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1. The Librarian's Guide to Writing for Publication (Scarecrow Press, 2004)
2. APA Style Home at www.apastyle.org