

Week 2 Assignment: Including references using biblatex

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Introduction

This is a short assignment allowing you to practice using the citation commands to create a references page from the sources you are using for a research paper. Below are some important components of a bibliography. The following are the packages you would use if you wanted to format your citations into MLA format. You will need to use the following packages in your preamble:

- `\usepackage[style=mla, backend=biber]{biblatex}`
- `\usepackage{csquotes}`
- `\addbibresource{myreferences.bib}` **You will add your .bib file to this command, telling Overleaf where your references are. Here is it called “myreferences.bib”.**

If you want to use the APA style format, you would use the following packages instead:

- `\usepackage[style=apa, backend=biber]{biblatex}`
- `\DeclareLanguageMapping{american}{american-apa}`
- `\usepackage{csquotes}`
- `\addbibresource{references.bib}` **Note that the name of the .bib file in this assignment is “myreferences.bib”. This is the file you will replace from your Zotero.**

Commands you will be using for this exercise

Next, you will be using the following commands throughout the assignment:

- `\parencite{}` **This command forces parentheses in your citation.**
- `\cite{}` **Standard citation depending on which format you use.**
- `\textcite{}` **This cites a references in the text of your sentence.**
- `\printbibliography` **This adds your references in alphabetical order wherever you place the command.**

MLA Examples

Below is an example of the different formats using the “MLA style”:

- `\parencite{villa2020,zapata2019}→(Villa; Zapata)`
- `\cite{villa2020}→(Villa)` *Note: same as above, since MLA defaults to parenthetical*
- `\cite{villa2020,zapata2019} →(Villa; Zapata)`

- `\textcite{villa2020,zapata2019}`→Doe and Smith argue that...
- `\parencite[23]{villa2020}`
- `\parencite[45]{zapata2019}` →If you want to cite pages, MLA will format them as: **(Villa 23; Zapata 45)**

APA Examples

Below is an example of the different formats using the “APA style”

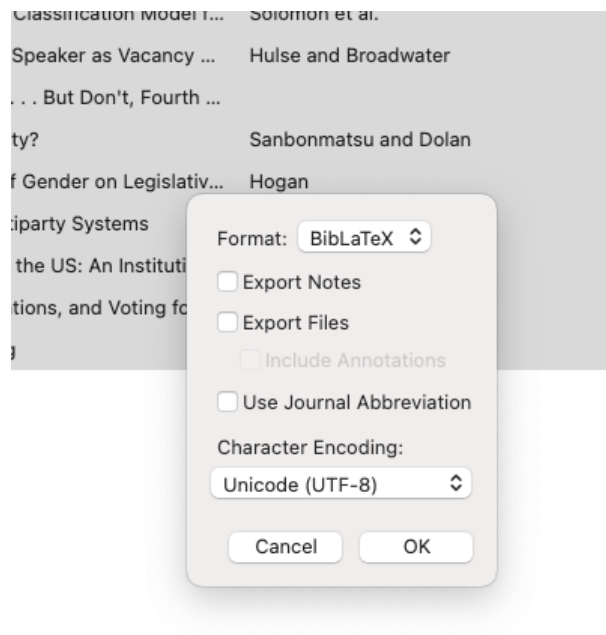
- `\parencite{villa2020,zapata2019}`→**(Villa, 2019; Zapata, 2020)**
- `\cite{villa2020}`→**Villa (2020)**
- `\textcite{villa2020,zapata2019}`→**Villa (2020) and Zapata (2019) argue that...**
- `\parencite[23]{villa2020}`
- `\parencite[45]{zapata2019}` →If you want to cite pages, APA will format them as: **(Villa, 2020, p. 23; Zapata, 2019, p. 45)**

Exercise

1. Open your Zotero and make sure the references you added have the citation information for each article filled out accurately.



2. Highlight your sources and right-click to export the references you collected into a "Biblatex" file. Name your file whatever you want, "references" or "citations" are fine. That file will be saved as a .bib file.



3. Upload your .bib file into your Overleaf library.
4. Add the name of your file to the `\addbibresource{}` command above. For example if you named your file "references" the command would look like `\addbibresource{references.bib}`. Now you can use the citation commands!
5. Write a short summary of ten of your references. It is ok to cut and paste from the abstract. I will give you an example below.

Working Bibliography Exercise

EXAMPLE

I included a picture of the reference in Figure 1 below that I am using in the example. You do not need to include a picture. I just want you to see it as an illustration.

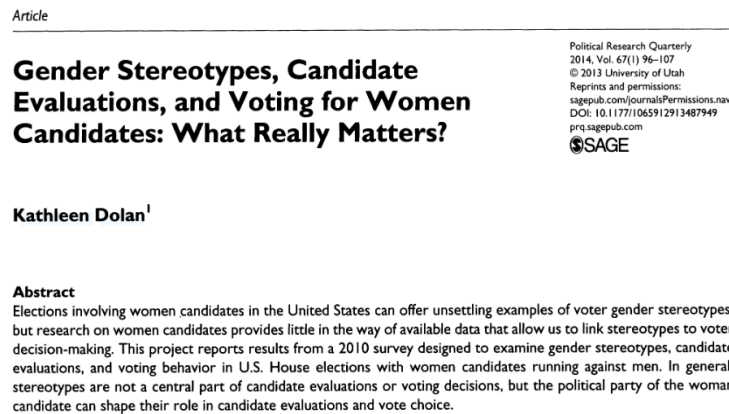


Figure 1: Dolan Article

1. In "Gender Stereotypes, Candidate Evaluations, and Voting for Women Candidates: What Really Matter?", Dolan (2014) argues that research on women candidates provides little in the way of available data that allow us to link stereotypes to decision-making.
2. Research shows that stereotypes are not a central part of candidate evaluations or voting decisions, but the political party of the woman candidate can shape their role in candidate evaluations and vote choice (Dolan, 2014).

Now your turn. Write two short summaries for 10 of your references using the `\textcite` command and the `\parencite` command. Use the command I included below to add your references just like I did above. I have already included the `\printbibliograph` command with an addition option to name your bibliography "Works Cited". It should compile automatically once you start adding your in-text and parenthetical citations.

My Working Bibliography

Reference # 1

1. Add your **first** reference here using `\textcite` command.
2. Add your **first** reference here using `\parencite` command.

Reference # 2

1. Add your **second** reference here using `\textcite` command.
2. Add your **second** reference here using `\parencite` command.

Reference # 3

1. and so on ...
2. and so on ...

Reference # 4

1. and so on ...
2. and so on ...

Reference # 5

1. and so on ...
2. and so on ...

Reference # 6

1. and so on ...
2. and so on ...

Reference # 7

1. and so on ...
2. and so on ...

Reference # 8

1. and so on ...
2. and so on ...

Reference # 9

1. and so on ...
2. and so on ...

Reference # 10

1. and so on ...
2. and so on ...

Works Cited

Dolan, K. (2014). Gender Stereotypes, Candidate Evaluations, and Voting for Women Candidates: What Really Matters? [Publisher: [University of Utah, Sage Publications, Inc.]]. *Political Research Quarterly*, 67(1), 96–107. Retrieved September 26, 2023, from <https://www.jstor.org/stable/23612038>