**ATTACHMENT A**

The Use of Copy Editors in Theses and Dissertations\*

The Graduate School at the University of Arkansas does not forbid the use of copy editors (see definition below) for theses and dissertations under the following conditions:

1. Any use of copy editors for theses and dissertations must be approved by the thesis/dissertation committee and the department/program chair/head/director.
2. The student understands that there is a difference between legitimate editing and violations of academic integrity policies and is responsible for ensuring that the line is not crossed.

\*Note: The Graduate School considers it to be a violation of our academic integrity policy to use copy editors in any Graduate School required exam (e.g. comprehensive exam, candidacy exam).

Definition of copy editors: copy editors review written material for accuracy, readability, coherence and relevance as well as for errors of spelling and grammar. This policy refers to the provision of such services regardless of by whom they are provided and regardless of whether the copy editor is paid or unpaid. (Members of the thesis/dissertation committee are exempt from this definition.)