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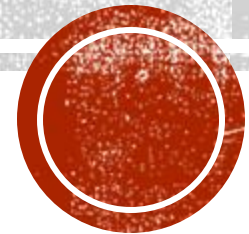
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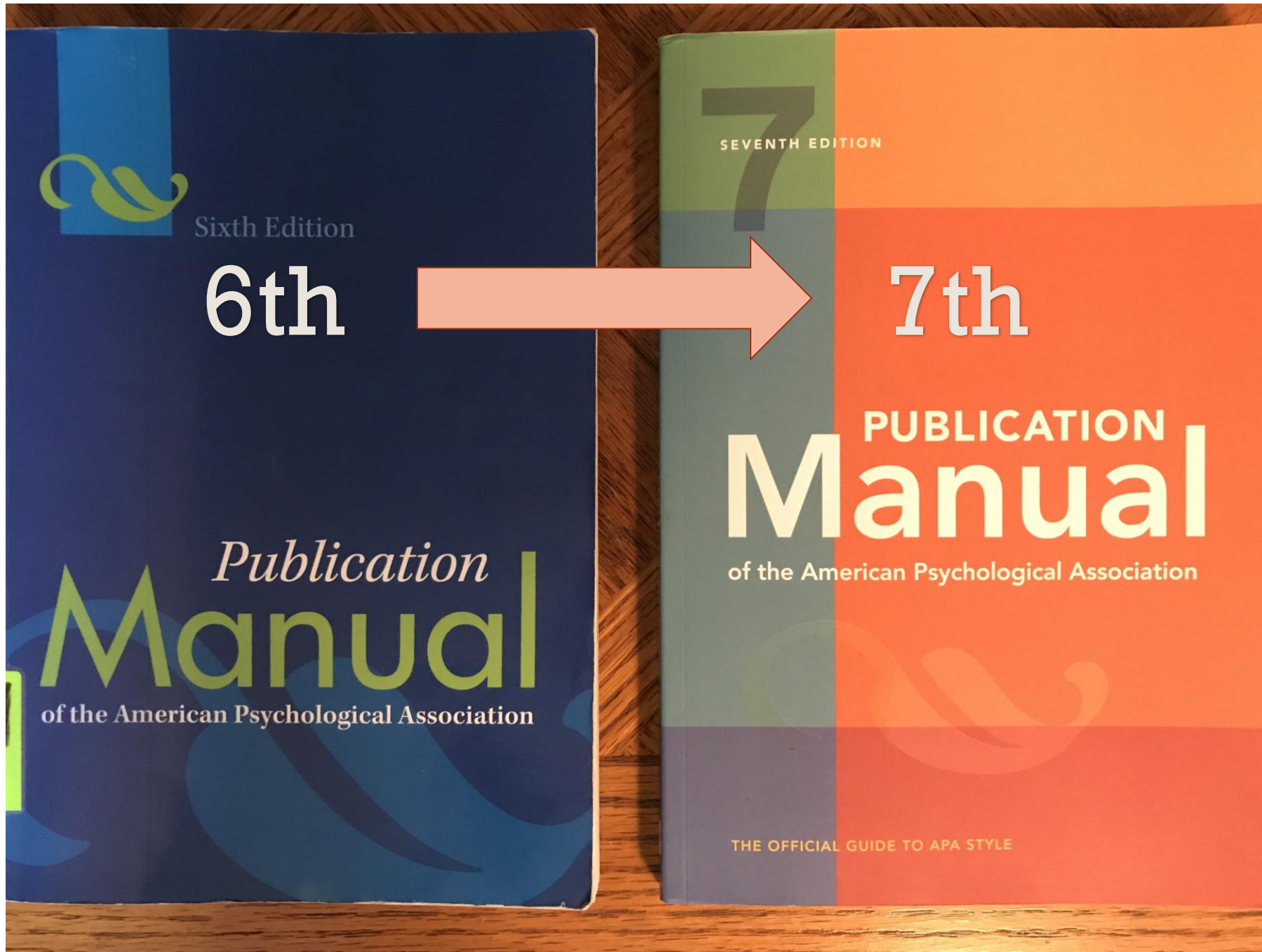
## Summary of Changes

