



## ASA STYLE: WHAT IS IT?

“ASA Style” refers to the publication style of the American Sociological Association. This handout summarizes citation formatting in Sociology (not manuscript formatting).

REFERENCES AND CITATIONS IN TEXT: The following are examples of reference list citation and text citations (ASA 5th Ed).

- A **reference** list follows the text in a separate section headed “References.” References should be **double-spaced** and **listed in alphabetical order**.
- **Citation in text** are within the body of the essay.

If authors’ names are not explicitly mentioned in the text, the writer should include a citation of the author’s name and date of publication, followed by a **colon** and the page number (if relevant). NO space between colon and pages.

Because publishing or even presenting research has become increasingly difficult, research posters are not only “one of the most common ways of presenting research” but also one of the most important ways novice and experienced professionals in social science and science fields learn, network, and collaborate in their research communities (Silvia, Delaney, and Marcovitch 2007:117).

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According to the ASA Style Guide, 6<sup>th</sup> edition: “In text citations and reference lists, . . . page references should be elided numbers using the following rules” (39).

- Use all digits for pages numbered less than 100  
Example: 42-43, 92-98.
- For page ranges starting on pages numbered 100 or multiples of 100, use all digits:  
Example: 100-108, 1300-1325.

However:

- For page ranges starting on pages numbered 101 to 109, or 201 to 209 etc., **use the changed part only.**

<i>Correct</i>	<i>Incorrect</i>
pp. 364- <b>65</b>	pp. 364-365
pp. 209- <b>10</b>	pp. 209-210

- For page ranges starting on pages numbered 110-199, 210-299, etc., **use two digits unless more are needed to include all changed parts.**

<i>Correct</i>	<i>Incorrect</i>
pp. 421- <b>28</b>	pp. 421-428
pp. 596- <b>628</b>	pp. 596-28
pp. 1301- <b>25</b>	pp. 1301-1325
pp. 1151- <b>59</b>	pp. 1151-1159
pp. 1394- <b>414</b>	pp. 1394-1414

## **Book & Edited Book**

Last Name, First Name. (include “ed.” or “eds.” if the editor is the focus). Year of Publication. “If Applicable Provide Title of Essays in Book Chapter: Capitalize Proper Nouns.” *Italicized Title of Longer Works or Resource Such as Book Title*. Location: Publisher. [NOTE: When you have more than one author, the authors’ names following the first author is not inverted]

### **Author of a book**

Ngai, Mae M. 2004. *Impossible Subjects: Illegal Aliens and the Making of Modern America*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

(Ngai 2004)

Lee, W.O. Grossman, David L., Kerry J. Kennedy, and Gregory P. Fairbrother, eds. 2004. *Citizenship Education in Asia and the Pacific: Concepts and Issues*. New York: Springer Science+Business Media.

(Lee et al. 2004:3)

[Note: **Always write out all authors in the reference list.** For text citation, you can use “et al.” after the first author, when you have four or more authors. For three authors, write out all the author’s last names in the first text citation; then use the first author’s last name and “et al.”]

## Chapter in an edited volume.

Brown, Sandy and Christy Getz. 2011. "Farmworker Food Insecurity and the Production of Hunger in California." Pp. 121-46 in *Cultivating Food Justice: Race, Class, and Sustainability*, edited by A.H. Alkon and J. Agyeman. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.

(Brown and Getz 2011)

## Multivolume book

Last Name, First Name. (include “ed.” or “eds.” if the editor is the focus). Year of Publication. *Italicized Title of Series*. Vol. #, *Italicized Title of Volume*. Location: Publisher.

Gulla, Bob, ed. 2006. *Greenwood Encyclopedia of the History of Rock*. Vol. 6, *The Grunge and Post-Grunge Years, 1991-2005*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.

(Gulla 2006)

## Article in Print Journal or Online Journal

Last Name, First Name. Year of publication. “Title of Article.” *Italicized Title of Journal*. Volume number (issue number): page or pages. Accessed [date of access “only if no date of publication or date of revision can be determined” on the website, ASA 6<sup>th</sup> edition, p. 87].

