



**PHC 5933**

*Interpreting and Synthesizing Public Health Research*

# Using APA for References and Citations

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# INTRODUCTION

- o Now that we've talked about research articles and summarizing research results, it's time to learn how to reference and cite these articles, and to access tutorials when needed.
- o I will also show you a process for checking the format of your references, and we will use this process to make a reference list.
- o We will focus on journal articles and online government reports, two of the most common sources in public health.

# FINDING APA TUTORIALS

There are three great sources of information about APA references and citations:

- o Purdue Online Writing Lab (OWL)....slide 5
- o Atomic Learning workshops....slide 9
- o College of Public Health tutorial....slide 10

# Purdue Online Writing Lab (OWL)

Look at this online source for APA references:

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/664/1/>

- o Scroll down and look at the section on “Why use APA?”
- o What are the 3 reasons we use APA?

# Purdue Online Writing Lab (OWL)

What are the 3 reasons we use APA?

- o Provide way for the reader to find your sources of information
- o Remove distraction of unfamiliar formatting
- o Demonstrate your credibility and knowledge

# Purdue Online Writing Lab (OWL)

Scroll down and find the sections on citations and references.

- o How many links are there for citations?
- o How many links are there for references?
- o What is the difference between citations and references?

# Purdue Online Writing Lab (OWL)

Find the sections on citations and references.

- o How many links are there for citations? 2
- o How many links are there for references? 7
- o What is the difference between citations and references?

*Citations* occur in the text, and name only the author(s) and date.

*References* are listed at the end, and include all information needed to find the original source.

# Atomic Learning workshops

Atomic Learning is a company that provides online software and writing tutorials. USF has purchased this service for USF students.

- o Log in to my.usf.edu and click through Blackboard > Academics [tab] > Tutoring and Writing Center [box] > Atomic Learning [link]
- o This opens the Atomic Learning site. Click on Workshops [tab], and select “APA (6<sup>th</sup> Ed.) Research Paper Basics” to find the available tutorials.

# College of Public Health tutorial

The College provides a tutorial on APA formatting that is geared toward Public Health. Here is the link:

<http://eta.health.usf.edu/publichealth/APApresentation/player.html>

# CHECKING YOUR REFERENCES

In this section, we will cover these topics:

- o Steps for checking your references....slide 12
- o The order of reference parts....slide 15
- o Summary: Journal articles and online reports....slide 21

## Steps for checking your references

- o When you're taking interactive notes, you can copy and paste the reference information without worrying about the formatting
- o However, a common mistake that students make is to copy this information directly into their reference list with only minor changes
- o Reference information comes to you in many different formats, so you need to transform all of your references into APA style

## Steps for checking your references

- o Editing each reference one at a time while looking at an APA style guide is extremely tedious and prone to errors
- o The key to creating an accurate reference list is being systematic in your editing of the whole list together, by editing one kind of thing at a time (e.g., just the author names in each of your references)

## Steps for checking your references

Here are four steps that make this process more systematic:

- o Copy and paste the *reference parts* onto a list
- o Format the list with ½ inch indentation
- o Format just one *reference part* at a time, all the way down the list
- o Alphabetize the list

# The order of reference parts

Here are the key website links from OWL:

- o Articles in periodicals (in public health we cite journal articles the most)

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/07/>

- o Electronic sources (in public health, most of our journal articles are available online, and we also frequently cite government reports that are online)

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/10/>

- o Authors (in public health, many articles have multiple authors, or authors may be government agencies)

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/06/>

# The order of reference parts

In public health, we cite journal articles most often.

## Articles in periodicals

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/07/>

Article in journal paginated by issue:

- o Scruton, R. (1996). The eclipse of listening. *The New Criterion*, 15(30), 5-13.

Order of reference parts:

- o Author last name/initials + year + article title + journal name + volume + issue + pages

# The order of reference parts

Many recent journal articles have a DOI (digital object identifier) to make it easy to find them online.

Electronic sources <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/10/>

Article from an online periodical with DOI assigned:

- o Hosseinpoor, A. R., Bergen, N., Mendis, S., Harper, S., Verdes, E., Kunst, A., Chatterji, S. (2012). Socioeconomic inequality in the prevalence of noncommunicable diseases in low- and middle-income countries: Results from the World Health Survey. *BMC Public Health*, 12(474). doi:10.1186/1471-2458-12-474

Order of reference parts:

- o Authors last names/initials + year + article title + journal name + volume + issue + DOI

# The order of reference parts

Journal articles in Public Health often have many authors.

