Welcome to PSY 201
Module 4
Library Resources:
Locating Peer Reviewed Journal Articles using PsycINFO

What is PsycINFO?
• Web database of abstracts from journal articles (primary sources of psychological research)
• Published by American Psychological Association (APA)
• Indexes articles from 1887 to present
• Can be accessed through Saint Leo library
• Can combine searches or limit results in order to find the most relevant articles to your topic of interest
Accessing PsycINFO

- Through the Saint Leo Library, use a search platform called EBSCO to access several Psych-related databases, including:
  - PsycINFO
  - PsycEXTRA
  - PsycARTICLES
  - Academic Search Premier

Accessing the Saint Leo Library

Accessing EBSCO

- After clicking the On-line Databases link
  - Choose EBSCO
  - Click on the log-in link shown on the next slide
  - You will NOT need to log in again because you’ve already logged into the mySaintLeo.edu portal
EBSCO Advanced Search

- Allows you refine your search by combining keywords using "AND"

Example EBSCO Search

- For example, if you are interested in researching the causes of violence:
  - In the advanced screen, type in Violence in the FIND TEXTBOX and select KW keyword in the SELECT A FIELD pull-down menu

Example EBSCO Search: Refining a Search

- Results yield over 17,000 articles! Way too many!
- Therefore narrow topic by combining terms using the AND function to the left of the FIND TEXTBOXES
  - For example, combine terms violence and causes
Example EBSCO Search: Refining a Search cont’d

- IMPORTANT!! Before clicking search button:
  - Scroll down and select peer-reviewed journals because you want to search for scholarly articles that have been through a rigorous scientific review!

Example EBSCO Search: Refined Search Results

- Combining keywords violence and causes from peer-reviewed journals yields 52 articles, starting with the article “The social antecedents of anger proneness in young adulthood.”

Example EBSCO Search: Article Information

- Clicking on the title of the article reveals a host of information about the article, including the author(s), abstract, name of journal, etc.
Example EBSCO Search: Abstract Information

Example EBSCO Search: Accessing Full-text Articles On-line

• Some articles have Full-text links allowing you to access the full version of article on-line by simply clicking on the HTML or PDF link
  – For example, # 4 in our search has a link to full-text

Example EBSCO Search: Accessing Full-text Articles On-line, cont’d

• Clicking on the PDF link will pull-up the article shown here
Example EBSCO Search: Adding Articles to Your Folder

• Click on the folder icon next to any articles you want to save, email, or print.

Example EBSCO Search: Adding Articles to Your Folder, cont’d

• After adding articles to your folder, the folder icon at top of search page will indicate that your folder has items.

• Clicking on your Folder has items icon will take you to the articles you have selected.

Example EBSCO Search: E-mailing Your Folder Contents

• Select all the articles you want to email and then click on the email link.
Example EBSCO Search: E-mailing Your Folder Contents, cont’d

• Fill in your email address and on the right, select HTML and PDF to have the full-text attached if it is available

Example EBSCO Search: Alternative Save Method

• You can also copy and paste (then save) the wanted references into Microsoft Word from the search results screen