



## Sociological Abstracts

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Click on **Sociological Abstracts** to start the database.

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<a href="#">Social Services Abstracts</a>		✓	✓	
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## Searching Sociological Abstracts

Click on the green tab go to the **Advanced Search** screen.

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Logout Quick Search **Advanced Search** Search Tools Browse

[Search Tips:](#) All Fields are being searched.  
For best results, use AND between terms, wildcard\*, or "exact phrase"

Now Selected: ? CSA Sociological Abstracts

Change: — Subject Area — or [Specific Databases](#)

Date Range: Earliest to Current

Click on "**Specific Databases**" to add more CSA databases to your search, such as **Social Services Abstracts** or **PsycINFO**.

# Advanced Search Screen

You can enter a search term in one or more of the boxes below. These terms are linked by "and" and will be searched as "Anywhere."

Use the "or" boxes to enter alternate terms for the same concept. This may increase your results.

The screenshot shows the advanced search interface. At the top right is an "Add R" link. Below it are three search boxes: "child\*", "youth\*", and "teen\*", each with an "or" box to its right. To the left of the first box is an "and" dropdown menu. Below these are two more search boxes: "divorce" and "academic achievement", each with an "or" box to its right. Below the search boxes is a "Search Tips" link and a "Search" button. To the right is a dropdown menu with options: "Anywhere", "Anywhere", "Keywords, KW=", "Author, AU=", "Title, TI=", "Descriptors, DE=" (highlighted), "Abstract, AB=", "Accession Number, AN=", "Affiliation, AF=", "Author, AU=", "CODEN, CD=", "Classification, CL=", "Country of Publication, CP=", "DOI, DO=", "Descriptors, DE=", "Email Address, EA=", "N.I.B.". Below the search boxes are "Clear" and "Search" buttons. Below the search area is "Now Selected: ? CSA Sociological Abstracts". Below that is "Change: - Subject Area - or Specific Databases". Below that is "Date Range: Earliest to 2009". Below that is "Limited to: Latest Update, Journal Articles Only (checked), English Only".

Select this box to limit your results to journal articles.

Use this drop down menu to select how to search your terms. "Descriptors" are like subject headings. "Title" will search for the selected term in the titles of articles and journals.

Below the search box are several optional limits. For instance, if you want to find articles by a certain author, enter the name in the Author field.

The screenshot shows the "Sociological Abstracts Indexes & Limits" section. It has four rows: "Author" with the text "matson" and a "Browse Author" link; "Journal Name" with the text "j soc issues" and a "Browse Journal Name" link; "Language" with an empty box and a "Browse Language" link; and "Publication Type" with an empty box and a "Browse Publication Type" link.

# Using the Search Results

A total of 59 results were found containing the keywords. The results are listed in the order of publication (starting with the most recent). 53 of the results came from peer-reviewed journals. Click on the number in the **Peer-Reviewed Journals** tab to see those results.

The screenshot shows a search results interface with several key elements and annotations:

- Navigation Bar:** Includes links for [Logout](#), [Quick Search](#), [Advanced Search](#), [Search Tools](#), and [Browse](#). On the right, there are links for [2 Marked Records](#) and [Search](#).
- Results Header:** Displays "59 results found for: KW=(child\* or youth\* or teen\*) and KW=divorce and KW ... in ? CSA Sociological Abstracts [Alert Me](#)". Below this, it shows "Published Works 59" and "Scholars 364".
- Publication Types:** A row of tabs for "All Publication Types 59", "Journals 59", and "Peer-Reviewed Journals 53". The "Peer-Reviewed Journals" tab is circled, with an arrow pointing to it from the text "Click here to retrieve your marked records." above.
- Actions:** A row of links: [Mark](#) or [Clear](#) all on page | [Update Marked List](#) | [Save, Print, Email](#). The "Update Marked List" link is circled, with an arrow pointing to it from the text "Click here to edit your search." above.
- Sorting:** A "Sort by:" dropdown menu set to "Most Recent First".
- Record Navigation:** A "Record #" input field and a "Previous 1 2 3 4 5 Next" navigation bar.
- Record 1:** Titled "1. FAMILY STRUCTURE TRANSITIONS AND CHILD ACHIEVEMENT". It includes author names (Shaff, Kimberly Anne; Wolfinger, Nicholas H; Kowaleski-Jones, Lori; Smith, Ken R), journal information (Sociological Spectrum, vol. 28, no. 6, pp. 681-704, Nov. 2008), a brief description, and links for "View Record", "Check Your Library", "WSU Interlibrary Loan", "Full-Text", and a "360 Link to Full Text".
- Record 2:** Titled "2. Parents' marital disruption and its uneven effect on children's academic performance -- A simulation model". It includes author names (Sun, Yongmin; Li, Yuanzhang), journal information (Social Science Research, vol. 37, no. 2, pp. 449-460, June 2008), a brief description, and similar links as Record 1.
- Annotations:** Two arrows point from a box at the bottom to the checkboxes next to the first two records. The box contains the text: "To mark records to look at later, click on the boxes, then click **Update Marked List** at the top of the records list."

