SHA (Society for Historical Archaeology) References Guide

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Book (print):

Richter, Daniel K.
2013   *Before the Revolution: America's Ancient Pasts*. The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, Cambridge, MA.

Author Name: For all types of sources, the author's name is formatted as:

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Chapter in an Edited/Compiled Book:

Fesler, Garrett
2010   Excavating the Spaces and Interpreting the Places of Enslaved Africans and Their Descendants. In *Cabin, Quarter, Plantation, Architecture and Landscapes of North American Slavery*, Clifton Ellis and Rebecca Ginsburg, editors, pp. 27- 49. Yale University Press, New Haven, CT.

Journal Article:

Russell, Aaron E.
1997   Material Culture and African-American Spirituality at the Hermitage. *Historical Archaeology* 31(2):63-80.

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For a source with more than one author, list all authors associated with the publication in the reference entry. Only the first author's name should be listed in the above inverted format; all other authors' names will be listed first name last name.

Mouer, L. Daniel, Mary Ellen N. Hodges, Stephen R. Potter, Susan L. Henry Renaud, Ivor Noël Hume, Dennis J. Pogue, Martha W. McCartney, and Thomas E. Davidson
1999   Colonoware Pottery, Chesapeake Pipes, and "Uncritical Assumptions". In *I, Too, Am America: Archaeological Studies of African American Life*, edited by Theresa A. Singleton, pp. 83-115. University of Tennessee Press, Knoxville.

Published Thesis/Dissertation:

Wilkins, Andrew P.
2017   *Tactics, Strategies, Spaces, and Places: The Spatial Constructions of Race and Class on Virginia Plantations*. Doctoral dissertation, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Electronic Sources
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Website:

National Park Service
2020   *Native American Heritage*. <https://www.nps.gov/prwi/learn/historyculture/americanindian.htm>. Accessed 17 October 2021.

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