



## **Using the doi with APA style**

The 6<sup>th</sup> (2010) edition of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* recommends that you include the **doi** in the citation for an electronic article, **if one is available**. Below is an example of a citation that includes a doi:

Nelson, J. K. (2008). Laugh and the world laughs with you: An attachment perspective on the meaning of laughter in psychotherapy. *Clinical Social Work Journal*, 36(1), 41-49. doi:10.1007/s10615-007-0133-1

## **How can I find the doi for my article?**

Not every article has a doi at present. A number of the Library's electronic databases, such as PsycINFO, MEDLINE, etc., are beginning to include doi numbers within the full article descriptions. Sometimes the doi can also be found listed on the article itself. If you cannot locate a doi for your article in the database or on the article, you may want to try this website: <http://www.crossref.org/questquery>. Here, you can type in, or copy and paste, elements of your article citation (such as author, title, year, etc.), and the website will attempt to locate the doi for you.

## **How does the doi help me locate the article?**

The doi can help you locate the full text of an article on the Internet **only** under the following conditions:

- 1) you attach this string to the front of the doi: <http://dx.doi.org>  
(i.e. <http://dx.doi.org/doi:10.1007/s10615-007-0133-1>)
- 2) you are using a computer located on campus

An off-campus computer will be unable to recognize your "authorization" to have access to the full article (i.e. it cannot see that you are coming from a place, like the WSU Library, that has paid for you to have access). An off-campus computer may only be able to take you to the page where you **could** access the article **if** you had authorization.

## **Where can I get more information on using the new APA style?**

### **American Psychological Association**

Sample Paper: <http://flash1r.apa.org/apastyle/basics/data/resources/sample-papers.pdf>

Sample References: <http://flash1r.apa.org/apastyle/basics/data/resources/sample-references.pdf>

### **The OWL (Online Writing Lab) at Purdue**

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01>

### **Nova Southeastern University – Alvin Sherman Library**

<http://www.nova.edu/library/dils/lessons/apa/> (video tutorial)