

# Chicago-Style Citation Quick Guide - *Author-Date References*

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## Introduction

This guide is based on *The Chicago Manual of Style*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 16th ed., 2010. Main Ref Desk Z253 .U69 2010. For examples of additional types of sources, see **chapter 15** of that manual. The complete *Chicago Manual of Style* (CMOS) is also available [online](#) for Bowdoin College users.<sup>1</sup> Many of the examples and quoted text are taken from that manual.

*The Chicago Manual of Style* presents two basic documentation systems, the humanities style (Notes and Bibliography) and the Author-Date system. **This quick guide covers the Author-Date system.** In formatting the reference list, indent the second and subsequent lines. For cases not covered in chapter 15 of CMOS, adapt examples from chapter 14 (CMOS 15.3, 15.31).

"In many cases the contents of the print and electronic forms of the same publication are intended to be identical. [...] In practice, because there is always the potential for differences, intentional or otherwise, authors should cite the version consulted." (CMOS 14.10)

## Books

### One author

IN-TEXT CITATIONS	(Doniger 1999, 65) Doniger (1999, 65) <sup>2</sup>
REFERENCE LIST ENTRIES	Doniger, Wendy. 1999. <i>Splitting the Difference</i> . Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Source: CMOS 15.9.

<sup>1</sup> <http://login.ezproxy.bowdoin.edu/login?url=http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/contents.html>

<sup>2</sup> See *Chicago Manual of Style* sections 15.5 and 15.27 for examples and discussion of the difference between these variations.

### Two authors

IN-TEXT CITATIONS	(Cowlshaw and Dunbar 2000, 104–7)
REFERENCE LIST ENTRIES	Cowlshaw, Guy, and Robin Dunbar. 2000. <i>Primate Conservation Biology</i> . Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Source: CMOS 15.9.

### Four or more authors

IN-TEXT CITATIONS	(Laumann et al. 1994, 262)
REFERENCE LIST ENTRIES	Laumann, Edward O., John H. Gagnon, Robert T. Michael, and Stuart Michaels. 1994. <i>The Social Organization of Sexuality: Sexual Practices in the United States</i> . Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Source: CMOS 15.9.

### Editor instead of author

IN-TEXT CITATIONS	(Greenberg 2008, 42)
REFERENCE LIST ENTRIES	Greenberg, Joel, ed. 2008. <i>Of Prairie, Woods, and Water: Two Centuries of Chicago Nature Writing</i> . Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Source: CMOS 15.9.

### Chapter, essay or other part of a book

IN-TEXT CITATIONS	(Wiese 2006, 101–2)
REFERENCE LIST ENTRIES	Wiese, Andrew. 2006. “The House I Live in: Race, Class, and African American Suburban Dreams in the Postwar United States.” In <i>The New Suburban History</i> , edited by Kevin M. Kruse and Thomas J. Sugrue, 99–119. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Source: CMOS 15.9.

### Proceedings

Treat a paper included in published proceedings of a meeting like a chapter in a book (CMOS 14.226).

### Book published electronically

See also Introduction, above. For books downloaded from a library or bookseller having a printed counterpart, it is sufficient to cite the electronic edition, e.g., *Kindle edition* (CMOS 14.166). Other books consulted online should include the URL or DOI (CMOS 14.167). If an e-book does not have stable page numbers, provide chapter, section, or other locator (CMOS 14.166).

“Chicago does not [...] require access dates in its published citations [...] unless no date of publication or revision can be determined from the source.” (CMOS 14.7) Nevertheless, some publishers, disciplines, or professors may require an access date.

IN-TEXT CITATIONS	(Kurland and Lerner, chap. 10, doc. 19)
REFERENCE LIST ENTRIES	Kurland, Philip B., and Ralph Lerner, eds. 1987. <i>The Founders' Constitution</i> . Chicago: University of Chicago Press. <a href="http://press-pubs.uchicago.edu/founders/">http://press-pubs.uchicago.edu/founders/</a> .

## Journals, magazines, and newspapers

### Scholarly journal

Show volume and date.

IN-TEXT CITATIONS	(Smith 1998, 639)
REFERENCE LIST ENTRIES	Smith, John Maynard. 1998. "The Origin of Altruism." <i>Nature</i> 393 (6686): 639–40.

Source: CMOS 15.9.

### Popular magazine or newspaper article

"It is usually sufficient to cite newspaper and magazine articles entirely within the text" (CMOS 15.47).

Reference list examples follow if needed. Note that the year of publication appears after the author; the month and day, if any, appear at the end.

IN-TEXT CITATIONS	(Martin 2002, 84) (Nieder Korn 2002)
REFERENCE LIST ENTRIES	Martin, Steve. 2002. "Sports-Interview Shocker." <i>New Yorker</i> , May 6. Nieder Korn, William S. 2002. "A Scholar Recants on his 'Shakespeare' Discovery." <i>New York Times</i> , June 20.

Source: CMOS 15.47.

### Article in an online journal, magazine or newspaper

See also Introduction, above. “Chicago does not [...] require access dates in its published citations [...] unless no date of publication or revision can be determined from the source.” (CMOS 14.7) Nevertheless, some publishers, disciplines, or professors may require an access date.

Include a DOI (Digital Object Identifier) if available, otherwise include a URL (CMOS 14.184). If neither is available, include the name of the database and any identification number (CMOS 14.271).

IN-TEXT CITATIONS	(Kossinets and Watts 2009, 411) (Novak 2008, 758) (Karmaus and Riebow 2004, 645)
REFERENCE LIST ENTRIES	Kossinets, Gueorgi, and Duncan J. Watts. 2009. “Origins of Homophily in an Evolving Social Network.” <i>American Journal of Sociology</i> 115: 405–50. Accessed February 28, 2010. doi:10.1086/599247. Novak, William J. 2008. “The Myth of the ‘Weak’ American State.” <i>American Historical Review</i> 113: 752–72. doi:10.1086/ahr.113.3.752. Karmaus, Wilfried, and John F. Riebow. 2004. “Storage of Serum in Plastic and Glass Containers May Alter the Serum Concentration of Polychlorinated Biphenyls.” <i>Environmental Health Perspectives</i> 112 (May): 643–47. <a href="http://www.jstor.org/stable/3435987">http://www.jstor.org/stable/3435987</a> .

Source: CMOS 15.9.

### Websites

IN-TEXT CITATIONS	(Evanston Public Library Board of Trustees)
REFERENCE LIST ENTRIES	Evanston Public Library Board of Trustees. 2008. “Evanston Public Library Strategic Plan, 2000–2010: A Decade of Outreach.” Evanston Public Library. Accessed July 19, 2013. <a href="http://www.epl.org/library/strategic-plan-00.html">http://www.epl.org/library/strategic-plan-00.html</a> .

Source: CMOS 15.51.

### Government and legal documents

The author-date style is generally inappropriate for citing public documents. “Works using the author-date style (chapter 15) and citing only a handful of legal and public documents may limit those citations to the text, using citation sentences and clauses that include the same information as footnotes, as suggested in *The Bluebook*;<sup>3</sup> those with more than a very few legal-style citations, however, may need to supplement the author-date system with footnotes or endnotes.” (CMOS 14.283)

Please see separate [Chicago-Style Citation Quick Guide for Government Documents](#).<sup>4</sup>

<sup>3</sup> <https://cbbcat.net/record=b1238718~S19>

<sup>4</sup> <https://library.bowdoin.edu/help/chicago-gov.pdf>