



## CHICAGO STYLE: WHAT IS IT?

“Chicago Manual of Style” or “Chicago Style” refers to the publication style of the University of Chicago Press, which started in 1891. This documentation and layout style for authors, editors, designers, and publishers evolved over the century and the most recent 16th edition addresses the needs of digital publication and manuscripts. Chicago Style is the third most popular documentation style after MLA and APA. It is used by professionals in history, literature, and the arts. It is also used in many non-scholarly publications.

This handout summarizes documentation style and practice for the Chicago Manual of Style, but you can learn more about Chicago style as it is applied to academic writing in the Chicago Manual of Style Online. There are two systems of Chicago Style documentation. The Notes and Bibliography (N-B) system requires the use of footnotes and a bibliography. The Author-Date system looks more like APA style with parenthetical citations and reference list. Below is a sample. Bibliography and reference list look very similar but not exact. In the Author-Date reference list, the year appears right after the author.

## OVERVIEW

### Notes-Bibliography System

Footnote (footnote is not formatted with superscript; indented; no comma after title in footnote)

1. Mae M. Ngai, *Impossible Subjects: Illegal Aliens and the Making of Modern America* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2004), 2.

Bibliography (include a hanging indentation)

Ngai, Mae M. *Impossible Subjects: Illegal Aliens and the Making of Modern America*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2004.

### Author-Date System

Parenthetical Citation (no comma after author and date; no “p.” for pages)  
(Ngai 2004, 2).

References

Ngai, Mae M. 2004. *Impossible Subjects: Illegal Aliens and the Making of Modern America*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

# CHICAGO STYLE: GENERAL FORMAT FOR AUTHOR-DATE SYSTEM

This handout provides examples for the A-D System.

For more detail and more Author-Date examples, visit [www.chicagomanualofstyle.org](http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org).

In this documentation system, sources are cited in two ways:

- 1) In the text through parentheses with author, date of publication, and page number, if available.
- 2) In a reference list, which provides fuller bibliographic information.

Below we provide general sequence of the reference list in the Author-Date system, followed by the in-text citation.

## Book and Edited Book

Last Name, First Name. (include “ed.” or “eds.” if it the editor is the focus). Year of Publication. “If Applicable Provide Title of Essay(s) in Book Chapter: Capitalize Proper Nouns,” *Italicized Title of Longer Works or Resources Such as Book Title*. Location: Publisher.

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### **Author of a book**

Carnes, Jim. 1999. *Us and Them: A History of Intolerance in America*. New York: Oxford University Press.

(Carnes 1999, 62)

### **Chapter in a book**

Carnes, Jim. 1999. “Nightriding with the Klan.” In *Us and Them: A History of Intolerance in America*, 102-111. New York: Oxford University Press.

(Carnes 1999, 104)

### **Introduction, preface, foreword of a book**

Scigliano, Robert. 2001. Introduction to *The Federalist. A Commentary on the Constitution of the United States*, by Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, and James Madison, edited by Robert Scigliano, vii-xlviii. New York: Random House, Inc.

(Scigliano 2001, viii)

### **Editors of a book**

Lee, W.O. Grossman, David L., Kerry J. Kennedy, and Gregory P. Fairbrother, eds. 2004. *Citizenship Education in Asia and the Pacific: Concepts and Issues*. New York: Springer Science+Business Media.

(Lee et al. 2004, 3)

Note: When you have four or more authors, use “et al.” after the first author in the text citation. Write out all authors in the reference list.

## Article in Print Journal or Online Journal

Last Name, First Name. Year of publication. “Title of Article.” *Italicized Title of Journal* Volume number: page or pages. [If on online journal or publisher, add date of access, if requested by publisher/faculty]. [If found on online journal, provide DOI. If no DOI, provide URL. Period follows URL.] (Notice: no comma between journal title and volume)

**NOTE:** When an issue number is followed by a record of a month or season, you should write out issue number “no.” If there is no month or season provided, then enclose issue number in parentheses. See below.

