Using the biblatex-asa Package: A Demonstration

Example Author

July 4, 2025

1 Introduction

This document demonstrates the usage of the `biblatex-asa` package, which provides American Sociological Association (ASA) citation and bibliography formatting for LaTeX documents.

2 Citation Examples

2.1 Parenthetical Citations

Basic parenthetical citations using `\parencite`:

- Single author: (Brown 2022)
- Two authors: (Kao and Thompson 2003)
- Multiple citations: (Brown 2022; Kao and Thompson 2003; Smith 2020)

2.2 Text Citations

In-text citations using `\textcite`:

- Brown (2022) argues that methodology is crucial.
- Kao and Thompson (2003) provide empirical evidence.
- According to Smith (2020), recent developments suggest new directions.

2.3 Different Entry Types

The package handles various types of sources:

- Journal articles: (Brown 2022)
- Books: (Johnson 2019)

- Book chapters: (Wilson 2021)

- Organizational reports: (World Health Organization 2022)

- Miscellaneous sources: (American Sociological Association 1997)

3 Package Options

The `biblatex-asa` package supports several options:

- `giveninits`: Use initials for given names

- `nogiveninits`: Use full given names (default)

- `backend=biber`: Use biber backend (recommended)

- `backend=bibtex`: Use bibtex backend

Example usage with options:

```
\usepackage[giveninits,backend=biber]{biblatex-asa}
```

4 Compilation

To compile this document:

1. `pdflatex example-with-package.tex`

2. `biber example-with-package`

3. `pdflatex example-with-package.tex`

4. `pdflatex example-with-package.tex`

5 Conclusion

The `biblatex-asa` package provides a convenient way to format citations and bibliographies according to ASA standards. It combines the power of biblatex with ASA-specific formatting requirements.

REFERENCES

American Sociological Association. 1997. "Call for Help: Social Science Knowledge on Race, Racism, and Race Relations". (ASA Action Alert, October 15). Washington, DC: American Sociological Association. (URL: http://www.asanet.org/racecall.htm).

Brown, Charlie. 2022. Peanuts and Sociology. Minneapolis: Cartoon Press.

Johnson, Michael. 2019. Modern Sociological Theory. Boston: Academic Publishers.

Kao, Grace, and Jennifer Thompson. 2003. "Racial and Ethnic Stratification in Educational Achievement and Attainment". *Annual Review of Sociology* 29: pp. 417–442. URL: http://arjournals.annualreviews.org/doi/abs/10.1146/annurev.soc.29.010202.100019.

Smith, John. 2020. "Sociology and Society". *Journal of Sociology* 10(1): pp. 1–10.

Wilson, Sarah. 2021. "Contemporary Issues in Social Research". Pp. 120–145 in "Handbook of Sociological Methods", edited by David Thompson. Chicago: Research Press.

World Health Organization. 2022. Global Health Report. Geneva: WHO Press.