Guidelines for RCC Perspectives Contributors



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Style Guidelines

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 selected examples below, but strongly encourage you to visit the Chicago-Style
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Examples for Reference List Entries

Book

Merchant, Carolyn. The Death of Nature: Women, Ecology, and the Scientific Revolution. San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1980.

Book chapter

Sodhi, Navjot S., Barry W. Brook, and Corey J.A. Bradshaw. "Causes and Consequences of Species Extinctions." In *The Princeton Guide to Ecology*, edited by Simon A. Levin, 514–20. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2009.

Journal article

Krausmann, Fridolin. "Milk, Manure, and Muscular Power: Livestock and the Industrialization of Agriculture." *Human Ecology* 32, no. 6 (2004): 735–73.

Website

Milena Gonzalez, Milena, and Matt Lucky. "Fossil Fuels Dominate Primary Energy Consumption." *Vital Signs Online*. WorldWatch Institute, last modified 24 October 2013, http://worldwatch.org/fossil-fuels-dominate-primary-energy-consumption-0.