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## List of Marked Records

At this point, you may want to print off this list of citations so you can look them up later. You can print, save, or email these records by clicking this link.

The screenshot shows a library search interface with a navigation bar at the top containing 'Logout', 'Quick Search', 'Advanced Search', 'Search Tools', and 'Browse'. On the right side of the navigation bar, it says '2 Marked Records'. Below the navigation bar, there is a blue bar with '2 Marked Records' on the left and 'Return to Results' on the right. A yellow bar below that contains the text 'Mark or Clear all on page | Update Marked List | Save, Print, Email'. The 'Save, Print, Email' link is circled in black. Below this bar is a navigation bar with 'Previous 1 Next' and 'Record #'. The main content area displays two records. Record 1 is titled 'FAMILY STRUCTURE TRANSITIONS AND CHILD ACHIEVEMENT' and includes authors 'Shaff, Kimberly Anne; Wolfinger, Nicholas H; Kowaleski-Jones, Lori; Smith, Ken R' and the journal 'Sociological Spectrum, vol. 28, no. 6, pp. 681-704, Nov. 2008'. Record 2 is titled 'Parents' marital disruption and its uneven effect on children's academic performance -- A simulation model' and includes authors 'Sun, Yongmin; Li, Yuanzhang' and the journal 'Social Science Research, vol. 37, no. 2, pp. 449-460, June 2008'. Both records have a '360 Link to Full Text' icon. To the right of each record, there is a 'Database' section (Sociological Abstracts) and a 'Descriptors' section with various keywords like 'Family Structure', 'Academic Achievement', 'Children', 'Remarriage', 'Single Parents', 'Divorce', and 'Well Being'. There is also a 'Discovery Links' section for 'Images, Definitions, etc.'.

To see more information about this article, click on the article title (in blue).

## Saving, Printing, Emailing, and creating a "QuickBib"

The 2 marked records are selected to print. However, you can change this to print any number of records from your set.

Use  Use 2 Marked Records  
 Use 11 records from the current results list of All Publication Types  
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Short format

Comments:

Choose a citation style (such as APA or MLA) from the drop-down list, then click **Create**. The QuikBib will create a bibliography for your selected citations in the style you choose. (See example below).

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References

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Sun, Y., & Li, Y. (2008). Parents' marital disruption and its uneven effect on children's academic performance -- A simulation model. *Social Science Research*, *37*(2)  
449-460. doi:10.1016/j.ssresearch.2007.03.005

## Full Record Display

This full record contains important bibliographic information that you will need for your references (**Title**, **Author**, and **Source**).

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[Next >](#)  Mark This Record | [Update Marked List](#) | [Save, Print, Email](#)  
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**Discovery Links**

**Database** CSA Sociological Abstracts

**Title** *FAMILY STRUCTURE TRANSITIONS AND CHILD ACHIEVEMENT*

**Author** [Shaff, Kimberly Anne](#); [Wolfinger, Nicholas H](#); [Kowaleski-Jones, Lori](#); [Smith, Ken R](#)

**Affiliation** Community Action Partnership of Ramsey & Washington Counties, Saint Paul, Minnesota, USA

**Source** Sociological Spectrum, vol. 28, no. 6, pp. 681-704, Nov. 2008

**ISSN** 0273-2173

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**Descriptors**  \*Family Structure  \*Academic Achievement  \*Children  \*Remarriage  Households

These are the **Descriptors** attached to this article. You can do a new search by selecting the boxes next to the Descriptors and clicking **Go**.

**New Search Using Marked Terms:**  Use **AND** to narrow  Use **OR** to broaden  
**Add to Current Search:**  Use **AND** to narrow  Use **OR** to broaden

**Go**

**Abstract** This article uses prospective data from the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979 to investigate how children in divorced and never-married-mother families vary in reading and math achievement after parental remarriage. These are compared to children who remain in never-married, divorced, and continuously married families. Results based on growth curve modeling indicate that children remaining in single-parent families resulting from divorce or nonmarital births have lower achievement scores than children from married families. Maternal education and income account for all of the adverse effects of family structure on reading achievement, while maternal education, income, and children's home environment can explain the negative relationship between single parenting and math scores. We conclude that parental remarriage may have more benefits for children than previous studies have suggested. Adapted from the source document.

The **Abstract** is a summary of what the article is about. Read it to make sure it fits with your topic.

## Locating Full Text

There are several options for locating the full text of this article electronically or in print. This article already has a **Full-Text** link (not all records will have this).

You can also try the **360 Link to Full Text**. If WSU Libraries owns this article online in another database, 360 Link will take you directly to it.



If those options don't lead you to full text, try **Check Your Library**. The program will search the WSU Libraries Catalog for the journal that this article appeared in (in this example, *Sociological Spectrum*). WSU may have the article online or in print.

Finally, if WSU Libraries does not have this article available in any format, you can try **WSU Interlibrary Loan**. The library will then try to get the article for you from another library.