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The vaccine controversy : the history, use, and safety of vaccinations / Kurt Link.

Link, Kurt, 1937-  
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Call Number 614.47 L648v  
Publication Westport, Conn. : Praeger Publishers, 2005.  
Physical Description xii, 196 p. : ill.  
Subject Vaccination.  
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Example:

US vaccine researcher sentenced to prison for fraud.

Author: Reaction Stars  
Source: Nature 79(2015), Vol. 523 Issue 7559, p138-139, 2p. 2 Color Photographs

Document Type: Article  
Subject Terms: \*SENTENCES (Criminal procedure)  
\*AIDS - Vaccination - Research  
UNITED STATES  
Company/Entity: IOWA State University  
NATIONAL Institutes of Health (U.S.)  
People: HAN, Dong Piyu  
GRASSLEY, Charles, 1933-

Source Line includes:  
Periodical Title (*Nature*); Date of Publication (*7/9/2015*); Volume and Issue (*523, 7559*); Page Numbers (*138-139*)

Abstract: The article discusses the sentencing of former Iowa State University biomedical scientist Dong-Piyu Han to 57 months in prison for falsifying data during HIV vaccine trials and questions raised by U.S. senator Charles Grassley concerning Han's penalty. According to the article, Han was forced to resign from Iowa State in 2013 following the revelation that he tampered with data in experiments supported by the organization the US National Institutes of Health (NIH).

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City, State: Publisher.

Atwood, M. (2006). *The Handmaid's Tale*. New York, NY: Everyman's Library.

### Chapter/Anthology

Last, F. M. (Year Published). Section title. In F. M. Last (Ed.), *Book/Anthology* (Edition, Pages). City, State: Publisher.

Dvorak, M. (2006). Margaret Atwood's Humor. In C. A. Howells (Ed.). *The Cambridge Companion to Margaret Atwood* (114-29). Cambridge, MA: Cambridge UP.

### Newspaper

Last, F. M. (Year, Month Date Published). Article title. *Newspaper Title*, Page(s).

Williams, M. (2000, December 5). "Florida Judge Rules for Bush Appeals; U.S. Supreme Court." *Austin American-Statesman*, A1.

### Journal (from an online source)

Last, F. M., (Year Published). Article title. *Journal Title*, Volume, Pages(s). DOI

Carl, G. (2012). Before and after the creative city: The politics of urban cultural policy in Austin, Texas. *Journal of Urban Affairs*, 34(1), 81-97. DOI: 10.1111/j.14679906.2011.00574

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### E-book

Author, F.M. (Year of Publication). *Title of Work* [E-reader Version]. Retrieved from <http://xxxxx> or [doi:xxxxx](http://doi:xxxxx)

Bernstein, A. (2015). *Stress Less, Achieve More* [PDF]. Retrieved from <http://blinn.axis360.baker-taylor.com/>

### Encyclopedia (From Website)

Last, F. M., (Year Published) Article title. In *Encyclopedia name*. Retrieved from URL.

Prince William, Duke of Cambridge. (2013). In *Encyclopaedia Britannica*. Retrieved from <http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/681346/Prince-William-Duke-of-Cambridge>.

### Website

Last, F. M. (Year, Month Day). Article title. *Website Title*. Retrieved Month Day, Year, from URL

Blinn College. (n.d.). *Blinn College*. Retrieved November 14, 2014 from <http://www.blinn.edu/>

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Last, F. M. (Year, Month Date Published). Article title. *Magazine Title*, Page(s).

Von Drehle, D., Altman, A., Calabresi, M., Scherer, M., Newton-Small, J., Thompson, M., ... Baker, A. (2011, May 20). Death comes for the terrorist. *Time*, 177(20), 14-28.

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### TV/Radio Broadcast

Writer, F.M. (Writer), & Director, F.M. (Director). (Year of airing). Episode title [Television series episode]. In F.M. Producer (Executive producer), *TV series name*. City, State of original channel: Channel.

Moffat, S. (Writer), & Lyn, E. (Director). (2008, May 31). Silence in the Library [Television series episode]. In R.T. Davies (Executive producer), *Doctor Who*. London: BBC.

### Lecture

Author, F.M. (Publication Year). *Name or title of lecture* [file format]. Retrieved from URL

Smith, John. (2015). *Finding resources in the Library* [Powerpoint slides]. Retrieved from <https://ecampusd2l.blinn.edu/d2l/>

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(Atwood, 2006)

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When Atwood (2006) discusses...

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According to Athos, Porthos, and Aremis (2014) comradery is important.

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Athos, Porthos, Aremis, and D'Artangan (2014) discuss the importance of friendship.

Comradery and friendship are very important in a team dynamic (Athos et al, 2014)

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