

Organizing and Citing Your Research

Outline


- Why we cite?
- Organization Practices
- Auto-citation tools from library resources
- Citation management software
 - Zotero



Why we cite?

- Situate - place our work in conversation
- Give credit to others - show which ideas are attributed to others
- Trustworthiness - Can increase our own as creators
- Exploration - allows readers to explore source materials more and examine the topic on their own

Heavy winds cause downed utility lines across Long Beach

 Fernando Haro Garcia

More than a dozen utility lines and some trees across the city have been blown down in what officials are calling the “coldest storm of the season, and possibly the last several years,” to hit Long Beach and much of Southern California.

Since winds started picking up Tuesday afternoon, the Long Beach Fire Department has received 16 reports of downed utility lines—five yesterday and 11 today, department spokesperson Jake Heflin said late Wednesday morning.

“For us, the responsibility is to get there and make sure the area is safe and there’s not an immediate threat or hazard,” Heflin said.

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Citation has power

Citing something, intentionally or not, give that author power. Sara Ahmed has described this as “feminist memory” where we acknowledge those who come before us.

Miranda Fricker also describes citation as a form of epistemic justice, meaning that by citing someone you are saying their words and ideas are worth knowing. Lack of citation signals the opposite.

Traditional scholarly citation practices only acknowledge the core authors but often many more people contribute to a work than ever get credit (check out acknowledgements and methodology sections)

Citation has power

Citation can be more than just a passive reflection of what you've read going into a piece. Many scholars cite based on reputation, canon, people they know, etc. There are interdisciplinary calls to cite work you value and to diversify the work represented in citation.

a. Cite Black Women Collective:

<https://www.citeblackwomenscollective.org/our-praxis.html>


b. Wikipedia Edit-a-thons such as Feminist Art Collective & 500 Women Scientists

<https://500womenscientists.org/wikipedia-editathon>

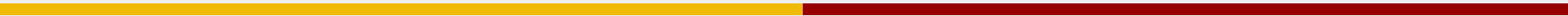
Getting Organized

How do you currently
keep your research
organized?

Organization Tips

- Once you find a source, keep track of all the bibliographic data even if it's more than you think you'll need
 - Keep notes! Don't forget to include page numbers for direct quotations and paraphrasing
 - Keep all your sources in a consistent place
 - Rename any downloaded articles so they're easily identifiable
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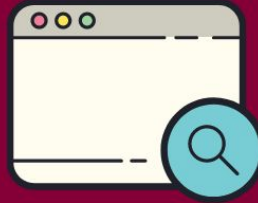


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organize sources

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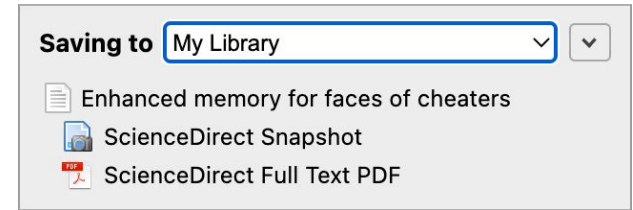
Browser caveats

- Works with Chrome, Firefox, Safari, Edge
 - Doesn't work with Edge or Chrome if logged into a campus laptop or computer due to IT restrictions on browser connectors
- There is an official iOS app if you're using an iPad or iPhone.
- An official Android app is currently being developed.