Authors

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/06/>

More than seven authors (first six, then last one):

- o Miller, F. H., Choi, M. J., Angeli, L. L., Harland, A. A., Stamos, J. A., Thomas, S. T., . . . Rubin, L. H. (2009). Web site usability for the blind and low-vision user. *Technical Communication*, 57, 323-335.

Order of reference parts:

- o First six authors' last names/initials + last author name/initials + year + article title + journal name + volume + pages

# The order of reference parts

We often cite government reports or web pages that are published online.

Electronic sources <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/10/>

Nonperiodical web document, web page, or report:

- o Angeli, E., Wagner, J., Lawrick, E., Moore, K., Anderson, M., Soderland, L., & Brizee, A. (2010, May 5). General format. Retrieved from <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>

Order of reference parts:

- o Authors' last names/initials + date published [year, month day or n.d. if no date] + article title + web page link (this is not a periodical, so web page link is needed)

# The order of reference parts

The authors of web reports are often government agencies.

## Authors

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/06/>

Organization as author:

- o United Nations. (2012). The Millenium Development Goals Report 2012. Retrieved from [www.un.org/millenniumgoals/pdf/MDG%20Report%202012.pdf](http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/pdf/MDG%20Report%202012.pdf)

Order of reference parts:

- o Organization name + date published + article title + web page link

# Summary:

## Journal articles and online reports

JOURNAL ARTICLE	ONLINE WEB PAGE/REPORT
Authors (up to six, then last)	Authors or Organization
Year (published)	Year, Month Day (published)
Article Title	Article/Page/Report Title
Journal Name	Web Page Link
Volume	
Issue (if available)	
Pages (if printed journal)	
DOI (if available)	

# CREATING A REFERENCE LIST

We are going to go through each of the steps to create and check your reference list:

- o Copy and paste the reference parts onto a list....slide 23
- o Format the list with 1/2 inch indentation....slide 28
- o Format just one reference part at a time, all the way down the list....slide 29
- o Alphabetize the list....slide 39

# 1. Copy and paste the reference parts onto a list

Here are links to articles and reports from the course. Find each one and copy its parts onto your list. [If you make interactive notes, you can use what you copy there]

- o [http://cid.oxfordjournals.org/content/50/Supplement\\_3/S108.full](http://cid.oxfordjournals.org/content/50/Supplement_3/S108.full)
- o <http://www.plosone.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pone.0014028>
- o <http://www.unfpa.org/hiv/women/report/chapter1.html>

# 1. Copy and paste the reference parts

- o Let's look at the first one and start the list:

[http://cid.oxfordjournals.org/content/50/Supplement\\_3/S108.full](http://cid.oxfordjournals.org/content/50/Supplement_3/S108.full)

- o Find and copy ALL of these parts if you find them:

Author(s)/Organization Name + Date + Title + Journal + Volume + Issue + Pages + DOI + Web Page (if no DOI)

Chris Beyrer Global Prevention of HIV Infection for Neglected Populations: Men Who Have Sex with Men Clin Infect Dis. (2010) 50 (Supplement 3): S108-S113. doi: 10.1086/651481

- o Go ahead and copy the parts as is, don't worry about format. I found the journal info under "This Article" on the upper right and copied that.

# 1. Copy and paste the reference parts

- o Let's look at the second one and add it to the list:

<http://www.plosone.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pone.0014028>

- o Find and copy ALL of these parts if you find them:

Author(s)/Organization Name + Date + Title + Journal + Volume + Issue + Pages + DOI + Web Page (if no DOI)

Kawango E. Agot<sup>1\*</sup>, Ann Vander Stoep<sup>2</sup>, Melissa Tracy<sup>3</sup>, Billy A. Obare<sup>1</sup>, Elizabeth A. Bukusi<sup>4</sup>, Jeckoniah O. Ndinya-Achola<sup>5</sup>, Stephen Moses<sup>6</sup>, Noel S. Weiss<sup>2</sup> (2010) Widow Inheritance and HIV Prevalence in Bondo District, Kenya: Baseline Results from a Prospective Cohort Study. PLoS ONE 5(11): e14028. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0014028

- o I found the journal info under “Citation” at the bottom of the page. However, it doesn't include all the author names (It gives only five: Agot KE, Vander Stoep A, Tracy M, Obare BA, Bukusi EA, et al.), so I also copied all of the names from the top of the article.

