COM 252 – Interpersonal Communication
Annotated Bibliography Entry Instructions

An annotated bibliography entry is essentially a brief synopsis of a research article from a scholarly journal. The purpose is to allow you to break the article down into essential information only. While all of the information contained in articles is valuable, it is not very efficient to have to re-read articles each time you need to look at them. So by creating this “cheat sheet” of sorts, you will be saving yourself time later when you sit down to create your paper or presentation.

Find a research study article from a peer-reviewed journal that relates to one or more of the concepts that your group will be discussing during your workshop. Each member of your group must choose a different article. Please make sure that a majority of the group chooses articles that present the author(s) original research (so you may not the introduction/conclusion to an issue or editorial commentary). If you have questions about whether your article is appropriate, please ask. After reading the article, prepare a 1-page synopsis/annotated bibliography entry. Details about constructing an annotated bibliography entry are provided below.

Your goal here is to isolate the important parts of the study/article and put those into a concise format. You don’t need an introduction or conclusion. Just isolate the important parts and put those down. You can probably accomplish this in 8-10 sentences, in many cases. Don’t feel bad about the parts you are leaving out or not giving every single detail. The goal is to make the research accessible and easy to use. Please be sure to include the following information:

- An APA 6th edition citation for each article (this should appear at the top of your synopsis and should be single spaced)
- Definitions of the concept(s) under examination / Details on how each interpersonal concept is applied in the context of the article (You may want to note this as a statement about what the article is about. You only need to provide very specific definitions if the concepts in question are new/unknown to you or if the authors are using a different definition than one that is usual or typical.)
- Hypotheses and/or research questions
- Sample/participant information & instruments or methods used to collect data
- Findings/conclusions of the study
- Any critiques or limitations of the article
- The importance of this study for your area of interpersonal research (How this will be useful for your group’s workshop?)

You will use an “annotated bibliography” format rather than writing in “essay” format. You should not use “I” anywhere. Just provide the information with page number citations in areas where you have direct quotes. Samples will be provided.

It should be typed and double-spaced (except for the APA citations on the top of each page, which will be single spaced) with no less than 1-inch margins on each side. Use 12-point Times New Roman with regular character spacing. You will need to print out the abstract for your article (NOT the entire article) and include it in your individual packet with your annotated bib entry.