



Formatting Author-Date Citations and Reference Lists

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4. For questions not covered by these brief instructions and the examples below, consult the most recent edition of *The Chicago Manual of Style* (available [online](#)) or discuss with your editor.



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