

Professionalism

Design Political Research: Week 16

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How to do literature research

Where to find the established research?

- · Legit sources:
 - Not Wikipedia
 - Not CNN or FOX
 - Not Twitter
 - Books (research monograph)
 - Academic Journal Articles

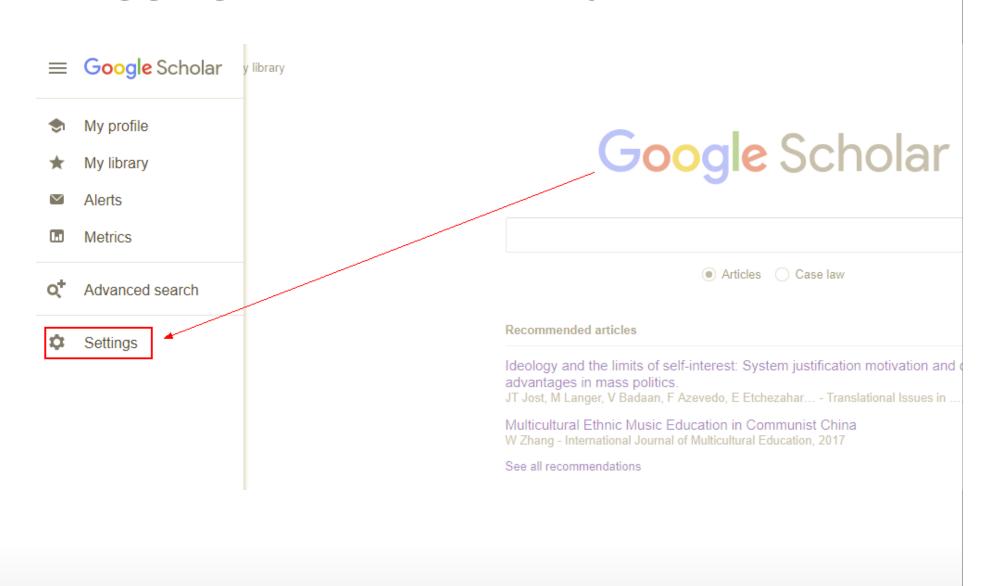
· Where to find it?

OXFORD HANDBOOKS ONLINE
Scholarly Research Reviews

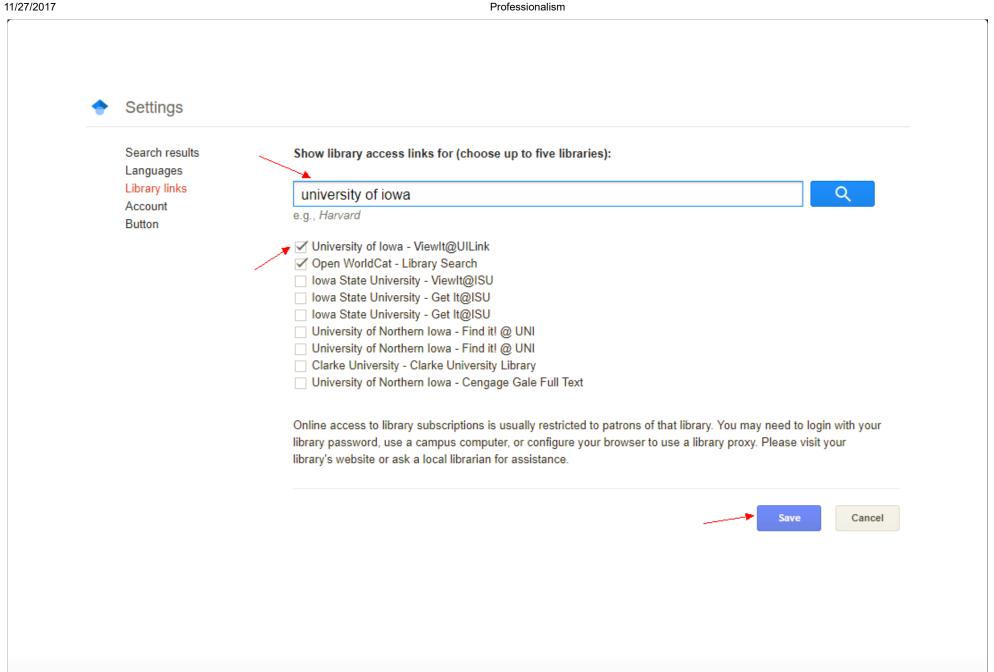
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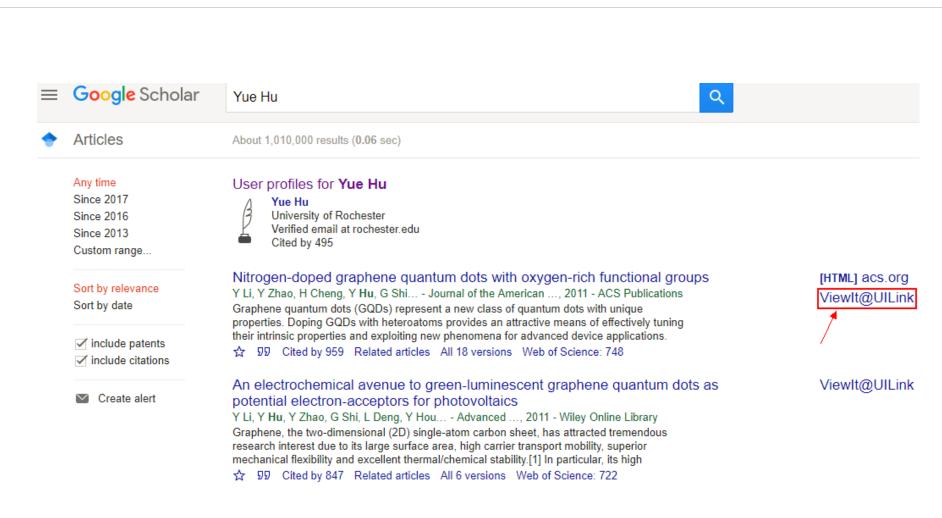


