

**ScWk 240**  
**Fall 2012**  
**Bibliography Assignment Directions**

The purpose of the bibliography assignment is to identify, read, and organize a body of literature on a research topic. This process is intended to assist you in: a) identifying a topic for your literature review, b) refining that topic as needed—based on what you learn in the process of reading the materials, and c) organizing the materials into the major sections of the ScWk 240 literature review. The final product is a minimum of 20 to 25 scholarly works organized into the Background, Theory, and Review of Evidence sections (i.e. the “body sections” of the ScWk 240 literature review assignment) and presented in APA format.

Steps include:

- 1) Conduct a thorough search of academic databases, government websites and general web searches using a variety of search terms related to your topic.
- 2) Identify a variety of scholarly works related to your topic area (i.e. peer-reviewed research studies, book chapters in academic collections, government reports, and/or materials produced by research organizations).
- 3) Examine and review the scholarly works you identified in your searches and consider their quality and usefulness in understanding your topic.
- 4) Organize the materials you collect according to the major sections of the ScWk 240 literature review: Background, Theory, and Review of Evidence (i.e. the “body” sections). In the Review of Evidence section, please include at least two sub-sections related to your research topic.
- 5) Read through each item that is included in your bibliography. As you read, underline, bracket and/or highlight any important information to summarize the article as well as any information you find useful to your topic of research.
- 6) Cite each reference in APA format and organize them into the ScWk 240 literature review sections (Background, Theory and Review of Evidence).

**Library Liaison**

For assistance in the library go to the King Library Reference Desk (2<sup>nd</sup> floor; 808-2100) and/or utilize the Social Work Research Guide available at <http://libguides.sjsu.edu/scwk>. The Social Work Library Liaison is: Teresa Slobuski, [Teresa.Slobuski@sjsu.edu](mailto:Teresa.Slobuski@sjsu.edu) or 408-808-2318.

**This assignment is worth 10 points and is due at the start of class on September 12, 2012.**