# Crafting a Literature Review

### The Format for this Workshop

Because literature reviews may be foreign to many, this workshop has been designed in a very specific way.

Part One: Defining Lit Reviews

Part Two: Approaching Research

Part Three: Organizing Research

Part Four: Creating MEAL for sections

- Social Work Sample
- Nursing Sample
- Criminal Justice Sample
- Management Sample

### Part One: Defining Lit Reviews

### What is a Literature Review?

 A literature review is an ESSAY that surveys, summarizes, links, and analyzes research (a.k.a., literature) in a given field.

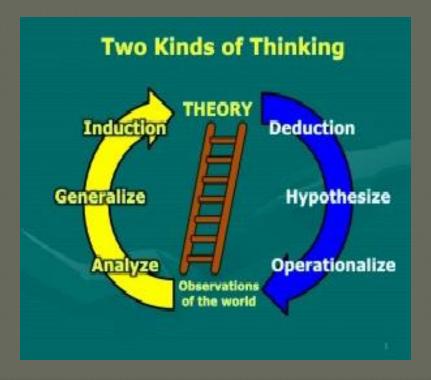
- Surveys: An overview of sub-topics within a topic
- Summarizes: What the literature presents
- Links: How the literature relates or does not
- Analyzes: Quality/state of literature, comparisons/contrasts

### Inductive and Deductive

Literature reviews are organized by CATEGORIES and THEMES

Themes are created inductively

To find and examine specific gaps, we use deduction



# Justifying yourself...

We use literature reviews in two primary ways:

- 1) justifying our research by noting what has already been written and to contextualize our research
- 2) to get a "snapshot" of the field independent of new research

For the first purpose, your study/paper/thesis performs at least one of the following:

- 1) Closes gaps in the research;
- 2) Tests an aspect of a theory;
- 3) Replicates an important study;
- 4) Retests a hypothesis with a new or improved methodology;
- 5) Resolves conflicts in the field;
- 6) Creates original research (this is rare).

### The Overall Process

- Select a topic
- Read as much as you can
- 3) Take notes
- 4) Develop categories (i.e., recurring topics in lit)
- 5) Move literature into categories
- Develop overall themes (i.e., the statement of what the literature in a category says overall and/or the state of the literature within a category)
- Write one section at a time
- Bring together into a whole
- 9) Edit, edit, edit, edit, edit

### Summary

Thus, a literature review:

- 1)Surveys, summarizes, links, and analyzes literature on a topic—it is essentially an analytical "snapshot" of a field 2)Is divided into sub-topics organized by categories with themes that state
- 3)Uses both inductive and deductive methods
- 4)Links a current study to the literature as a whole

# Part Two: Approaching Research

# Some general guidelines

Establish a general field of interest and start searching for literature.

Start with the MOST RECENT and WORK BACKWARDS to the oldest. A five-year span from the present is ideal.

Read through abstracts to identify if an article would be good

Read through summary materials

Look for MAJOR figures in the field and MAJOR studies/articles using both Online Research and a Library Database Search. Here is how...

# Using the Library

Let's go to the Auraria Library website to cover Library usage. Keep in mind these principles:

- 1)Almost all fields will have field-specific search engines
- 2)Be sure to click "Full Text" and "Peer Reviewed" when searching

http://www.ucdenver.edu/student-services/Pages/Library.aspx

### Summary

The key aspects to this step are:

- 1) Locate reliable research on a narrow topic
- 2) Identify major figures and themes
- 3) Begin to notice what questions are not asked or questions not investigated properly or completely

# Part Three: Organizing Research

### Types of Lit Reviews

Literature Reviews are typically organized CATEGORICALLY with THEMES acting as thesis statements for categories

However, there are several ways to organize the themes:

#### -Chronological

Emphasizes changes over time and growth in field

#### -Methodological

Appropriate for empirically-oriented studies and used to identify problems with extant methods and to build the case for new methods

#### -Descriptive-Analytical (Most common in public affairs)

An overview of the field, usually using some organization heuristic, that usually analyzes the state/quality of the lit --Aspects of a theory, major types of findings

#### -Mixed

Some combination of the above; usually employs a "history" section to detail changes/growth in a field

### **MEAL**

Ideally, all literature reviews, both globally (the whole essay) and at the section level, and regardless of organizational type, should conform to a MEAL organization ideally structurally, functionally, or both.

