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This fall the American Psychological Association released the 7th edition of its Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association. The manual is widely used for its APA citation style and guidance on how to format title pages, headings, direct quotations, in-text citations, and references. The new edition includes guidelines for writing without bias and ethical writing. A brief video summary of the changes from APA is here. A more complete breakdown of changes is offered in this video.

Himmelfarb has three copies of the new manual, two in book stacks that can be checked out and one in the first floor reference collection. A Himmelfarb Research Guide based on the seventh edition is available online with style guidelines for various publication formats and links to an online tutorial and other resources available from APA. The research guide is in the process of being updated to the 7th edition which will be officially adopted spring semester 2020.

Additionally, Himmelfarb has resources supporting American Medical Association style. A print copy of the most recent edition of the AMA Manual of Style (2007) is available in the first floor reference collection and an online version is available to the GW community. Himmelfarb’s AMA Citation Style Research Guide provides access to additional resources.

Beyond style guides, Himmelfarb supports the use of reference management software which allows users to generate citations and bibliographies in a variety of styles, and manage references into folders or share them with colleagues. RefWorks is the service most commonly used in the GW community and is available to all students, faculty and staff. A link to RefWorks Classic is located on the Himmelfarb home page. A RefWorks Research Guide has instructions on how to set up your RefWorks account and how to get started with using it. Contact the Himmelfarb Information Desk at 202-994-2850 or email or chat us for assistance with using RefWorks.

A new version of RefWorks came out this past year, though RefWorks Classic will
continue to be supported. RefWorks Classic is recommended for systematic reviews while the new version optimizes Google Docs integration. Both versions of RefWorks provide a Microsoft Word plug in called Write N Cite that helps you create in-text citations and reference lists. Both versions can also be set up to import references directly from Scopus, Google Scholar and Health Information @ Himmelfarb.

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