Call for Papers

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The AAVSO and Citizen Sky invite you to contribute an article to a special issue of JAAVSO with a focus on ε Aurigae, similar objects, and development of new observing techniques of bright stars. All articles must present new material and conclusions in a scholarly manner and will be peer-reviewed by professionals and other experts in the field.

Sample topics span the range of the scientific method and may include: analysis of personal observations, analysis of data from the AAVSO International Database, development of an innovative observation technique or technology, review papers, historical investigation, public outreach strategies, and so forth.

We also encourage papers on scientific objects similar to ϵ Aurigae, such as objects that eclipse and exist in dusty environments. Please feel free to e-mail the editor of the Journal for advice as to whether a particular topic is acceptable.

Assistance is available for those new to writing scholarly, refereed publications. Presentations and videos describing how to structure papers, conduct literature reviews, format figures, and so on are available at the AAVSO's web site. Upon request, we can also assign a professional liaison to look over your drafts and make suggestions. If this is desired, please make such a request as early in your paper's development as possible.

Authors—Anyone may submit articles to JAAVSO. Membership in the AAVSO or participation in the Citizen Sky project is not required. Publication is free for this special issue, thanks to support from the National Science Foundation. Please note in your cover letter that this submission is for the special issue on ϵ Aurigae.

Submission guidelines, sample articles, a suggested article outline, and videos about authoring scientific publications are all available via the AAVSO web site at http://www.aavso.org/jaavso-call-papers.

Deadlines—The issue is scheduled for publication on December 15, 2012. We highly encourage authors to submit by March 1, 2012, to insure sufficient time for the referee and revision process. Upon request, papers that contain timely content may be published in electronic form prior to December 15.

Contact aavso@aavso.org with any questions.