SHORT GUIDE TO APA STYLE

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In-text citations are parenthetical and pair author surname(s) or agency name with year of publication.

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Narrative citation incorporates author names into the flow of the sentence

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Include page numbers in citation only when quoting directly from the source.

Psychologist Shaikat Hossain has argued, "Perhaps one of the greatest indications of the collective unconscious at work is the recent surge of open source projects. None of these has garnered more attention and widespread appeal than that of Wikipedia" (2012, p. 107).

According to a recent sourcebook for educators, "Drops in vaccine coverage place students and staff at increased risk of illness (Public Health Foundation, 2023, p. 1).

If a direct quotation exceeds 40 words in length, format it as a block quote indented 5 spaces. Omit the exterior quotation marks and cite parenthetically at the end, including page number.

As one analyst of open-source, collaborative web projects has written,

> Perhaps one of the greatest indications of the collective at work is the recent surge of open-source projects. None of the projects have garnered more attention and widespread appeal than that of Wikipedia. . . This is the premise behind the open-source movement, where the cognitive processes underlying the creation of such resources have been distributed among many. (Hossain, 2012, p. 107)

Alphabetize the reference list by author surnames and initials or by agency names.
Use a "hanging indent" of 5 spaces.

Parsons, E. (1918). Nativity myth at Laguna and Zuni. *Journal of American Folklore, 31*(120), 256-263.
   https://www.jstor.org/stable/534877

Hamer, K., Stamatakis E., & Steptoe, A. (2009). Dose-response relationship between physical activity and mental
   health: The Scottish Health Survey. *British Journal of Sports Medicine, 43*(14),1111-4.
   http://dx.doi.org/10.1136/bjsm.2008.046243

The most commonly cited source in APA is the peer-reviewed journal article.

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      word and any proper nouns.
   b. Italicize journal titles and volume numbers.
   c. Provide inclusive page numbers for articles that are paginated.
   d. Urls are necessary unless the source has a "Digital Object Identifier" (doi) number.
   e. Avoid using PubMed numbers if a doi is available.
   f. Beware of using citation generators; they make mistakes!

Include a retrieval date only for web sources with temporary or unstable urls.
No retrieval date is necessary for archived sources.

Centers for Disease Control. (2022, March 9). Self-testing at home or anywhere.
   Retrieved on June 10, 2022, from https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing.html

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