

Research Methods

Library Workshop: Literature Review & Citation

Using the library web site do a search of the *Sociological Abstracts* database for social science journal articles about your topic that are no more than ten years old (document type **must** say “journal article.”). Identify two that you find most interesting/relevant and that report on a *study* (this means that the authors collected new data or did an analysis of available data to answer a specific research question or test a hypothesis). Do not include completely theoretical pieces or literature reviews (sometimes it’s hard to tell). You will need these for the team research project.

Write a full citation of both articles in the space provided on the next page. Follow the examples provided. Note that the number of authors determines the format of the author’s name(s). Pay close attention to all punctuation and formatting details and note that any lines after the first line get indented. Titles of periodicals are italicized. Titles of articles are in quotation marks. All important words in article title are typically (but not always – depends on the journal) capitalized.

Citation examples:

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Roberts, Dorothy. 2004. “The Social and Moral Cost of Mass Incarceration in African American Communities.” *Stanford Law Review* 56:1271-1305.
- For journal articles with two authors:
Pettit, Becky, and Bruce Western. 2004. “Mass Imprisonment and the Life Course: Race and Class Inequality in U.S. Incarceration.” *American Sociological Review* 69:151-169.
- For journal articles with multiple authors:
Gauchat, Gordon, Maura Kelly, and Michael Wallace. 2012. “Occupational Gender Segregation, Globalization, and Gender Earnings Inequality in U.S. Metropolitan Areas.” *Gender & Society* 26(5): 718-747.

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