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THE OFFICIAL GUIDE TO APA STYLE



# ROLLOUT TO CAMPUS - TIMELINE

- APA 7<sup>th</sup> edition print books – available from APA as of October 2019. FREE “desk review” copies available to faculty through APA website.
- *APA Academic Writer (APA Style Central)* anticipated rollout August 2020

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- Anticipated campus rollout of APA 7<sup>th</sup> edition is **August 2020**
- Students should use APA 6<sup>th</sup> edition throughout AY2020 and switch to 7<sup>th</sup> edition in AY2021 (starting August 2020).
- If departments require different timeline, please make librarian aware of this. Students should make librarians aware of different timeline in reference transactions.
- Faculty may wish to switch earlier for research/publications with publishers already using 7<sup>th</sup> edition. Contact your librarian for any questions about updated style.



# PRINT STYLE GUIDE FEATURES

- Front and back covers provide quickguides to heading levels, in-text citations, and common reference examples
- Tabs and full-color tables and illustrations
- Detailed Table of Contents at the beginning of each chapter

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# PAPER ELEMENTS AND FORMAT

- **\*\*New student-centered formatting options\*\***
  - Student title page format (2.3, p30)
  - Running head not required for student papers (2.8, p37)
  - Annotated bibliography guidelines (9.51, p307)
  - Student sample paper (p61-67)
- More information for author note (2.7, p35-36)
- Updated heading levels (2.27, p47-48)
- More flexible fonts allowed for accessibility – not just Times New Roman 12 (2.19, p44)



# WRITING STYLE & BIAS-FREE LANGUAGE

- More extensive writing style guidelines (Chapters 4, 5, 6).  
Undergraduate students are also encouraged to review writing style content in *Writers Reference*.
- More guidance to avoid anthropomorphism (4.11, p117)
- Updated and extensive bias-free language guidance for age, disability, gender, racial and ethnic, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, and intersectionality (Chapter 5, p131-149)
- Grammar change to reduce bias: **Singular “they” is endorsed** (4.18 and 5.5, p120-121, p140)

4.18 “Writers should always use the singular ‘they’ to refer to a person who uses ‘they’ as their pronoun. **Also use ‘they’ as a generic third-person singular pronoun to refer to a person whose gender is unknown or irrelevant...** Do not use ‘he’ or ‘she’ alone as a generic third-person pronoun. Use ‘he or she’... sparingly and ensure that these pronouns match the pronouns used by the people being described... Keep in mind that there are typically many possible ways to write a sentence. If the singular ‘they’ as a generic third-person pronoun seems awkward or distracting... rewrite the sentence” (p.120-121)



# MECHANICS OF STYLE

- Answers the age-old question: use only one space after a period. (6.1, p154)
- Expanded capitalization guidance (6.13-6.21, p165-169)
- Presentation of numbers (no exception for presenting numbers in the abstract) (6.32-6.39, p178-181)
- Greater flexibility for lettered, numbered and bulleted lists (6.49-6.52, p189-191)





# TABLES AND FIGURES

- Expanded table and figure examples (Chapter 7, p196-250)
- Presentation of tables and figures is more flexible (7.4, 7.22, p197, p225)



# IN TEXT CITATIONS

- All in-text citations for works with more than two authors are shortened to the name of the first author, plus “et al.” (8.17, p266)
- May omit year in repeated narrative citations within same paragraph (8.16, p265)
- New paraphrasing examples (8.23-8.24, p269-270)
- New guidance for formatting quotations from research participants (8.36, p278)

