MUSI 4334 Fall 2007

Research Paper Guidelines

The following deadlines must be observed:

Friday, October 5th: Abstract and preliminary bibliography
   One typed paragraph describing your paper topic and general outline, plus three bibliographic sources listed in MLA format

Monday, November 5th: Draft for pre-grading (optional)
   Completed drafts submitted by this date will be graded and returned in time for you to potentially fix whatever problems exist and improve your chances to receive the highest possible score.

Monday, November 17th: Final papers due

There are many possibilities for paper topics, some of which include:
Trace the history of a particular genre (motet, mass, opera, etc) or instrument (vielle, organ, lute, etc)
Outline the biography of a composer
Discuss an historical event or period, and its ramifications in its contemporary musical world
Compare and contrast two or more composers, or two or more works by the same composer
Compare the musical trends of two or more different geographical regions

Your final paper should have a minimum of five cited reference sources, at least three of which should be non-internet based. Your text is NOT a viable source for this paper. The paper should be 8-10 pages long, NOT including title page, bibliography, and additional appendix materials. All papers will be typed, single sided, double spaced, in Times New Roman font with one inch margins.

Bibliographies and in-text citations should strictly adhere to MLA format. If you have any doubts about how this works, execute an internet search on “MLA format examples” – many universities have online resources for this, including ours:

http://rattler.tamucc.edu/dept/ref/infolit/mla.html

Plagiarism is fun and easy to detect, and will result in a zero grade on your paper and appropriate official actions as set out in official university policy.

Please email me with any questions: Matthew.McClung@tamucc.edu
Research paper: One substantial research paper is required. The research paper is worth 10% of the final grade. All submissions must be typed and conform to MLA style.

- The topic and preliminary bibliography is due on Friday, September 29. For full credit, the pre-bib must include a minimum of three books [not Grout or music appreciation texts], one scholarly internet source, and one journal article. If your journal article is from an online scholarly journal, then two of these must be included so that there are five total references. Please note that more references are expected to be used for the final paper. (5 points toward paper grade)
- The thesis statement and outline is due on Monday, October 30. (5 points toward paper grade)
- The final paper is due at the beginning of class on Monday, November 27. You may turn the paper in early, if desired, but I will grade all the papers at the same time.
- All submissions must be typed. Papers (including bibliographies) must adhere strictly to either MLA, APA, or Turabian style formats, with the appropriate documentation of sources, internal citations as required, double spaced, 12 point font (Times), 1 inch margins, etc. Plagiarism and lack of citations are unacceptable and will result in failing grades. The paper will be eight – ten pages of text in length, not including the title page, bibliography, or any illustrations or appendices. Additional guidelines for the paper and its components will be discussed during the semester. You may show me a rough draft any time prior to November 17 for comments.

The Modern Language Association (MLA) Style is widely used for identifying research sources. In MLA style you briefly credit sources with parenthetical citations in the text of your paper, and give the complete description of each source in your Works Cited list. The Works Cited list, or Bibliography, is a list of all the sources used in your paper, arranged alphabetically by author’s last name, or when there is no author, by the first word of the title (except A, An or The).

For example, in the text of your paper:

The first gambling Web site appeared in 1995, and online gambling has since become the most lucrative Internet business (Will 92).

or,

George Will reported that in 2002 Internet gambling surpassed pornography to become the Internet’s most lucrative business (92).

In your Works Cited list:


The following examples are based on the MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, 6th ed., by Joseph Gibaldi. BOOKS [5.6]

Author. Title of Book. City of Publication: Publisher, Year.

* This is the basic format for a Works Cited entry.
* Take the title from the title page, not the cover.
* The author's name should be written Last Name, First Name.

One Author:

Editor or Compiler
* If the person named on the title page is the editor or compiler, rather than the author, add a comma then the abbreviation "ed." or "comp."


Two or More Authors [5.6.4]
* List the names in the order they appear on the title page.
* Only the first author's name should be reversed: Last Name, First Name.
* Use a comma between the authors' names. Place a period after the last author's name.

* If there are more than three authors, name only the first and add et al., or give all the names.

* If the persons named on the title page are editors or compilers, add a comma after the final name, then the abbreviation "eds." or "comps."


Two or More Works by the Same Authors [5.6.3]

When citing two or more sources by the same author, give the name in the first entry only. For the next entries, type three hyphens, add a period, and skip a space (---.) then give the title. The three hyphens stand for the name(s) in the preceding entry.


Second or Other Edition [5.6.14]
Author. Title of Book. Edition. City of Publication: Publisher, Year.
* If an edition is given, specify it by number (2nd ed.), name (Rev. ed.), or year (2004 ed.).


Corporate Author [5.6.6]
* Cite a book by corporate author when a group — such as an organization or association — rather than individual persons, is the author.

College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, University of Hawaii at Manoa. Growing Plants for Hawaiian Lei. Honolulu: Coll. of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, Univ. of Hawaii at Manoa, 2002.

Government Agency as Author [5.6.21]
* Give the name of the government first, then the name of the agency.

ESSAY, POEM, or SHORT STORY in an ANTHOLOGY [5.6.7]


ENCYCLOPEDIAS and REFERENCE BOOKS [5.6.8]

Author of Article (if given). "Article Title." Title of Book. City of Publication: Publisher, Year.