#### M: Main Point

-Thesis statement for whole review AND for all sections (a lit review thesis statement will indicate the state of the literature)

#### E: Evidence

- The literature under a sub-topic (there are various organizational methods for this demonstrated later)

#### A: Analysis

- What the literature suggests, the quality/state of literature (i.e., what is missing, areas of disagreement, or simply what reader needs to take away from section)

#### L: Linking

-Relates sub-section back to thesis and transitions to next section

When using the MEAL system, the key is to start the process with EVIDENCE.

At first, this is an inductive process in which we gather a general idea of the field.

As we progress further and identify themes OR if we know the themes already, the process is largely deductive.



### Ways to get the Evidence

- Take basic notes
- 2) Paraphrase/summarize-as-you-go
- 3) Build tables

The second and the third are usually the best options

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### Steps to Paraphrasing-as-you-go

As demonstrated in the next slides, you will do the following:

- 1) Create the full bibliographic/works cited/references citation for the source
- 2) Summarize in your own words the methods, findings, conceptual frameworks of the work
- 3) Use a combination of different types of citations
- 4) Simply write down in complete sentences anything you find useful
- 5) Conduct the same process with every piece of literature you find useful
- 6) Begin to identify CATEGORIES of studies (i.e., studies on similar topics)
- 7) Identify THEMES once you identify the categories

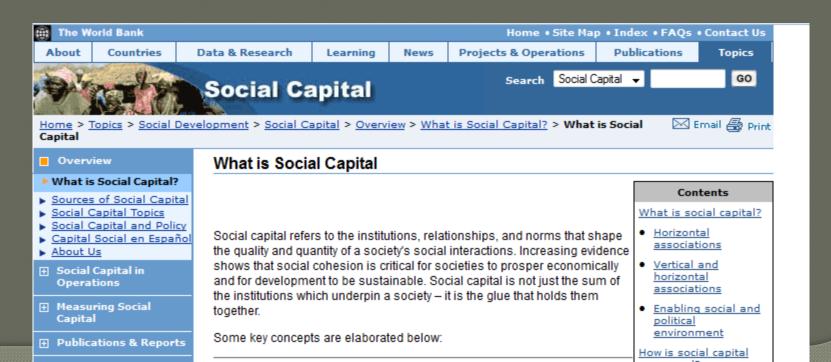
This helps to create up to 80-90% of the bulk of the final literature review.

### An example...

Essentially getting "raw data" and allows for cutting and pasting (especially since every sentence has a citation)

Provides basis for MEAL

Following is from listserv that demonstrates the basic process and deals with social capital (see the World Bank definition below)



#### **Measuring Social Capital**

Putnam: Bonding social capital (values assigned to social networks between homogeneous groups); bridging social capital (networks between socially heterogeneous groups). Collective value of all social networks (social networks—who people know) and inclinations arising from networks to do things for each other (norms of reciprocity). Solow (2000) and Arrow (2000) noted that the danger lies in defining social capital.

Grootaert and Basterlaer (2002) defined social capital broadly since there are so many competing definitions: "This lack of agreement, and the reluctance to impose a narrow definition on a still-evolving conceptual debate has led us to define social capital broadly as the institutions, relationships, attitudes, and values that govern interactions among people and contribute to economic and social development" (p. 97).

Uphoff (2000) noted that the first is structural social capital, which refers to objective and externally observable social structures (networks, associations, institutions, rules); the second is cognitive social capital, which comprises subjective and intangible elements such as attitudes, norms, perceptions of shared values, reciprocity, and trust. As such, during an experiment while it is possible for experimenters to observe the creation of structural social capital, the measure proposed concerns the **cognitive** social capital, which is the more fundamental form since it <u>can be observed</u> ex post.

Social capital also as micro, meso, and macro forms on structural and cognitive dimensions, ranging from institutions to values. As such, given the replication of institutions by the experimenters as dependent variables (i.e., structural), measuring the cognitive dimensions is more appropriate since this is where individuals understand, process, and reap benefits of social capital (Field, 2008).

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Skocpol (1995) asserted that local groups benefit from social capital analysis and that a group metric is required. Woolcock and Narayan (2000) noted that sociology in particular has provided insight into conceiving how to measure social capital and that categorizing social capital can take place on communitarian (local organizations), networked, institution, and synergistic viewpoints. Suggested measurement should emphasize obtaining groups synergistic viewpoints. Built off work of Skocpol.

However, Grootaert and VanBastaeler asserted that while there must be rigor in coming to an exact definition, the opportunities for research outweigh the need for strict definitions now.

The empirical literature has noted that integrating qualitative and quantitative instruments best captures social capital. Further, the Social Capital Assessment Tool (SOCAT), which is a qual/quant measure, is primarily a survey and also open-ended and is designed to improve cognitive measurement (Smith-Morris, 2007).

