**Keller Library Thesis Guidelines**

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**Type.** For the body of the text, including quotations, headings, and title pages, type must be 12-point Times New Roman (or other similar font). Footnotes must be in 10-point font. Appropriate fonts for non-Latin characters (including Greek, Hebrew, Coptic, Syriac, Russian, etc.) are acceptable. Contrasting fonts for special purposes may be used only with permission.

**Format.** The left margin must be 1 ½ inches; all other margins must be at least 1 inch. Text must be double spaced; footnotes should be single spaced. The body text should be justified. Chapter titles should be centered. Block quotations should be used for quotations 5 lines or longer, and should be indented 1 inch as a new paragraph from the left and single spaced.

**Pagination.** Page numbers should be centered below the body text and footnotes and conform to body text guidelines in font and size. The body text and footnotes of the thesis, together with appendices, bibliographies, indices, etc., must be numbered with a single sequence of Arabic numerals. Sections preceding the main text must be paginated in lower-case Roman numerals.

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5. Preface  
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