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Bergesen, Albert and Max Herman. 1998. “Immigration, Race, and Riot: The 1992 Los Angeles Uprising.” *American Sociological Review* 63, no.1 (February): 39-54. Accessed September 16, 2016. <http://doi.org/10.2307/26574767>.

(Bergesen and Herman 1998, 39)

Gibson, Rachel, Ian McAllister, and Tami Swenson. 2010. “The Politics of Race and Immigration in Australia: One Nation Voting in the 1998 Election.” *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 25(2): 823-44. Accessed September 19, 2016. <http://doi.org/10.1080/0141987022000000286>.

(Gibson, McAllister, and Swenson 2010, 841)

## Article in Newspaper

Vargas, Jose Antonio. 2011. “My Life as an Undocumented Immigrant.” *The New York Times Magazine*. June 22, 2011. Accessed September 19, 2016. [http://www.nytimes.com/2011/06/26/magazine/my-life-as-an-undocumented-immigrant.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2011/06/26/magazine/my-life-as-an-undocumented-immigrant.html?_r=0).

(Vargas 2011)

## Other Resources: Website

National Aeronautics and Space Administration. 2016. “Juno.” *NASA.gov*. Last modified August 25, 2016. [http://www.nasa.gov/mission\\_pages/juno/main/index.html](http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/juno/main/index.html).

Notice: Period follow links to website.

(NASA 2016)

U.S. Congress. 1882. “An act to execute certain treaty stipulations relating to the Chinese, May 6, 1882.”

[Chinese Exclusion Act]. *Our Documents: 100 Milestone Documents*. National Archives and Records Administration. Accessed September 19, 2016. <https://www.ourdocuments.gov/doc.php?doc=47>.

(Congress 1882)

### **Other Resources: Online Image**

Pasco County Schools. 2016. "A Group of Head Start Students and Their Parents at a School in Pasco County Florida." Photo. *Migration Policy Institute*, September 8, 2016. <http://www.migrationpolicy.org/article/dual-language-learners-head-start-promises-and-pitfalls-new-reforms>.

(Pasco County Schools 2016)

### **Other Resources: Video**

Follow the general format for non-periodical web document or report with access date and URL. Provide as much information as possible, including who directed or produced the video (if available).

Tiefenthaler Ainara, Jonah M. Kiessel, Yousur Al-Hlou, and Camilla Schick. 2016. "A Neighborhood Is Shaken" *Times Video*. 3:31. Uploaded on September 19, 2016. Posted by New York Times. Accessed September 19, 2016. <http://www.nytimes.com/video/nyregion/10000004655874/a-new-york-neighborhood-is-shaken-by-chelsea-explosion.html>.

(Tiefenthaler et al. 2016)

### **Other Resources: Social Media**

Citations of social media should be included in parenthetical citation and in author-date format in a reference list.

O'Brien, Conan (@ConanOBrien). 2015. "In honor of Earth Day, I'm recycling my tweets." Twitter, April 22, 2015, 11:10am. <https://twitter.com/ConanOBrien/status/590940792967016448>.

(O'Brien 2015)

### **Other Resources: Phone Interview, etc.**

Phone interview, blog, entries, email or text messages are rarely listed in reference list. They may be listed in the running text and notes.

According to a phone interview with Professor Julia Ornelas-Higdon on September 5, 2016 . . . .

(Ornelas-Higdon, phone interview with author, September 5, 2016)

Text citations in relation to direct quotations.

Jessica Hagedorn (1990, 3) describes 1950s Hollywood version of rural America in terms of “picture picture-book American tableau, plaid hunting jackets, roaring cellophane fires, smoking chimneys, and stark winter forests of skeletal trees.”

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Balester et al. (2012) explore the anxieties, visions, and realities of writing centers that become multiliteracy centers (quoted in Lee 2020).

## RESOURCES

The following resources may help you cite other sources that are not listed in this handout, as well as provide you with more examples on writing in Chicago Author-Date style.

<http://www.csuci.edu/wmc/student-citation.htm>

See *The Chicago Manual of Style* for more information on citation in the Author-Date Sty.

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