# 1. Copy and paste the reference parts

- o Let's look at the third one and add it to the list:

<http://www.unfpa.org/hiv/women/report/chapter1.html>

- o Find and copy ALL of these parts if you find them:

Author(s)/Organization Name + Date + Title + Journal + Volume + Issue + Pages + DOI + Web Page (if no DOI)

UNAIDS/UNFPA/UNIFEM WOMEN & HIV/AIDS: CONFRONTING THE CRISIS.  
<http://www.unfpa.org/hiv/women/report/chapter1.html>

- o There is no date when this was posted online, so you don't need it. It is an agency report, not a journal article, so there is no journal/volume/issue information. Don't forget the first part of the title: "Women and HIV/AIDS" which is at the top of the page, but not in the main body.

# 1. Copy and paste the reference parts

Here's what the list looks like right now. Collect all your references and just keep adding them to the list. It's a mess, but that's OK.

Chris Beyrer Global Prevention of HIV Infection for Neglected Populations: Men Who Have Sex with Men Clin Infect Dis. (2010) 50 (Supplement 3): S108-S113. doi: 10.1086/651481

Kawango E. Agot<sup>1\*</sup>, Ann Vander Stoep<sup>2</sup>, Melissa Tracy<sup>3</sup>, Billy A. Obare<sup>1</sup>, Elizabeth A. Bukusi<sup>4</sup>, Jeckoniah O. Ndinya-Achola<sup>5</sup>, Stephen Moses<sup>6</sup>, Noel S. Weiss<sup>2</sup> Agot KE, Vander Stoep A, Tracy M, Obare BA, Bukusi EA, et al. (2010) Widow Inheritance and HIV Prevalence in Bondo District, Kenya: Baseline Results from a Prospective Cohort Study. PLoS ONE 5(11): e14028. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0014028

UNAIDS/UNFPA/UNIFEM WOMEN & HIV/AIDS: CONFRONTING THE CRISIS.  
<http://www.unfpa.org/hiv/women/report/chapter1.html>

## 2. Format the list with ½ inch indentation (in Word, move the lower margin marker)

Beyrer C 2010 Global Prevention of HIV Infection for Neglected Populations: Men Who Have Sex with Men Clin Infect Dis. 50 (Supplement 3): S108-S113. doi: 10.1086/651481

**Kawango E.** Agot1\*, Ann Vander Stoep2, Melissa Tracy3, Billy A. Obare1, Elizabeth A. Bukusi4, Jeckoniah O. Ndinya-Achola5, Stephen Moses6, Noel S. Weiss2 Agot KE, Vander Stoep A, Tracy M, Obare BA, Bukusi EA, et al. (2010) Widow Inheritance and HIV Prevalence in Bondo District, Kenya: Baseline Results from a Prospective Cohort Study. PLoS ONE 5(11): e14028. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0014028

UNAIDS/UNFPA/UNIFEM WOMEN & HIV/AIDS: CONFRONTING THE CRISIS. <http://www.unfpa.org/hiv/women/report/chapter1.html>

### 3. Format just one reference part at a time, working your way down the list

- o Author(s) Names
- o Multiple Authors
- o Date of Publication
- o Title of Article/Web Page/Report
- o If journal:
  - o Journal and Volume
  - o Volume and Issue
  - o Pages
  - o DOI or Web Page Link
- o If web page or report:
  - o Web Page Link

# Format author(s) names

Author(s) last name + first initials: **Last, I. I.**

Organization name: **Org.**

Original Version	Correct Version
Beyrer C	Beyrer, C.
Kawango E. Agot <sup>1*</sup> , Ann Vander Stoep <sup>2</sup> , Melissa Tracy <sup>3</sup> , Billy A. Obare <sup>1</sup> , Elizabeth A. Bukusi <sup>4</sup> , Jeckoniah O. Ndinya-Achola <sup>5</sup> , Stephen Moses <sup>6</sup> , Noel S. Weiss <sup>2</sup>	Agot, K. E. Vander Stoep, A. Tracy, M. (etc.)
UNAIDS/UNFPA/UNIFEM	UNAIDS, UNFPA, & UNIFEM.

[put comma after last name; space between initials; period after each initial or at end of organization name]

# Format multiple authors

Author(s) last name + first initials: Last, I., & Last, I.

Organization name: Org, Org, & Org.

