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MOSAIC, AN INTERDISCIPLINARY CRITICAL JOURNAL  
**Special Issue Call for Papers:**

*Numbers*

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*Mosaic*, an interdisciplinary critical journal is pleased to announce a call for papers for a special issue on **Numbers**. Please submit your essay to the Editor using *Mosaic*'s online submission portal (<http://umanitoba.ca/mosaic/submit>) by March 9, 2018. The issue is currently scheduled to appear in September 2019.

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