USE “DOI”: If found on online journal, provide DOI if required by the publisher or your professor (some faculty may not require you to provide DOI so always ask). If you need to provide a link and there is no DOI, provide URL surrounded by parentheses. Period follows last parenthesis.

Notice:

- No space between volume and issue or between colon and page numbers.
- Comma after the first name for two authors in references.
- No period after retrieval date for URL addresses.
- Period follows URL or DOI. **No parenthesis with URL address (NEW with 6<sup>th</sup> edition!)**
- When DOI is included, it should be cut and pasted from the article.

Bergesen, Albert, and Max Herman. 1998. “Immigration, Race, and Riot: The 1992 Los Angeles Uprising.” *American Sociological Review* 63(1):39-54. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/2657476>.

(Bergesen and Herman 1998)

Kalleberg, Arne L., Barbara F. Reskin, and Ken Hudson. 2000. "Bad Jobs in America: Standard and Nonstandard Employment Relations and Job Quality in the United States." *American Sociological Review* 65(2):256-78. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/2657440>.

(Kalleberg, Reskin, and Hudson 2000:158)

DiLullo, Camille, Patricia McGee, and Richgard M Kriebel. 2011. "Demystifying the Millennial Student: A Reassessment in Measures of Character and Engagement in Professional Education." *Anatomical Sciences Education* 4(4):214-26. doi: 10.1002/ase.240.

(DiLullo, McGee, and Kriebel 2011)

## **Article in Newspaper**

Vargas, Jose Antonio. 2011. "My Life as an Undocumented Immigrant." *The New York Times Magazine*, June 22. [http://www.nytimes.com/2011/06/26/magazine/my-life-as-an-undocumented-immigrant.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2011/06/26/magazine/my-life-as-an-undocumented-immigrant.html?_r=0).

(Vargas 2011)

## **Citing Other Resources**

According to ASA: "Traditionally, references include authorship, date of publication, title of publication, publisher location, as well as volume number and page numbers, if applicable. However, with webpages, this information is not always known, not easily identifiable, or not applicable."

With online resources in which **locations** are known (such as material from the American Sociological Association), the location is included. With the example of IBM (a corporation with multiple locations), the location is unknown and thus left out.

## **Document/Report from Website**

Last Name, First Name (or name of organization if author is unknown). Year of Publication. "Title of Report or Article: Capitalize Proper Nouns." Sponsoring organization, if different from author. Publication month, day (if available). Location: Publisher (if any). Access date if no date of publication. URL.

WERA (World Education Research Association). n.d. "About WERA." Accessed June 30, 2018. <https://wera.site-ym.com/?AboutWERA>.

(WERA, n.d.)

American Sociological Association. 2006. "Status Committees." Washington, DC: American Sociological Association. <http://www.asanet.org/cs/root/leftnav/committees/committees>.

(ASA 2006)

IBM. 2007. "Education: Solutions and Open Technologies for K-12 Schools, Higher Education and Lifelong Learning." <http://www-3.ibm.com/industries/education/index.jsp?re=ibmhpdd>.

(IBM 2007)

## **Public documents**

U.S. Congress. 1882. "An Act to Execute Certain Treaty Stipulations Relating to the Chinese, May 6, 1882." *Our Documents: 100 Milestone Documents*. Washington, DC: National Archives and Records Administration. <https://www.ourdocuments.gov/doc.php?doc=47>.

(Congress 1882)

## **Video**

Note: The ASA does not have a specific format for citing film or video recordings because video, audio and broadcast sources are generally cited only in the text or notes, not in the reference list.

McPhee, Larkin. 2004. *Dying to Be Thin*. [DVD] Boston: WGBH Video.

(Larkin 2004)

## **Phone interview, blog, entries, email or text messages.**

Note: The ASA does not have a specific format for citing interviews, e-mail messages, conversations and other personal communications because these sources are generally cited only in the text or notes, not in the reference list. See p. 88 in the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the ASA Guide.