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Citing Newer and Uncommon Electronic Media in APA Format

This handout summarizes guidelines for citing electronic media other than web sites and electronic periodical articles including journals, magazines and newspapers. The specific types of media this handout addresses are:

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Bibliographies

Use this format for a bibliography from a web site. The content is static, so no retrieval date is included.

Smith, J. (2007). *Annotated bibliography of psychology and racism*. Retrieved from American Psychological Association Office of Ethnic Minority Affairs Web site: <http://www.apa.org/pi/oecma/racebib/racebib.html>

Use this format for a bibliography from courseware like Educator. Insert a description of the source type in square brackets after the title.

Johnson, S (2005). *Fiction into Film, Spring 2005: Readings* [Bibliography]. Retrieved from Alverno College Educator Web site: <http://courses.alverno.edu/educator/index.html>

Electronic Books

Use this format for an electronic book:

O'Keefe, W. (n.d.). *Egoism & the crisis in Western values*. Available from <http://www.onlineoriginals.com/showitem.asp?itemID=135>

Gray Literature

Gray literature is information that falls outside the peer review process but is written by scholars or summarizes a body of scholarly work.

For a technical or research report, use the following format and include the report number, if given, in parenthesis after the title:

Jackson, M. (2006). *The health literacy of America's adults: Results from the 2003 National Assessment of Adult Literacy* (Report No. NCES 2006-483). Retrieved from National Center for Education Statistics: <http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2006/2006483.pdf>

For a policy brief from a state or national government department, use the following format:

Vierra, V. W. (1991). *Motor vehicle pursuit* (General Order No. 602). Retrieved from <http://www.hawaiipolice.com/genOrders/go602.html>

Online Communities like Blogs and Lists

Follow the example below to cite a blog post:

Bfy. (2007, January 22). Re: The unfortunate prerequisites and consequences of partitioning your mind. Message posted to <http://scienceblogs.com/pharyngula/>

To cite a message posted to an electronic mailing list follow the example below:

Smith, S. (2006, January 5). Re: Disputed estimates of IQ [Msg 6701]. Message posted to ForensicNetwork electronic mailing list, archived at <http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/ForensicNetwork/message/670>

Online Encyclopedias

See the example below for a citation with an author:

Graham, G. (2003). Behaviorism. In E. M. Zalta (Ed.), *The Stanford encyclopedia of philosophy*. Retrieved January 28, 2007 from <http://plato.stanford.edu>

Sometimes entries appear without an author; if you cannot determine the author of an entry place the title of the entry in the author position.

Podcasts and Videos

The general rule for citing podcasts and videos is to include as much information as possible in the citation. See the example podcast citation below:

Van Nuys, D. (Producer). (2006, October 13). Understanding autism [Show 54]. *Shrink Rap Radio*. Podcast retrieved from [http://www. Shinkrapradio.com/](http://www.Shinkrapradio.com/)

A sample video citation would include the following:

Norton, R. (2006, November 4). How to train a cat to operate a light switch [Video file]. Video posted to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vja83KLQXZs>

Raw Data and Graphical Representations of Data (interactive maps)

The words “available from” in the citation example below for raw data indicate to users that the URL leads them to the download site for the data rather than the actual data.

Pew Hispanic Center. (2004). *Changing channels and crisscrossing cultures: A survey of Latinos on the news media* [Data file and code book]. Available from Pew Hispanic Center Web site: <http://pewhispanic.org/datasets/>

For interactive maps, use the following citation format:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2005). [Interactive map showing percentage of respondents reporting “no” to, During the past month did you participate in any physical activities?]. *Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System*. Retrieved from <http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/gisbrfss/default.aspx>

Wikis

Wikis are collaborative web pages that others can write, review and edit. Use the following example when citing wikis:

Psychometric assessment. (n.d.). Retrieved January 28, 2007, from The Psychology Wiki: http://psychology.wikia.com/wiki/Psychometric_assessment