## AMA STYLE GUIDE REFERENCES COMMONLY REFERENCED MATERIALS

Based on the American Medical Association Manual of Style: A Guide for Authors and Editors. 10th ed.

AMA format is typically used in biomedical science, medicine, nursing, and nutrition courses.

#### **General Reference Rules:**

- Formatting Use Arabic superscript numerals outside periods and commas, and inside colons and semicolons
- **Reference Order** Citations are numbered in the order they appear in the text and full references appear at the end of the paper.
- **Author names** Invert all authors' names; last name and first initial without a period. Include author names for up to and including six authors. For works with seven or more authors, use "et al." after the sixth author.
- No author use title as first element of the reference
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  - o In titles capitalize only the first word and first word in the subtitle.
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  - PERIODICAL TITLES (professional journals, magazines, newspapers) capitalize all important words
- **Title formats** italicize book and periodical titles
- No publication date use (n.d.) in place of the date
- **Punctuation** strictly follow punctuation between reference elements

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Leonard N, Harvey M. Negative perfectionism: examining negative excessive behavior in the AUTHORS

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workplace. J App Soc Psych. 2012;28(3):585-610. doi:10.111/j.1559-1816.2007.00318x. JOURNAL TITLE DATE VOLUME ISSUE PAGE NUMBERS DOI

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Borman W, Hanson M, White A. Role of early supervisory experience. *J App Psych*. 2006;78:

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#### ONLINE NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

#### Online newspaper article from a newspaper Web site or a library article database

Hilts P. In forecasting their emotions, most people flunk out. *The New York Times*. February 16, 1999

AUTHOR ARTICLE TITLE NEWSPAPER NAME DATE

http://www.nytimes.com/1999/02/16/science/in-forecasting-their-emotions-most-people-URL OF NEWSPAPER WEB SITE

flunk-out.html. Accessed January 28, 2014.

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#### WEB SITES

## Non-periodical Web site article with organization or corporate author

World fisheries prepare for climate change. Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations ORGANIZATION/AUTHOR

Web Site. http://www.fao.org/news/story/en/item/10270/icode/. Published March 2, 2009.

URL FOR FIRST PAGE OF ARTICLE

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#### Technical or research report available on a Web Site (usually in PDF format) (CHECK)

Foss R, Goodwin A, McCartt A, Hellinga A. Short-term effects of a teenage driver cell phone restriction.

REPORT TITLE

Insurance Institute for Highway Safety Web Site. 2008. http://www.iihs.org/research/topics/pdf/ ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBLE FOR WEBSITE DATE PUBLISHED URL FOR EXACT LOCATION OF DOCUMENT

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#### **Video Posting**

Norton R. How to train a cat to operate a light switch. [Video file]. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=

Vja83KLQXZs. November 4, 2006.

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### PRINT MAGAZINE, JOURNAL, AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

#### Magazine article

Kandel R. Neuroscience: Breaking down scientific barriers. *Science*. November 10, 2000. 290: AUTHOR ARTICLE TITLE JOURNAL TITLE DATE VOLUME

1113-1120. PAGE NUMBERS

#### Journal article

Klimoski R, Palmer S. The ADA and the hiring process. *Consulting Psychology Journal*. 2006;45(2): AUTHORS ARTICLE TITLE JOURNAL TITLE DATE VOLUME ISSUE

10-36.
PAGE NUMBERS

#### Print newspaper article

Tampone K. Obamacare, rules worry upstate CEOs. *The Post-Standard*. January 28, 2014. B1

AUTHOR ARTICLE TITLE NEWSPAPER NAME DATE SECTION PAGE

#### Print newspaper article w/ no author

New drug appears to sharply cut risk of death. *The Washington Post*. July 15 2003: A12.

ARTICLE TITLE

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DATE

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## BOOKS

#### One author

Beck C. Family mediation: Facts, myths, and future prospects. Washington, DC: American AUTHOR BOOK TITLE PLACE OF PUBLICATION

Psychological Association; 2001.
PUBLISHER DATE

#### Two or more authors

Mitchell R, Larson R. People in organizations: An introduction to organizational behavior.3rd.

BOOK TITLE

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New York, NY: McGraw-Hill; 1987. PLACE OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHER DATE

#### **Edited book**

Gibbs J ed, Huang L ed. Children of color: Psychological interventions with minority youth. Rev. ed.

BOOK TITLE

EDITION

San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass; 1991. PLACE OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHER DATE

#### Chapter in an edited book

Bjork R. Retrieval inhibition. In: Roediger H, ed. Varieties of memory & consciousness. Hillsdale, NJ:
CHAPTER AUTHOR CHAPTER TITLE BOOK EDITOR BOOK TITLE PLACE OF PUBLICATION

Erlbaum;1989:309-330.

PUBLISHER DATE PAGE NUMBERS

## **ELECTRONIC BOOKS**

#### **Entire electronic book**

Ali S. The position of women in Islam: A progressive view. Albany, NY: State University of New York AUTHOR E-BOOK TITLE PLACE OF PUBLICATION PUBLISHER

Press; 2004. State University of New York Digital Repository database. Accessed January 28,

DATE

2014.

## **Electronic book chapter**

Cassell J. Nudge, nudge, wink, wink: Elements of fact-to-face conversation for embodied conversational Chapter author

Chapter number and title

agents. In: J. Cassell J, Sullivan S, Prevost, Churchill E, eds. Embodied conversational agents.

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Cambridge, Mass: MIT Press; 2000:1-27. http://www.netlibrary.com/Details.aspx. Accessed Place of Publication Publisher Date Page numbers Datebase accessed January 28, 2014.

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