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EVIDENCE	STUDIES	
BASIC DEFINITIONS	Grootaert and Van Basterlaer (2002)	
	Briggs (1997)	
	Putnam (1995) — Classic definition and	
	bonding/bridging SC	
TYPES	Uphoff—Network structure	
	Field—Structure and cognition (expanded upon	
	Uphoff)	
	Arrow and Solow said problem is in agreement,	
	comprehensiveness, and measurement	
MEASUREMENT SUGGESTIONS	Dependent upon perceptions—Colletta & Cullen	
	Uphoff—Easy to study structure experimentally	
	Field—Cognitive should be way to go	
	Skocpol—Group Metric	
	Woolcock & Narayan—Group's synergistic	
	viewpoints	
	Smith-Morris—SOCAT	
ANALYSIS	No comprehensive suggestions	
	G&V—Opportunities for research more important	
NEED TO FIND	Problems with measuring SC and whether it is	
	even possible (e.g., Arrow)	
	Interpretive problems	

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Holistically, scholarly definitions of social capital are broad and often compete with one another, although they usually emphasize "the institutions, relationships, attitudes, and values that govern interactions among people and contribute to economic and social development" (Grootaert & Van Basterlaer, 2002, p. 97). Broadly, the concept refers to the notion that individuals derive social and economic benefits from interactions with individuals in networks (Briggs, 1997).

Putnam (1995) noted that there are at least two different types of social capital. The first is bonding social capital, which consists of values assigned to social networks between homogeneous groups. The second is bridging social capital, or networks between socially heterogeneous groups. Uphoff (2000) largely agreed with Putnam but argued that a better understanding of social capital lies in observing network structure (i.e., objective and externally observable network rules, institutions, and associations) versus network cognition (i.e., attitudes, norms, perceptions of shared values, reciprocity, and trust). Uphoff noted that cognitive social capital is the more fundamental form since this is likely where individuals process, retain, and understand the benefits from social capital. Field (2008) expanded upon Uphoff's work and noted that both structural and cognitive dimensions have micro-, meso-, and macro-level forms, ranging from institutions to values.

However, none of these definitions are agreed upon and comprehensive (see Arrow, 2000; Solow, 2000), leading to different suggestions for measurement. What scholars have largely agreed upon is that social capital is dependent upon individual's perceptions (Colletta & Cullen, 2000). For instance, Uphoff (2000) noted that it is relatively easy to observe structural social capital in experimental conditions since it is possible to conduct ex post network analysis on observed conditions. However, to scholars like Field (2008), studying cognitive dimensions is the most important because it is through cognition, which implicates perceptions, in which individuals understand, process, and reap the benefits of social capital.

Several suggestions for improving social equity measurement are extant. Skocpol (1995) recommended a group metric, and Woolcock and Narayan (2000), building off of Skocpol's work, noted that the best approach concerned developing a metric to obtain groups' synergistic viewpoints. The empirical literature has noted that integrating qualitative and quantitative instruments best captures social capital. Further, the Social Capital Assessment Tool (SOCAT), which is a qual/quant measure, is primarily a survey and also open-ended and is designed to improve cognitive measurement (Smith-Morris, 2007).

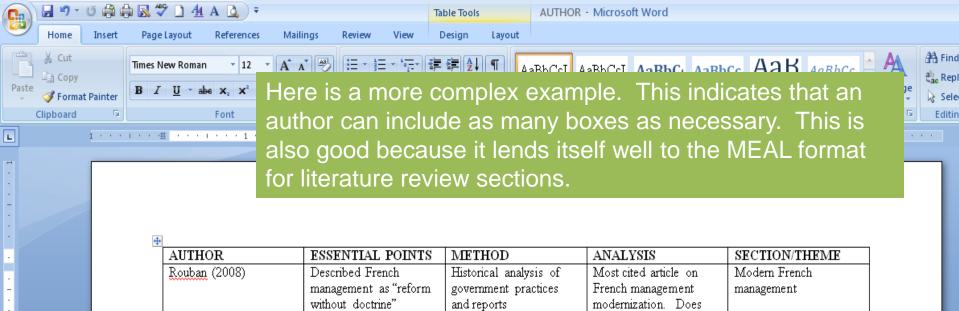
However, questions remain regarding the need to create strict definitions and measures. Grootaert and VanBastaeler (2002) asserted that while there must be rigor in coming to an exact definition, the opportunities for research outweigh the need for strict definitions now.

