Chicago Style: The Author-Date System

There are two basic documentation systems in Chicago:

A. **Notes and Bibliography** (also called the "*humanities system*" because it is favored by writers in literature, history, and the arts)
B. Author-Date (favored by writers in the physical, natural, and social sciences)

The Author-Date System:

- Uses in-text citations that include the author's last name, publication date of the work cited, and page number(s) (if applicable).
- The paper is followed by a list of references, where the full details of each source appear.

In-text citations:

All of Eurasia was affected by climatic oscillations during Pleistocene glacials and interglacials (Frenzel 1968). ...Behavioral observations can provide useful insights into evolutionary relationships, as Morris and Morris (1966, 1-24) first tried to show for the giant panda.
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Entries in reference list:

Blair, Walter. 1977. "Americanized Comic Braggarts." *Critical Inquiry* 4(2):331-49.
Pollan, Michael. 2006. *The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals.* New York: Penguin.
Google. 2017. "Privacy Policy." Privacy & Terms. Last modified April 17, 2017. https://www.google.com/policies/privacy/.

Note these aspects of the reference list entries for this system:

- Invert authors' names (last name followed by first name: Agamben, Georgia.)
- The date appears immediately after the authors' names and is *not* enclosed in the parentheses
- Titles of articles and webpages are placed in quotation marks. Titles of books and journals are italicized.

How to use this system:

As with any documentation system, close consultation with a good reference guide is essential to using the system correctly. We recommend the following which go into detail about the precise format of in-text citations and reference list entries for all types of sources. Examples of the Author-Date system in both these guides are labeled "T" for in-text citation and "R" for reference list entry.

- Chicago Manual of Style, 17th ed.
- Chicago Manual Online Quick Guide: http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide/citation-guide-2.html
- OWL at Purdue: https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/717/1/