be serving as Books Acquisitions Editor for ASA, CSSA, and SSSA at our headquarters office in Madison, WI. This position was recently created to help the Societies achieve their goal of increasing book and multimedia publications. From a simple numbers point of view, I am working to increase the number of annual publications approximately five-fold – from 5 to 25!

Yet in order to meet this ambitious goal, I’ll need the help of all Society members. In partnership with our fast-growing and dynamic ACS Book and Multimedia Publishing Committee, we are calling for more book proposals. We welcome any and all ideas for developing publications of any kind—series, monographs, special books, symposia proceedings, books for outreach by certified professionals and for those new to our sciences, educational tools for K-12 students, as well as instructional material for undergraduate- and graduate-level agronomy, crops, and soils courses. From practical guides to ongoing modeling series to monographs describing research initiatives that impact agronomy, crop science, and soil science, we are interested in hearing your ideas.

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Please consider the opportunity to work with us in publishing your research in a book or multimedia format. If you have an idea for a book that you’d like to share, you can contact me at nsandler@sciencesocieties.org. I hope to hear from you soon.

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