* When citing familiar reference books, especially those that often appear in new editions, full publication information is not necessary.
* Give the edition (if available) and the year of publication.
* If articles are arranged alphabetically, volume and page numbers are not necessary.


* When citing less familiar reference books, give full publication information. Give the number of volumes for multi-volume sets.


MAGAZINE ARTICLES [5.7.6]

Author. "Title of Article." Title of Magazine Date: Page(s).

* Abbreviate the months (except May, June, July). Give complete dates for magazines issued every week or every two weeks, written in this order: Day Month Year, e.g., 15 January 2000.
* If the article is on consecutive pages, specify the page numbers of the entire article, e.g. 16-20. Give just the last two digits of the second number, when possible, e.g. 188-89, but 196-200
* If the article is not on consecutive pages — if, for example, it begins on page 27, then skips to page 30, and continues on page 32 — write only the first page number, followed by a plus sign: 27+.
* Do not give volume and issue numbers for magazine articles.


No Author Given [5.7.9]

* If no author's name is given, begin with the title of the article.


SCHOLARLY JOURNAL ARTICLES

Journal with Continuous Pagination Through the Volume [5.7.1]

Author. "Title of Article." Title of Journal Volume number (Year): Page(s).


Journal with Issues Paged Separately [5.7.2]

Author. "Title of Article." Title of Journal Volume number. Issue number (Year): Page(s).

* Give both the volume and issue numbers, separated by a period. e.g. volume 12, no. 8 = 12.8


NEWSPAPER ARTICLES [5.7.5]

Author. "Title of Article." Name of Newspaper Date, edition: Page(s).

* Take the name of the newspaper from the masthead, but omit any introductory article: Honolulu Advertiser, not The Honolulu Advertiser.
* If the city of publication is not part of the newspaper's name, add it in square brackets: News and Observer [Raleigh, NC]
* Give the complete date, but not the volume and issue numbers.
* Specify the edition of the newspaper, if one is given on the masthead.
* If the article is not on consecutive pages, write the first page number and a plus sign: B1+


LIBRARY SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES [5.9.7]

Honolulu Community College (HCC) Library subscribes to databases of full-text articles on the Web. Works Cited entries for these articles should include information about the original print publication (see above), and information about the online subscription service.

Infotrac (Gale Group Databases)

Magazine

Author. "Title of Article." Title of Magazine Date: Page(s). Name of Database.
Gale Group Databases. Honolulu Community Coll. Lib., HI. Date of Access


Journal

Author. "Title of Article." Title of Journal Volume number (Year): Page(s).
Name of Database. Gale Group Databases. Honolulu Community Coll. Lib., HI.


Literature Resource Center (from Gale Group)

Author. "Title of Article." Title of Source, edition (if given). Year.
  Gale Group Databases. Honolulu Community Coll. Lib., HI. 8 May 2004

  Gale Group Databases. Honolulu Community Coll. Lib., HI. 8 May 2004

EBSCOhost

Magazine

Author. "Title of Article." Title of Magazine Date: Page(s).
  Name of Database. EBSCOhost. Honolulu Community Coll. Lib., HI.
  Date of Access <http://search.epnet.com/>.

  MasterFILE Premier.

Journal

Author. "Title of Article." Title of Journal Volume number (Year): Page(s).
  Name of Database. EBSCOhost. Honolulu Community Coll. Lib., HI. Date of Access

  1675. Academic Search Premier. EBSCOhost. Honolulu Community College Lib., HI. 8 May 2004

SIRS Knowledge Source

Magazine

Author. "Title of Article." Title of Magazine Date: Page(s). Name of Database.
  SIRS Knowledge Source. Honolulu Community Coll. Lib., HI. Date of Access
SIRS Knowledge Source. Honolulu Community Coll. Lib., HI. 8 May 2004

Newspaper

Author. "Title of Article." Name of Newspaper Date: Page(s). Name of Database.
SIRS Knowledge Source. Honolulu Community Coll. Lib., HI.
Date of Access <http://sks.sirs.com/>.

Lowry, Brian and Rosie Mestel. "In Wired World TV Still Has Grip on Kids." Los Angeles Times

CQ Researcher


Honolulu Community Coll.

WEB SITES

* Complete publication information may not be available for a Web site; provide what is given.

Entire Internet Site: Scholarly Project or Professional Site [5.9.2]

Title of the Site. Editor. Date and/or Version Number. Name of Sponsoring Institution.
Date of Access <URL>.


Document from a Web Site [5.9.1]

Author. "Title of Web Page." Title of the Site. Editor. Date and/or Version Number.
Name of Sponsoring Institution. Date of Access <URL>. 

ARTICLES IN ONLINE PERIODICALS [5.9.4]

Author. "Title of Article." Title of Publication Date: Page(s) or Section(s), if numbered. Date of Access <URL>.


VIDEORECORDINGS [5.8.3]

Title. Director, Producer, and/or Writer. Medium. Distributor, Year.


TELEVISION PROGRAMS [5.8.1]

"Title of Episode or Segment." Title of Program or Series. Credit (Performer, writer, etc). Name of Network. Call Letters (if any), City of Local Station (if any). Broadcast Date.


INTERVIEWS [5.8.7]

Interview Conducted by the Researcher

Person Interviewed. Type of Interview (personal, telephone, email, etc.). Date.

Broadcast Interview

* Add information for the television or radio broadcast.

Clinton, Bill. Interview with Larry King. Larry King Live. CNN. 24 June 2004.