**Table 8.1 Basic In-Text Citation Styles**

Author type	Parenthetical citation	Narrative citation
One author	(Luna, 2020)	Luna (2020)
Two authors	(Salas & D'Agostino, 2020)	Salas and D'Agostino (2020)
Three or more authors	(Martin et al., 2020)	Martin et al. (2020)
Group author with abbreviation First citation <sup>a</sup>	(National Institute of Mental Health [NIMH], 2020)	National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH, 2020)
Subsequent citations	(NIMH, 2020)	NIMH (2020)
Group author without abbreviation	(Stanford University, 2020)	Stanford University (2020)

Define the abbreviation for a group author only once in the text, choosing either the parenthetical or the narrative form. Thereafter, use the abbreviation for all mentions of the group in the text (see Section 8.21).



# REFERENCE LIST – WHO, WHEN

- New guidance for annotated bibliographies (9.51, p307-308)
- Expanded audiovisual format examples (10.12-10.14, p341-347)
- New categories for social media (10.15-10.16, p348-352)
- Number of authors in reference entry is expanded to *up to 20 authors* (9.8, p286)
- Government organizations – use specific agency as author and parent agency as publisher (9.11, p288)
- Do not use the date from a website footer because that does not apply to the content of the source (9.13, p289)
- Only use retrieved date when citing material that is expected to change, such as from a wiki (9.16, p290)



# REFERENCE LIST – WHAT, WHERE

- Book references omit publisher location (9.29, p295)
- Journal article references now always include issue numbers when available (9.25, p294)
- Standardization of DOI and URL formats (9.35, p299)
- Updated guidelines for DOIs and URLs for works retrieved from library databases (9.30, 10.1.3, p296-297, p317)
- Do not use URL if it would not work for others (library database or broken link). If a link is 'broken' use an archived version or do not use that item as a source. (9.37, p300-301)



# REFERENCE EXAMPLES - ARTICLES

- Journal article with DOI (print, website or library database)  
Author, I. I. (Year). Article title. *Journal Title*, Vol(Issue), Page-page. <https://doi.org/###>
- Journal article without DOI (print or retrieved from library database)  
Author, I. I. (Year). Article title. *Journal Title*, Vol(Issue), Page-page.  
NOTE: Do not include database name or URL. Looks like a print version.
- Journal article without DOI (retrieved from publisher or other website)  
Author, I. I. (Year). Article title. *Journal Title*, Vol(Issue), Page-page. URL of the article



# REFERENCE EXAMPLES - BOOKS

- Book with DOI (print or ebook)  
Author, I. I. (Year). *Book title*. Publisher. <https://doi.org/###>
- Book without DOI (print or retrieved from library database)  
Author, I. I. (Year). *Book title*. Publisher.
- Book without DOI (retrieved from publisher or other website)  
Author, I. I. (Year). *Book title*. Publisher. URL



# REFERENCE EXAMPLES - ONLINE

- AV and online section is expanded with many more examples such as:  
website, film, TV, webinar, Youtube or streaming video, music album or song, podcast, artwork in museum, clip art, infographic, PPT, lecture, tweet, Facebook, blog, social media, etc.
- Website:  
Author. (Date). *Webpage title*. URL  
*Use website format only when other formats do not apply. For example, if citing a report from a website, use the “Report” format instead of website format. (9.2, p282)*



# AVOIDING PREDATORY PUBLISHERS

- New section in the Publication Process chapter to help authors avoid submitting research to predatory publishers (12.4, p374-376)
- Common characteristics of predatory publishers:
  - Informal solicitation
  - Hidden publisher or website
  - Lack of rigorous evaluation
  - Lack of transparency
  - Poor reputation
  - Nonstandard submission process
  - Lack of indexing in databases
- This section can be helpful to introduce this concept to students





# FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Ask Your Liaison Librarian
- Chat with a Librarian
- Tutorials on Academic Writer (formerly APA Style Central), available through the library website
- APA summary of changes:

<https://apastyle.apa.org/manual/publication-manual-7th-edition-introduction.pdf>