### Managing Numerous Definitions

- Very often, you will encounter the same concept defined in different ways by different researchers.
- This is especially important in research as how we define something determines how we can measure it.
- Consider building tables for definitions so as to keep track.
- The following is adapted from Galvan's (2006) book Writing Literature Reviews, Third Edition (pp. 63-64):



Definition of X		
Author	Definition	Notes
Goerdeler (1984)	Defined X as	First definition
Ferris (1985)	Defined X as	Disagreed with
		Goerdeler
Groening (1985)	Defined X as	Agreed with
		Goerdeler but
		added A,B, and C
		to definition
Julian (1987)	Defined X as	Disagreed with all
		previous
		definitions



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AUTHOR	ESSENTIAL POINTS	METHOD	ANALYSIS	SECTION/THEME
Rouban (2008)	Described French	Historical analysis of	Most cited article on	Modern French
	management as "reform	government practices	French management	management
	without doctrine"	and reports	modernization. Does	
			not address X, Y, and Z	
Closets (1989)	French management	Government-sponsored	First major government	Modern French
	needs modernization;	report, extensive meta-	report supporting public	Management
	more privatization and	analysis of local level	sector modernization;	
	private sector business	reports	compatibility with NPM	
	practices			
McCandless (2011)	French management	Literature review;	Highly qualified	France and NPM
	practices compatible	interviews; local level	conclusions but with	
	with NPM at local level	government report	relations to Rouban	
	but less so at national	analysis	(2008). Uses Rogers	
	level. Qualifies by		(2003) to explain	
	noting three competing		innovation diffusion and	
	definitions of NPM (i.e.,		Heady (2001) for	
	it depends on the type of		conceptual articulation.	
	government and type of		Some conclusions based	
	NPM). French culture is		upon a less-than-10-year	
	changing, thus changing		span, so not sure if	
	environment of public		conclusions will bear out	
	management			



Another approach is the Kirschner method, which involves using the paraphrase-asyou-go method, writing the information down on cards, and laying them out on a table. This allows a person to move the cards around physically to see how a piece of literature can fit into themes.

Once the writer is satisfied with the placement, he or she can begin writing up the sections in MEAL formal.

This works very well for tactile learners.

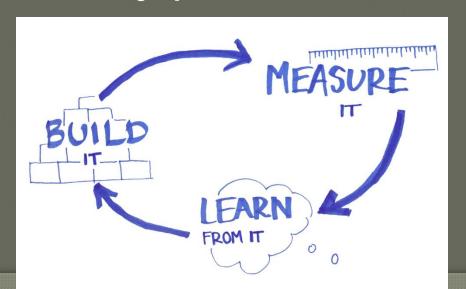
# Managing Sections

All you have done at this point is to move the raw data (e.g., individual articles, studies, books, etc.) into labeled sections

Take uncoordinated information and find the general categories of literature

--Actually iterative since we find categories through research and do not do it solely after finding the literature we need

Then find the THEME for each category, which is the Main Point of MEAL



### Managing Sections

The MAIN POINT, or the theme for a section or category, is what the literature on the topic says overall and/or the state/quality of the literature.

For <u>each</u> section and sub-section, indicate in a few sentences <u>what in total the</u> <u>literature suggests about the topic.</u>

These sentences are often written like

"The literature suggests..."

"Studies indicate..."

"Scholars have argued..."

"Most literature on X has noted Y and Z"

...and many other varieties

### Managing Sections

We have to use INDUCTION to find what the overall themes are, which could include:

- 1) What findings seem to occur the most and variations on those findings
- 2) What scholars (mostly) agree upon and areas of disagreement
- 3) The state/quality of the literature
- 4) How scholars have studied the phenomenon under investigation
- 5) Simply the aspects of what has been studied (e.g., Scholars have studied X by looking at A and B)
- 6) ...or some combination of two or more of these

# Creating the "E"

The next step is to decide how to create the "E" of MEAL, or how to organize the "Evidence" within a section.

Based upon your understanding the literature, think of the best way to organize the evidence.

In the next few slides, we will discuss the *most common* models. They are:

- 1)Historical
- 2)Descriptive
- 3)Descriptive Analytical
- 4)Big studies → small studies → big studies
- 5)Similar methodologies  $\rightarrow$  mini-analysis  $\rightarrow$  other methodologies  $\rightarrow$  mini-analysis
- 6)Big Camps

### Historical

What we should take away from section

This "E" organization is great for literature reviews that want to chart *changes in a theme over time*. For instance, if we are examining the development of public sector employee wellness programs, a historically-organized "E" will be able to chart changes. This is mostly a descriptive literature review organized chronologically.

