Quick intro to APA style

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• What’s this all about, anyway?
• Formatting your paper in APA style
• How to cite your textbook
• How to cite your professor’s lectures
• How to cite professor’s material from Moodle
• Where to go for help
What’s this all about, anyway?

- Help you avoid plagiarism
  - Acknowledge sources
  - Allow your reader to track down original source
  - Each style contains the same information
  - Each style is formatted differently
  - In AHSC and most other social sciences, the “style” is APA
APA?

• APA = American Psychological Association
• Used by most social sciences, business, and some sciences too
• It’s a book! We have several copies in the Libraries
• You can even buy your own at the Bookstore
• But you don’t need to right now 😊
What does a paper in APA style look like?
How do I cite my textbook?
If only citing your professor’s lecture, not slides or printed notes

- Cite as a “personal communication”
- Not included in your reference list
- Cite parenthetically the prof’s name, with the phrase “personal communication”, and the date of the communication in your main text

From Purdue University’s APA OWL guide

A. P. Smith also claimed that many of her students had difficulties with APA style (personal communication, November 3, 2002).
How do I cite my professor’s notes from Moodle?

How will I remember all this?

- These slides will be shared with you and they will be on the AHSC Research Guide
- **Quick guide** to APA style
- Purdue’s **OWL guide** for APA style
- OSLIS Citation Maker
- PDF on how to set up a **running head**
- Complete APA manual in the **Library**
- **Ask a librarian**, in person, by phone, email, and chat
Any questions?