Original Version	Correct Version
Beyrer C	Beyrer, C.
Kawango E. Agot <sup>1*</sup> , Ann Vander Stoep <sup>2</sup> , Melissa Tracy <sup>3</sup> , Billy A. Obare <sup>1</sup> , Elizabeth A. Bukusi <sup>4</sup> , Jeckoniah O. Ndinya-Achola <sup>5</sup> , Stephen Moses <sup>6</sup> , Noel S. Weiss <sup>2</sup>	Agot, K. E., Vander Stoep, A., Tracy, M., Obare, B. A., Bukusi, E. A., Ndinya-Achola, J. O., ... & Weiss, N. S.
UNAIDS/UNFPA/UNIFEM	UNAIDS, UNFPA, & UNIFEM.

[put comma between names; “&” before last author; only first six authors + “...” + last author]

## (Comment on multiple authors)

Compare the two original lists of names that we had to choose from when copying from the article. In both cases, the names would have to be reformatted, because neither one is in APA style. It is not ok to put: Agot KE. It has to be Agot, K. E. The second list did not include all the names, so I used the first list.

Original Versions	Correct Version
Kawango E. Agot1*, Ann Vander Stoep2, Melissa Tracy3, Billy A. Obare1, Elizabeth A. Bukusi4, Jeckoniah O. Ndinya-Achola5, Stephen Moses6, Noel S. Weiss2	Agot, K. E., Vander Stoep, A., Tracy, M., Obare, B. A., Bukusi, E. A., Ndinya-Achola, J. O., ... & Weiss, N. S.
Agot KE, Vander Stoep A, Tracy M, Obare BA, Bukusi EA, et al.	

# Format date of publication

Date of publication for journal article: (Year).

Date of publication for online report: (Year, Month Day). Or: (n.d.).

Original Version	Correct Version
Beyrer C 2010	Beyrer, C. (2010).
Agot KE, Vander Stoep A, Tracy M, Obare BA, Bukusi EA, et al. (2010)	Agot, K. E., Vander Stoep, A., Tracy, M., Obare, B. A., Bukusi, E. A., Ndinya-Achola, J. O., ... & Weiss, N. S. (2010).
UNAIDS/UNFPA/UNIFEM (no date)	UNAIDS, UNFPA, & UNIFEM. (n.d.).

[for journal articles, put year in parentheses; for online reports, put year, month day in parentheses (2010, May 5) or (n.d.) if no date; put a period after the parentheses for both]

# Format title of article

Title of article: Put first word in caps: Put first word after a colon in caps. Other words are NOT in caps.

Original Version	Correct Version
Global Prevention of HIV Infection for Neglected Populations: Men Who Have Sex with Men	Global prevention of HIV infection for neglected populations: Men who have sex with men.
Widow Inheritance and HIV Prevalence in Bondo District, Kenya: Baseline Results from a Prospective Cohort Study.	Widow inheritance and HIV prevalence in Bondo District, Kenya: Baseline results from a prospective cohort study.
WOMEN & HIV/AIDS: CONFRONTING THE CRISIS.	Women & HIV/AIDS: Confronting the crisis.

[Use the same punctuation as original; put period after title; don't use italics for article/report titles]

# Format journal and volume

Journal and Volume: *Journal of Public Health, 50*

Original Version	Correct Version
Clin Infect Dis. 50	<i>Clinical Infectious Diseases, 50</i>
PLoS ONE 5	<i>PLoS ONE, 5</i>
(online report, not a journal article)	

[don't abbreviate name (do a search); capitalize first letter of each content word unless special formatting (like PLoS ONE); comma after journal name; italicize everything]

# Format issue

Volume and Issue: *Number*(Number)

Original Version	Correct Version
Clin Infect Dis. 50 (Supplement 3)	<i>Clinical Infectious Diseases</i> , 50(Suppl3)
PLoS ONE 5(11)	<i>PLoS ONE</i> , 5(11)
(online report, not a journal article)	

[put no space after volume; put issue in parentheses with no italics; if no issue, leave it out; abbreviate “Suppl” for special supplements]

# Format pages

Pages: (Issue), Number-Number. Or: (Issue), eNumber. (if electronic)

Original Version	Correct Version
Clin Infect Dis. 50 (Supplement 3): S108-S113.	<i>Clinical Infectious Diseases</i> , 50(Suppl3), S108-S113.
PLoS ONE 5(11): e14028.	<i>PLoS ONE</i> , 5(11), e14028.
(online report, not a journal article)	