Theme/Concept

Analysis

Earlier Time

Later Time

### Descriptive

Descriptive literature reviews or sections are primarily extended definitions of a concept. For example, if we are reviewing the concept of "administrative discretion," we would be presenting different scholars' definitions/understandings of this topic. A MASTER ANALYSIS provides a wrap-up of important things to take away.

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# Descriptive-Analytical

Descriptive literature reviews or sections are primarily extended definitions of a concept. For example, if we are reviewing the concept of "administrative discretion," we would be presenting different scholars' definitions/understandings of this topic with analysis-along-the-way to indicate similarities/differences in these definitions. A MASTER ANALYSIS provides a wrap-up of important things to take away.

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MASTER ANALYSIS

Similarities and Differences

# Big-to-small-to-big

This style is very amenable to empirically oriented literature reviews or section. In this style, an author will start with larger, wide-ranging studies, present smaller and smaller studies, and then branch out again. A MASTER ANALYSIS will end the section.

MAIN POINT

Largest studies

Increasingly smaller studies

A branch out to larger studies again

**ANALYSIS AT END** 

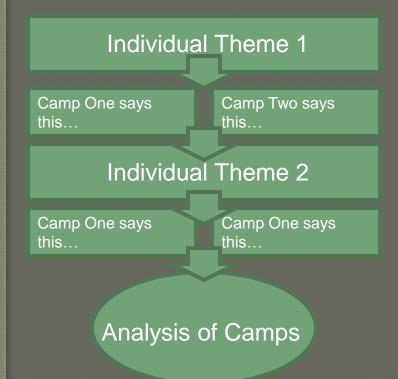
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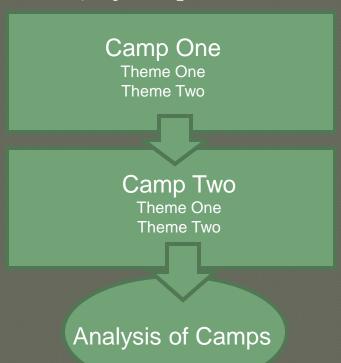
In this organization, you will be grouping studies within sections based upon similar methodologies. There will be mini-analysis-along-the-way so that readers can understand the points. A MASTER ANALYSIS will end the section.

Methodology One Mini-Analysis Methodology Two Mini-Analysis **MASTER ANALYSIS** 

### Big Camps

"Big Camps" will organize information based upon a collection of studies or scholars who support a particular interpretation of a body of data that are different from other camps. This requires a summary of the individual camps with some analysis to indicate points of similarity or contention. A lit review could organize these by a) individual themes or b) by camps.





### Creating the "A"

The "A", or Analysis, can occur either at the end of each section or throughout

It consists of re-establishing the overall theme and then identifying the state/quality of the literature, usually by focusing on:

What is missing

The implications of what is missing

Literature reviews for empirical work usually include:

Why something is missing (e.g., scholars have paid too much attention to X versus Y because of Z)

Ways to address what is missing

Hypotheses (i.e., relationships to be tested later)

### Creating the "L"

The "L" of MEAL, or "Linking" consists of:

- 1) Transitioning to the next section
  - --Using headings and sub-headings
  - -- Employing transitions between paragraphs
- 2) Relating a category to the whole literature

# Part Four: Creating MEAL for Sections and for the whole review

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### The Introduction

- The good literature review will start with a good introduction.
- Let's Look at the "Latino Youth" sample to extrapolate some elements of a good introduction

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#### The Well-Being of Immigrant Latino Youth: A Framework to Inform Practice

According to the 2000 census, the Latino population living in the United States increased by 58% over 10 years, growing from 22.4 million in 1990 to 35.3 million in 2000 (Schmidley, 2001). As their presence in the United States grows, Latinos are relocating in many areas of the country that have not been traditional destinations for new Latino immigrants, such as the South and the Midwest. As a result, health and social service providers, in both traditional and new 10 receiving communities, are working with increasing 50 numbers of Latino clients. To better serve these clients, helping professionals will need to develop an understanding of the risk and protective factors for Latino youth. In particular because the largest percentage of Latinos living in the United States are immigrants or children of immigrants (Hernandez, 1997; Suarez-Orozco & Suarez-Orozco, 2001), service providers will need to understand the risk and protective factors associated with migration and acculturation.

