

## Psychology 201B – Modes of Psychological Inquiry Library Research Guide

### Guides to Research and Writing

*Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, 5th ed.

Ref BF 76.7 .P83 2001 and on Reserve

Standard guide for professional writing in psychology -- includes APA citation format guidelines.

### How Do I Find Research Articles In Psychology Journals?

*PsycINFO*, 1887-current (in two files: 1872-1973 and 1974-present)

Indexes the professional and academic literature in psychology and related disciplines; includes citations with abstracts and, for American Psychological Association publications, full-text (*PsycArticles*).

>> Access PSYCINFO through the Wallace *Library Electronic Resources* page:

<http://www.wheatoncollege.edu/library/resources/electronic>

Go through OVID and choose this file: [PsycINFO 1974 to February Week 2 2004](#) or click on *A-Z list* from *Electronic Resources* page and go to PSYCINFO directly.

### Four Ways To Search PsycINFO Topically Using A “Seed” Article

- **By the authors’ names.** Psychologists can publish several articles on similar or related research.  
**Tip:** To search all forms of the author’s name search within the Author icon (last name, first initial) at the top of the Main Search Page, not via the author link in a *PsycINFO* record.
- **By following references found in the article, itself, or in the article’s PsycINFO “record”.** To verify relevance, be sure to look at the corresponding abstract for the article citation that looks potentially relevant unless the full-text of the article is easily accessible.  
**Tip:** When reading cited references in a *PsycINFO* record, use the [Reference Link] when one is provided, or copy the title of the article, go to the Title icon on the Main Search Page and paste the title into the search box.
- **By subject headings or keywords.** 1) Use Subject Heading links in the record -- combine them with AND or OR in the keyword search box. 2) Select new subject headings by MAPPING keywords and following the suggested subject headings into the online *Thesaurus*. 3) Use pertinent keywords taken from the *key concepts* field, for example.
- **By cited references.** Find out if any other articles have cited the one in hand.  
**Tip:** Search for by Cited Reference Title or Cited Reference Author within the Search Fields icon on the Main Search Page.

### Additional Search Tips

- Truncation symbol is the dollar sign (\$) – *violen\$* yields *violence* and *violent*
- Click *Display* to see search results
- Click on *Library Holdings* in the record to check for availability in the Library (ELIZA)
- Mark citations of interest to you before going to the *Citation Manager* to select output options. Most common: for printing, hit the *Display* button and then use Browser print; for Interlibrary Loan, hit the *Order* button and fill in the information required. Mark *Include Search History* when needed.
- Always check Library Holdings for availability in the Library (ELIZA) before submitting an ILL request
- LOGOFF!

**Need help? Be sure to contact Margaret Gardner ([mgardner@wheatonma.edu/x3705](mailto:mgardner@wheatonma.edu/x3705)) or ask at the Reference Desk. There will be open lab hours to help you with this assignment, 1-2pm Mon., Feb.23, and 2-3pm, Fri., Feb.27 in the Woolley Electronic Classroom. Come if you need to.**

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To determine if a periodical article is available in the Library, use **ELIZA** either by:

1. Linking directly to **Library Holdings** from any **Ovid, CSA** or **Infotrac** database record *or*
2. Searching by **TITLE** from the Main Menu screen. Type the **periodical title** (NOT THE ARTICLE TITLE!). Select the exact title from the results; if there is more than one, select the one noting "Periodicals" as the location.

### Possibilities:

- It's in **PsycARTICLES**. Within the **PsycINFO** record you will see a link to "**Ovid Full Text**". Simply click and follow the links to the html and/or pdf versions of the article, itself.
- **Yes, we own it, and our print holdings are displayed simply**

*Title*                                    **Contemporary psychology**  
*Imprint*                                [Washington, etc.] American Psychological Association

*Location*                              Periodicals  
*LIB. HAS*                                1- 1956-  
*[Latest Received:](#)*                    August 2003 48:4

An open hyphen indicates an ongoing subscription. This one begins in 1956 and goes to the present. **THIS IS EASY. GO TO APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF THE LIBRARY** (1990-present, one level down; 1900-1989, lowest (stacks) level). *Journals are shelved alphabetically by their titles.*

- **Yes, we own it – in multiple formats**

*Title*                                    **Exceptional children**  
*Imprint*                                [Reston, Va. : Council for Exceptional Children,

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**To access a title online**, first check LIB. HAS for the available holdings, then **click on the highlighted link**, for example: **CONNECT TO AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGIST ONLINE (WHEATON USERS ONLY)**. Although all online sites are different, most links will take you directly to the journal home page or a search page. You can then search for the actual issue that matches your citation.

- **Your title is not in ELIZA** -- we do not own the journal you want. But we can still get it for you. Order your INTERLIBRARY LOAN items directly from the direct order function within the *PsycINFO* or *CSA* search results, or you may make your request using the "Online Request Forms" link from the Library Home Page.  
**It takes about 2 weeks to receive an item via Interlibrary Loan.**

<sup>1</sup> Click the link, which will take you to a list of all the *InfoTRAC* databases available through the Wallace Library. Select *Expanded Academic ASAP*. Search by title/author keywords for your article, limiting by year and journal title.