

Using the biblatex-asa Package: A Demonstration

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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 2020b)

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 (2020b), 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.

In-text Citation Examples

As Bernard (1957) argues, experimental medicine is foundational.

Urbanization trends are discussed by Lee (2021) and Lee (2021).

Deschenes et al. (2000) provide a computer file resource for supervised release studies.

According to World Health Organization (2022), global health is a major concern.

Mystery remains about the unknown year (Doe n.d.).

The gender significance of class is explored in Szelényi and Olvera (Forthcoming).

Goodman analyzed latent structure in 1947 (Goodman 1947b; Goodman 1947a).

See (Sampson 1992, pp. 63–93) for a discussion of family management.

Several works address this topic (Brown 2022; Kao and Thompson 2003; Smith 2020b).

See dataset Charles (1990) for more details.

See U.S. Bureau of the Census (1960) for census data.

See American Sociological Association (1997) for the ASA action alert.

For example, some classic studies (e.g., Abbott 1981; Phillips and Zuckerman 2001) have discussed this topic.

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