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#### Status of Latino Youth

Mental Health

Few investigations of the incidence and prevalence of specific mental health diagnoses for Latino youth exist. Most current research compares several ethnic groups on specific diagnostic categories or other measures of well-being. In a multistage probability sample, Shrout et al. (1992) found limited differences between Puerto Rican and mainland Hispanics on a variety of diagnoses. Kleykamp and Tienda (in press) found limited well-being differences between Latino and white youth in a nationally representative sample. In a study of 3,962 ethnic minerity youth receiving outpatient mental health services in San Diego, Yeh, McCabe, Hurlburt, Hough, Hazen, Culver, Garland, and Landsverk (2002) found that Latinos were more likely to receive diagnoses of adjustment disorders, anxiety disorders, and psychotic disorders compared with non-Hispanic whites. The study sample was also less likely to be diagnosed with attention deficit disorder. Latino females appear to be at particular risk for depressive symptoms and suicidal behavior. The Commonwealth Fund reported that 27% of Latina girls enrolled in Grades 5 through 12 experienced depressive symptoms in the past 2 weeks; this percentage is higher than that for all other groups except Asian girls (Schoen et al., 1997). In 1999, more than 25% of Latina girls reported seriously considering suicide and nearly 1 in 5 Latina girls between the ages of 12 and 21 attempted suicide one or more times in the past 12 months (Centers for Disease Control [CDC], 2002). This percentage for Latina girls was more than double those reported by any other ethnic or racial group regardless of gender. However, more than 25% of Latino boys also reported feeling sad or hopeless almost every day for 2 weeks or longer in the past 12 months (CDC, 2002). Findings suggest that Hispanic adults and children living in New York City have developed higher rates of posttraumatic stress disorder symptoms in response to the World Trade Center disaster than members of other groups; the reasons for these findings are unclear (Galea et al., 2002).

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- A general statement of 3ic 1S1 importance ıρ
  - A narrowing of scope to the particular issue
  - A clear problem definition

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Somewhere in the introduction and clearly located, should be:

- The thesis statement(s) that indicate(s) the overall state of the literature
- 2) The major sub-topics of the review

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According to the 2000 census, the Latino population living in the United States increased by 58% over 10 years, growing from 22.4 million in 1990 to 35.3 million in 2000 (Schmidley, 2001). As their presence in the United States grows, Latinos are relocating in 45 many areas of the country that have not been traditional destinations for new Latino immigrants, such as the South and the Midwest. As a result, health and social service providers, in both traditional and new 10 receiving communities, are working with increasing 50 numbers of Latino clients. To better serve these clients, helping professionals will need to develop an understanding of the risk and protective factors for Latino youth. In particular because the largest percentage of Latinos living in the United States are immigrants or children of immigrants (Hernandez, 1997; Suarez-Orozco & Suarez-Orozco, 2001), service providers will need to understand the risk and protective factors associated with migration and acculturation.

Research suggests that Latino youth face multiple threats to their well-being, including substance use, poor school functioning, and early adult role-taking. These risks may be particularly acute for children who immigrate later in childhood, especially during adolescence (Portes & Rumbaut, 2001). Despite these risks, additional research suggests that new immigrant Latino families.

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### Principles of Introductions

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- 1) An introduction that establishes the importance of the topic and the problem definition;
- 2) A master thesis statement that indicates the overall state of the literature (i.e., what the literature as a whole suggests/says);
- 3) An indication of the sub-topics in the review

### MEAL in Sections

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Or you can look it up in the Auraria Library databases:

Chapman, M.V., & Perreira, K.M. (2005). The well-being of immigrant Latino youth: A framework to inform practice. *Families in Society*, 86(1), 104-111.

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- 1) A main point (thesis statement) that indicates the main point of the section, namely the state/quality of the literature
- 2) A presentation of the evidence/data that corresponds to and compliments the type of information being presented
- 3) Some type of analysis indicating the major points and/or problems with the literature

### Nursing Sample

Let's look at the "Nursing" sample. Keep an eye out for:

- 1) Introductions, conclusions, and summaries;
- 2) Major categories;
- 3) Citations;
- 4) Problems with the research

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Bonsall, K., & Cheater, F.M. (2008). What is the impact of advanced primary care nursing roles on patients, nurses and their colleagues? A literature review. *International Journal of Nursing Studies*, 45, 1090-1102.

first contact care (as defined earlier) and if that care was provided by a nurse. Qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods studies were included if published in the English language. Titles and abstracts were screened by one reviewer and full papers obtained for studies assessed as potentially relevant. The initial searches produced 211 hits, of which 192

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Care Institute for Excellence in undertaking knowledge

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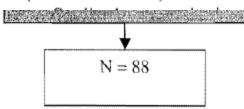


Fig. 3. Flow chart depicting process for inclusion of papers in review.