[put comma between issue and pages; if no pages because online only, leave it out; put period at end]

# Format DOI or Web Page Link

DOI: [doi:information](#)

Web Page Link: Retrieved from [http://....](#)

Original Version	Correct Version
Clin Infect Dis. 50 (Supplement 3): S108-S113. doi: 10.1086/651481	<i>Clinical Infectious Diseases</i> , 50(Suppl3), S108-S113. doi: 10.1086/651481
PLoS ONE 5(11): e14028. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0014028	<i>PLoS ONE</i> , 5(11), e14028. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0014028
<a href="http://www.unfpa.org/hiv/women/report/chapter1.html">http://www.unfpa.org/hiv/women/report/chapter1.html</a>	Retrieved from <a href="http://www.unfpa.org/hiv/women/report/chapter1.html">http://www.unfpa.org/hiv/women/report/chapter1.html</a>

[don't capitalize "doi"; for web pages, put "Retrieved from" with no punctuation; don't put a period at the end of either one]

## 4. Alphabetize the list (you're done!)

Agot, K. E., Vander Stoep, A., Tracy, M., Obare, B. A., Bukusi, E. A., Ndinya-Achola, J. O., ... & Weiss, N. S. (2010). Widow inheritance and HIV prevalence in Bondo District, Kenya: Baseline results from a prospective cohort study. *PLoS ONE*, 5(11), e14028. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0014028

Beyrer, C. (2010). Global prevention of HIV infection for neglected populations: Men who have sex with men. *Clinical Infectious Diseases*, 50(Suppl3), S108-S113. doi: 10.1086/651481

UNAIDS, UNFPA, & UNIFEM. (n.d.). Women & HIV/AIDS:

Confronting the crisis. Retrieved from

<http://www.unfpa.org/hiv/women/report/chapter1.html>

# USING APA FOR CITATIONS

o Check out this Purdue OWL link for citations:

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/03/>

o Now look at this article again, and answer the questions on the next few slides:

[http://cid.oxfordjournals.org/content/50/Supplement\\_3/S108.full](http://cid.oxfordjournals.org/content/50/Supplement_3/S108.full)

## Questions about *citations*

Answer these questions about the citations:

- o Look for the in-text citations in this article and copy one example.
- o What is the author doing here to cite his sources?
- o Is this APA style?

## Questions about *citations*

- o Look for the in-text citations in this article and copy one example.

Among US MSM, a particular concern is the disproportionate burden of HIV infection among MSM of color, especially among African American MSM, who are at strikingly higher risk of HIV infection, even after controlling for individual-level sexual risk behaviors [3, 4].

- o What is the author doing here to cite his sources?

He is citing references in order of occurrence and putting the numbers between brackets: [3, 4].

- o Is this APA style? **no**

## Questions about *references*

Now answer these questions about the references in this article:

- o Click on one of the in-text citations and copy the reference.
- o Is this APA style?
- o If not, what style of referencing is this?

## Questions about *references*

- o Click on one of the in-text citations and copy the reference.

3.Flores SA, Bakeman R, Millett GA, Peterson JL. HIV risk among bisexually and homosexually active racially diverse young men. Sex Transm Dis 2009;36(5):325-329.

- o Is this APA style? **no**

- o What style of referencing is this?

This is Vancouver style. See this link:

<http://www.lib.monash.edu.au/tutorials/citing/vancouver.htm>

!

## Using APA for citations

- o Although many public health and medical journals are using Vancouver style, almost all professors are asking for APA style in your papers.
- o The Purdue OWL link tells you what you need to know about: citing at the beginning vs. end of a sentence, citing multiple authors, citing organizations, and citing reports with no date.

# Using APA for citations

- o Citing at the beginning of a sentence:  
Research by Wegener and Petty (1994) supports...  
[Note *and* ]
- o Citing at the end of a sentence:  
...(Wegener & Petty, 1994). [Note & ]
- o Citing up to five multiple authors the first time:  
(Kernis, Cornell, Sun, Berry, & Harlow, 1993)
- o Citing multiple authors if more than six, or after the first time:  
(Agot et al., 2010) [Note the format of *et al.* ]

# Using APA for citations

- o Citing organizations the first time:  
According to the Environmental Protection Agency [EPA] (2000), ...
- o Citing organizations after the first time:  
According to the EPA (2000), ...
- o Citing reports with no date:  
(UNAIDS, UNFPA, & UNIFEM, n.d.)