Using google scholar with library access



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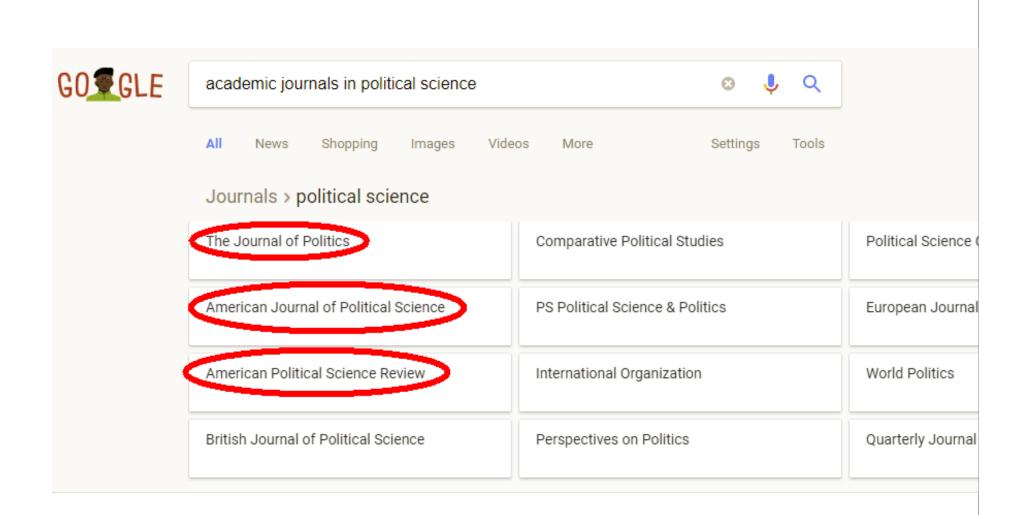
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How to write a paper?

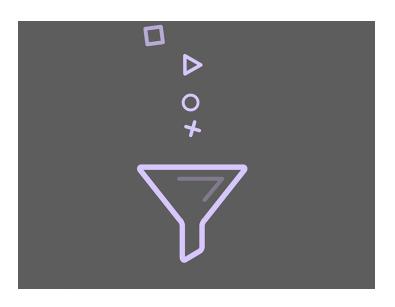
General tips

- Using section titles.
- · Don't be too long (20–25 pages).
- · Don't over-quoting.
- · Again, playing as a lawyer rather than a detective or story teller!

Introduction (1–2 pages)

- Most important part
 - Research question
 - Importance
 - Theory in brief
 - Method in brief
 - Findings in brief
 - So what?

Literature Review (2–3 pages)



- · Short! Short! Short!
- Organized & generalized
- Contribution rather than findings
- More than three citations

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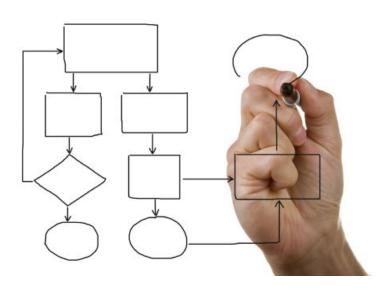
- · Easier than you think, even unintentionally!
- In text:
 - Hu(2012, 15–36) finds that the literature in this area is well developed (King 2007).
- · Bibliography: (Details in this link)
 - Books: Ahlquist, John S. and Margaret Levi. 2013. In the Interest of Others: Leaders, Governance, and Political Activism in Membership Organizations. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
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 - Chapter in Edited Collection: Brady, Henry E. and Cynthia S. Kaplan. 2011. "Conceptualizing and Measuring Ethnic Identity." In Measuring Identity: A Guide for Social Scientists, eds. Rawi Abdelal, Yoshiko M. Herrera, Alastair Iain Johnston, and Rose McDermott. New York: Cambridge University Press, 33-71.
 - Web Sites: American Political Science Association. 2013. "About the APSA Africa Workshops."
 Washington, DC: American Political Science Association. Retrieved October 10, 2013
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Theory (3–5 pages)