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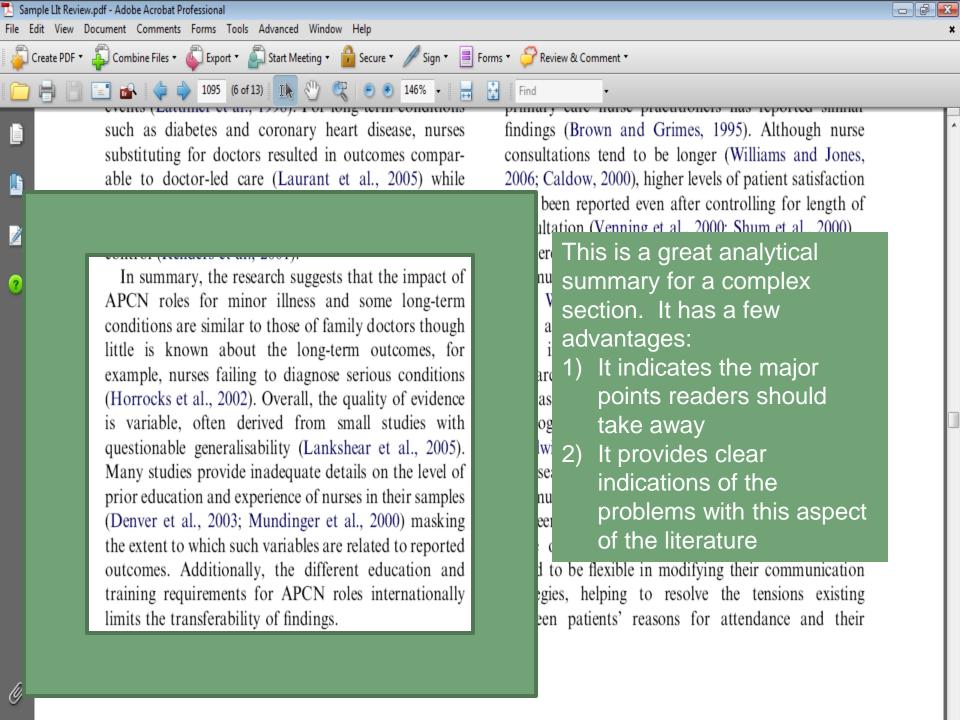
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A total of 26 papers were identified in this section (five systematic reviews, Brown and Grimes, 1995; Renders et al., 2001; Horrocks et al., 2002; Sibbald et al., 2004; Laurant et al., 2005; two reviews, Office of Technology Assessment, 1986; Branson et al., 2003; one mixed methods study, Jenkins-Clarke et al., 1997; five qualitative interview-based studies, Baldwin et al., 1998; Mills et al., 2002; Williams et al., 2003; Redsell et al., 2005;

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### Other Samples

#### Criminology

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Smith, L.J. (2003). The organizational environment and its influence on state criminal justice systems with the United States and the offender reintegration process. *Criminal Justice Studies*, 16(2), 97-112.

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Smith (2003) is an example of a journal article that uses an extensive literature review, albeit mostly descriptive and descriptive-analytical in (see Part III). Below we see some good examples of lit review thesis statements that are very similar to the other samples...

considered important when developing comprehensive and effective responses to complex problems such as re-integration and recidivism, are slowly developing. Programs of this type actively seek representatives from each criminal justice system agency to join together in multiagency task forces, steering committees or planning groups to identify problems, develop goals and strategies for addressing the problems and to oversee

The literature suggests that justice partnerships of this type can address specific problems within the criminal justice system such as offender re-integration more efficiently and will minimize the impact of the changes that occur in the organizational environment, such as legal and political influences. The literature also suggests that as a result of these planning groups, overall improvements can be seen in the systemic relationship between each agency in the criminal justice system: the police, prosecution, courts and corrections, thus, improving *system outcomes*.

models. Restorative justice involves returning to the ancient view that redefines crime more as an injury to the victim and community than as an injury to the government. It views the criminal justice process more comprehensively by including the victim, the offender and the community in its processes in a "community building" process (Bazemore, 1995). The community is a responsible partner in the offender re-integration process and is actively involved in planning the restoration process as opposed to being a passive participant. To further enhance this comprehensive approach, re-entry court models have been introduced with the role of re-entry management assigned to the sentencing judge, whose duties would be expanded to create a "re-entry court". At the time of sentencing, the judge would also convene meetings with the stakeholders who would be responsible for the offender's re-entry.

Turn to page 99 of Smith (2003). This is the first paragraph of the review, and it corresponds to a primarily descriptive lit review defining "organizational environment..

