

How to Cite Original Research for Birthingway Assignments

You've done your original research and now you need/want to cite it in your research paper. Here are some suggestions to help...

Original Interview

Libraries suggest that the first person named in an interview is listed as the first author. Using the example that Kathryn Constant interviewed Holly Scholles at Birthingway on May 1, 2004 the citation might look two ways, depending on the title of the interview. Yes, you will need to title your interview.

Scholles H, Constant K. *An Interview with Holly Scholles*. Portland, Ore; May 1, 2004.

Constant K, Scholles H. *Constant Interviews Holly Scholles: Why did you become a midwife?*. Portland, Ore; May 1, 2004.

In the examples above, both the interview and the written transcript were done/produced in Portland on the same day. **Before the body of the interview transcript, the author should describe where, when and how (in-person/telephone/email) the interview was conducted.** Had Kathryn written this from her office elsewhere and at another time, the citation could look:

Constant K, Scholles H. *Constant Interviews Holly Scholles: Why did you become a midwife?*. [Portland, Ore; May 1, 2004.] Transcribed: Ridgefield, Wash; June, 2004.

Either format, as long as it is clear to the reader, is acceptable.

Original Questionnaire/Survey/Handout, etc.

You are the author of your survey/questionnaire/handout, etc. You decide on a title. You published it from your home, office, school, etc. The publication date is the date you finished it for distribution-not the date you started working on it.

An example is:

Constant K. *Research Methods Class Evaluation Survey*. Portland, Ore; December, 2004.

Note: If you have trouble constructing a citation for something you authored, designed, etc. please see Kathryn for assistance.