- Definition
 - Dependent variable(s)
 - Independent variable(s)
- · Clear relationship
- Hypotheses!!

Research Design (5–8 pages)



- · Plan of collecting data
 - Validation of the data selection
- Plan of using data
 - Justification of method choice
- Feasibility of research design
- · So far, research proposal

Finishing

Results (4–6 pages)

- Empirics
- Findings

Conclusion (1–2 pages)

- Most important findings
- Implications of the findings

How to do academic presentation?

Preparation

- Oral
 - 10 slides for 15 mins
 - Two-page long manuscript
 - Mental set
- Poster
 - 7–8 sections
 - An elevator speech (3–5 mins)

Slides

The Problems Matching Solves

Without Matching:

Model Dependence --- Researcher discretion --- Bias

A central project of statistics: Automating away human discretion

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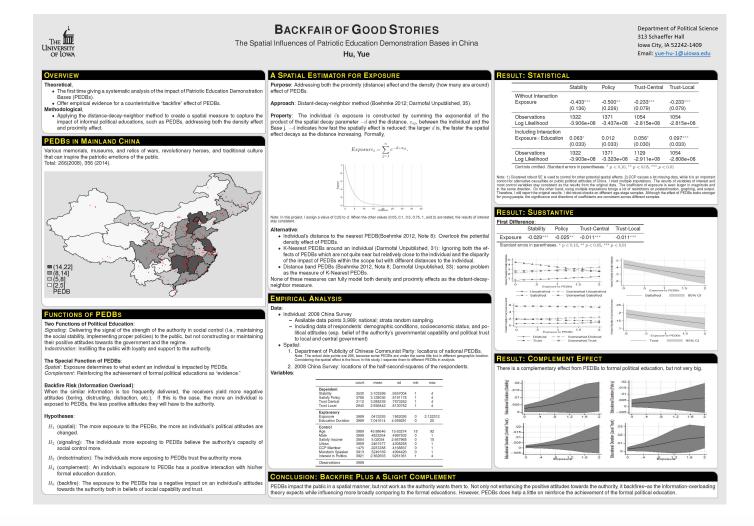
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- · 5-5-5 Rule (?)
 - no more than five words per line of text, five lines of text per slide, and five text-heavy slides in a row
- · Tips
 - Clean background
 - Colorful contents
 - Explicit discussion

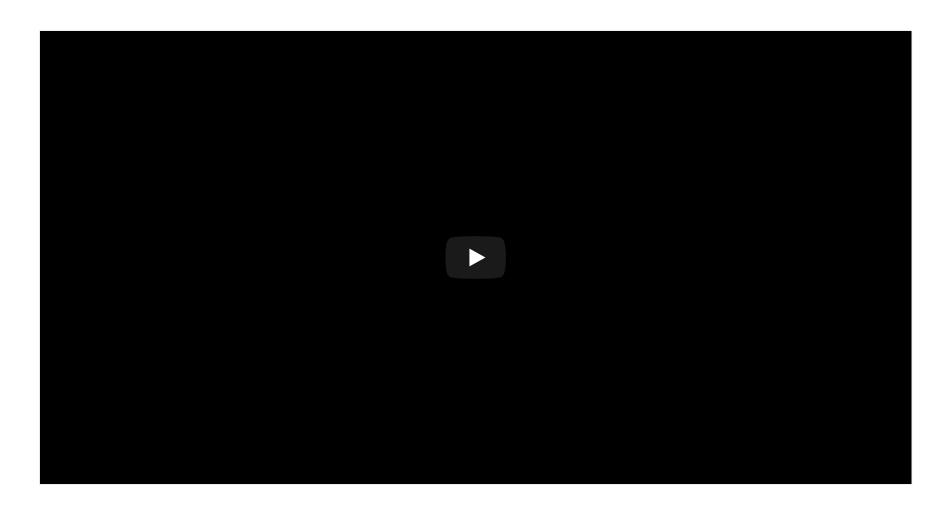
Poster



Presenting

- Professionally dressed
- · Being a teacher
- · Rehearsal
- Prepare for Q&A

Example





You're done!