Overview of APA Style

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What is APA Style?

- Precise standards for scientific writing
  - Specific rules from planning a manuscript through its publication
- Uniformity
  - Quickly scan articles for results or key points
  - Reduce distractions
  - Expenditure of intellectual resources on research
- More specific than general grammatical rules
Who uses APA Style?

- Social and Behavioral Sciences
  - Counselor Educators
  - Psychologists
  - Social Workers
- Other fields
  - Medicine
  - Education
  - Business
  - History
How is the Publication Manual Organized?

- Writing for the Behavioral and Social Sciences
- Manuscript Structure and Content
- Writing Clearly and Concisely
- The Mechanics of Style
- Displaying Results
- Crediting Sources
- Reference Examples
- The Publication Process
Why is APA Style Important?

- Facilitates clear communication of scientific constructs (e.g. methods, results, and discussions)
- Ensures articles include what is relevant to the topic and exclude content that is not
- Promotes efficient consumption of scholarly articles
  - Encourages expedient and accurate application of science
  - Allows new research projects to progress more quickly