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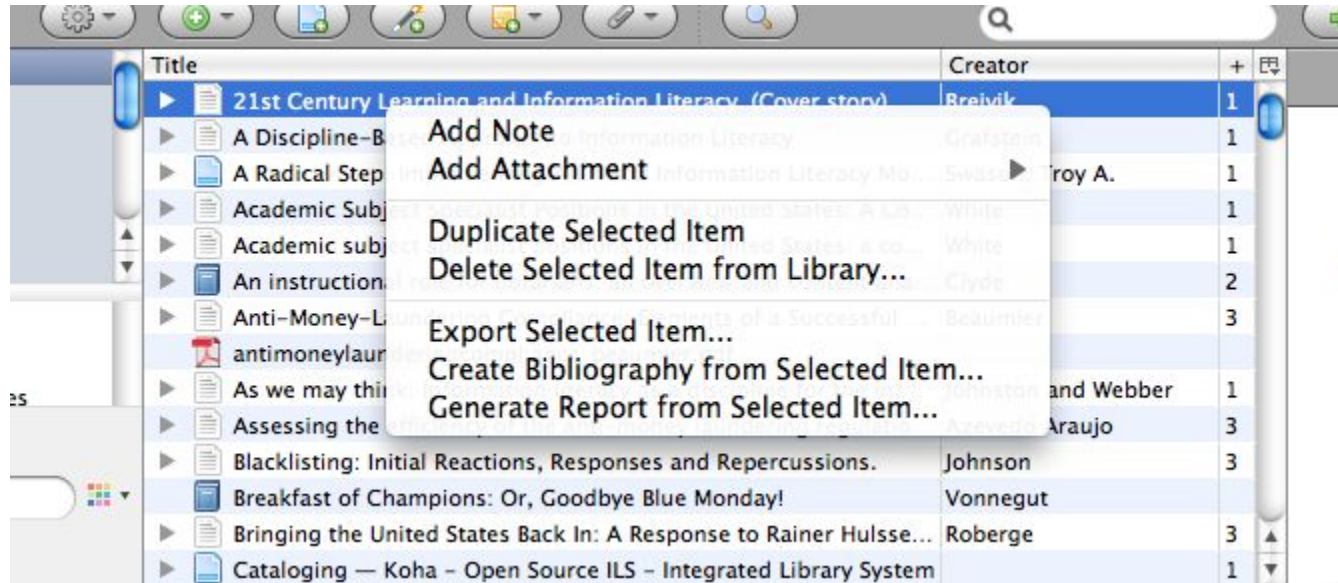
The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying a ScienceDirect article. The address bar shows the URL `sciencedirect.com/scie...`. The article title is "Enhanced memory for faces of cheaters" from the journal "Ethology and Sociobiology", Volume 17, Issue 2, 1996, Pages 119-128. A "Save to Zotero (ScienceDirect)" button is highlighted with a green circle. A tooltip above the button reads "Save to Zotero (ScienceDirect) Has access to this site".



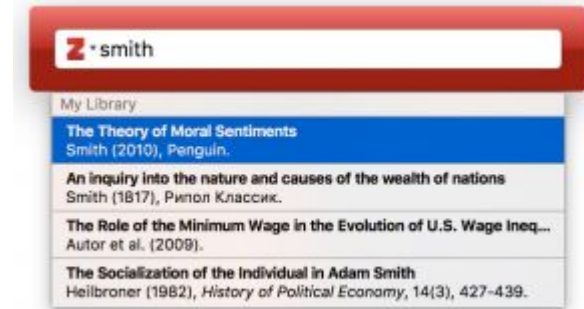
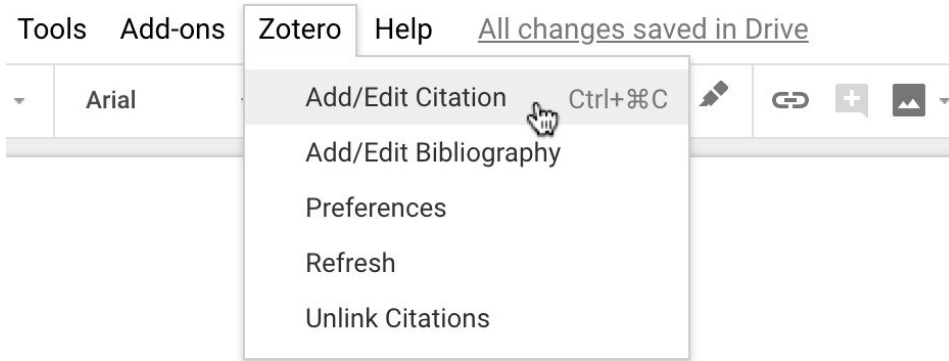
The screenshot shows a Zotero save dialog box. The "Saving to" dropdown menu is set to "My Library". The list of items to be saved includes:

- Enhanced memory for faces of cheaters
- ScienceDirect Snapshot
- ScienceDirect Full Text PDF

Create citations



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Auto-citation generators

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Chalkowski, K., Wilson, A. E., Lepczyk, C. A., & Zohdy, S. (2019). Who let the cats out? A global meta-analysis on risk of parasitic infection in indoor versus outdoor domestic cats (*Felis catus*). *Biology Letters* (2005), 15(4), 20180840–20180840. <https://doi.org/10.1098/rsbl.2018.0840>

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 - Add or create specialized citation styles to save you time
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