#### THE ORGANIZATIONAL ENVIRONMENT

A system's organizational environment is described as any external phenomenon, event, group or individual which is composed of technological, legal, political, economic, demographic, ecological and cultural forces (Kolfas et al., 1990). Kolfas and colleagues (1990) affirmed that as environmental conditions change, demands for service, legal resources and positions on policy and programs of both public and private organizations may change (p. 19). They further explained that adapting to these new demands, constraints and pressures may alter the mission or policy of the organization (p. 19). For example, increasing the number of arrests as a result of an increase in crime and public pressure will impact on the criminal justice system. The populations of jails will increase and court dockets and caseloads of prosecuting attorneys will expand (p. 29). Another good example of how the organization's environment (for example, the political climate) can affect the organization is through direct pressures from constituents and clients and indirectly through governmental action (p. 25). The government's response to political conditions can be passed on to the organization and other agencies within the system. Governments can be influenced to change budgets and mandates, and to alter the composition of top administrative personnel. These situations normally result after elections or after legislation is written that changes the purpose or power base of a bureaucracy (p. 25) It was also found that that changes in organizational environments have led to a variety of justice models being used over the years. Cole and Smith (1998) identify seven justice models used from the 1600s through to the 1990s: the colonial, penitentiary, reformatory, progressive, medical, community and crime control (p. 456).

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Herbert Packer (1968) explains that the crime control model competes with the due process model, a model that encourages the adversarial process, the rights of defendants, and formal decision-making processes. He emphasizes that no one official agency functions according to one mode or the other, and elements of both models are found throughout the system. However, as indicated above, the crime control model that has been identified as the predominant model results in a philosophy that encourages police and prosecutors to decide early on whether a defendant is innocent or guilty, leaving the possibility that more procedural errors may ensue. In contrast, the due process model encourages conclusive evidence in order to minimize error (Packer, 1968). Although the philosophy of the crime control model and due process are polarized, it can be argued that the due process model

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Turn to page 100. Again, Smith (2003) is mostly writing descriptively that also includes some summary of main points and some analysis.

#### THE PLANNING PROCESS AND SYSTEMIC FRAGMENTATION

Systemic fragmentation, as defined in this article, is when the criminal justice system's planning processes are inadequate, which adversely impacts the relationship between its agencies and their overall mission, goals and objectives, the development of a unifying criminal justice philosophy and the system's expected outcomes. The review of existing literature revealed that all state criminal justice systems were found to be systematically fragmented at certain stages in the process and deficient in continuity, thus producing systems subdued in differences and occasionally deemed non-systems (Wright, 1994).

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Much of the debate on criminal justice systems outcomes focuses on whether the systems' planning processes are adequate in addressing these issues or if there is a lack in unifying philosophy thus fragmenting the system's goals and objectives (Hahn, 1998).

Turn to page 100. Again, Smith (2003) is mostly writing descriptively that also includes some summary of main points and some analysis.

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### Overall Summary: 1

The samples demonstrate some alternative-yet-still-similar choices for literature reviews. However, here are some important points for ALL samples: 1)A literature review will ideally have an introduction that establishes the scope, importance and state of, and major findings of the literature (i.e., the thesis); 2)A literature review introduction should indicate somewhere in some form what the major topics are; the "Nursing" sample did this overtly; 3)The "Nursing" sample overtly identified the studies used by methodology, which is important for literature reviews in which mentioning methodology is important;

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- 4) Each section will have a statement on the state/quality of literature;
- 5) The organization of the evidence will conform to one of the styles we discussed previously;
- 6) The "Nursing" sample excelled in analytical summaries of each section that enhance readability;
- 7) At a minimum, an ideal section will have a Main Point, a logical structure of Evidence seen in Part III, and some type of analysis.

### The most important point...

At a minimum, a literature review will have a thesis statement indicating the state of the literature and the sub-topics, and an ideal section will have a Main Point, a logical structure of Evidence seen in Part III, some type of Analysis, and a Link to the overall thesis, or...

## MEAL

### Other Guidelines

- It recommended that you:
- 1) NOT use contractions;
- 2) NOT use first person;
- ONLY use acronyms AFTER you have defined their meaning;
- 4) Spell out numbers from 0-9 and use the numerals for all numbers above 9;
- 5) Avoid slang, colloquialisms, and idioms;
- 6) Make sure that every source you cite in your paper is included in the References page(s);
- 7) Double-space ALL lines, number ALL pages; do not futz around with margins;
- 8) Be consistent with verb tenses.
  - APA recommends past (discussed) or present perfect (have discussed) when presenting results
  - · Chicago and MLA are a little more accepting of present tense

## Questions?

Comments?