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Recipients of the APA Award for Excellence in Librarianship

- 2007: Mark Stover
- 2008: Anne Wade, MLIS
- 2009: Marietta Plank, MLS
- 2010: Brian Quinn, MS
- 2011: David Baker, MED,
PhD
- 2012: Alice Brand Bartlett,
MLS, PhD
- 2013: Stuart Moss, MLS
- 2014: Fred Lerner, DLS
- 2015: Helen Hough, MLS

A Time of Change

With this issue of PsycINFO News, we have two major announcements.

Conference Travel Awards for Librarians

By now you've read about Helen Hough, the recipient of the 2015 Award for Excellence in Librarianship. Coming up on the 10th year of this award, we took stock of the program and decided it was a good time to refocus our efforts. As a result, the 2015 award will mark the end of the Excellence in Librarianship award program, and we've been working to establish a new program that will enable APA to affect your professional development in a totally new way.

The APA Library Conference Travel Award will support early- and mid-career librarians who are seeking to attend select library conferences in order to grow as professionals. For most conferences, preference will be given to those whose regular job responsibilities include working closely with students, faculty, clinicians and researchers in the behavioral sciences. Application criteria and deadlines will be available in the coming weeks.

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A Blog from APA Publications and Databases

PsycINFO News has long been one of the main ways in which the PsycINFO Customer Relations team has shared news and updates about APA's databases and electronic products – as you can tell by the name, it dates back to when PsycINFO was the only electronic product available from APA! We've made many changes to it through the years, and now it's time for one more: this is the final issue of the *PsycINFO News*.

Beginning this fall, we'll provide the same news and updates via our brand new blog. This format will allow us to push information out to you in a more timely fashion and will also enable us to expand our coverage. Once it's launched, we'll send announcements to the [PsycINFO Listserv](#), as well as several others.



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Meet Helen Hough, MLS, APA's 2015 Recipient of the APA Excellence in Librarianship Award



Helen Hough

"I recommend to anybody—if you see a hole that could be filled—do it," says Helen Hough, Systems Librarian for Open Source Applications, University of Texas at Arlington, and recipient of the 2015 APA Award for Excellence in Librarianship. That neatly sums up her approach to life and work, and most particularly, to her development of the Tests and Measures in the Social Sciences: Tests Available in Compilation Volumes™ database (TMdb).

For the few of you who may not have encountered it, the TMdb indexes tests and measures that have been published in books. Years ago, Helen found many of the students she worked with struggling as they tried to find tests they needed for research. To help them, she began going through books with tests on her own, indexing the location, and posting the information for them on the Internet. Once it was on the web, other librarians and students, similarly frustrated, found it and began to make use of it themselves.

Helen's nomination came from three such grateful librarians who have benefitted directly from her work on the TMdb. Heidi Senior, University of Portland, noted:

Thanks to Ms. Hough's monumental efforts in creating and maintaining TMdb, we can have more confidence that our students have searched all possible sources. We enthusiastically embraced it when it first became available and it has become an essential part of our work with student researchers.

Jennifer Elder, Emory University, confirmed how useful it has been with her students, especially as the recent increase in interest in neuroscience has intensified requests for tests of memory and cognitive functioning. She also noted the pioneering aspect of Helen's work:

Helen's accomplishment has required ambition, courage, and perseverance. She undertook the time-intensive and painstaking project of assembling these test resources decades ago—at a time when test resources were not digitized and were buried in bibliographies and microfilm.

Nadine Cohen, University of Georgia, also focused on Helen's personal service to other librarians. Even when her own job changed and it was no longer part of her job description, Helen still maintained and grew the database. She writes, "this kind of professional generosity is deeply appreciated and should be rewarded."

The staff at the American Psychological Association would like to add their thanks. Her work has been instrumental in the development of our own PsycTESTS database.

Congratulations, Helen Hough! ✦

Fall Semester Webinars with APA's Training Specialists

Our webinars took a hiatus this summer, and will begin again in September. Full descriptions, schedules and registration information can be found at <http://bit.ly/APAwebinars>

For librarians

In Behind the Scenes of PsycINFO, you'll learn about our coverage and indexing practices, and sample searches will explore the thesaurus, and some commonly used fields. In Beyond Subject Searching in PsycINFO, we provide a review of searching for information on tests and measures, and cover some additional fields and tools that can help you become your library's PsycINFO expert. Both sessions include live search demos.

Recorded versions of our librarian webinars are available on YouTube at <http://bit.ly/LibWebRecs>, and you can download the slides used in both sessions from our Slideshare account at www.slideshare.net/psycinfo

For students and faculty

APA has a series of three thirty-minute sessions created just for students and faculty. Our Basic session will help students learn to search APA's databases efficiently, and our Advanced session helps them dive deeper into search fields and limiters. Lastly, our session on Results Management covers topics such as creating search alerts and other techniques for managing search results. All sessions include live search demos. ✦



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Back to School with APA Databases Training Materials

The influx of new faces and fresh perspectives that fall semester brings to an academic campus is refreshing – though it's often hard to appreciate in the chaos of scheduling and managing requests for instruction and support.

In hopes that we can save you a little time as you prepare for instruction sessions that will require diving into PsycINFO and other APA Databases, this issue provides a quick overview of the training materials you'll find in our Librarian's Resource Center. You are welcome to embed, link, adapt, and modify these materials to meet the needs of your students, faculty, and others in need of research support.

Training Resources from APA

You'll find the Librarian's Resource Center at an easy-to-remember URL: <http://www.apa.org/librarians>

Librarian's Resource Center

Publications and Electronic Resources Showing 1-4 of 6

- APA Databases
- APA Journals
- APA Books
- APA Style Resources

Webinar Training for Students and Faculty

Partner with PsycINFO to help your students get better use from your academic research databases. We offer three free sessions on:

- Basic search,
- Advanced search, and
- Results management.

Librarian Resources

- Training Center**
Provides online tutorials and training videos, search guides, webinars, podcasts, PsycINFO News articles, and more.
- Library Administration**
Provides links to APA polices of interest to librarians and other administrative information
- Industry Involvement**
Provides links to pages detailing APA's involvement in the library and databases industry.

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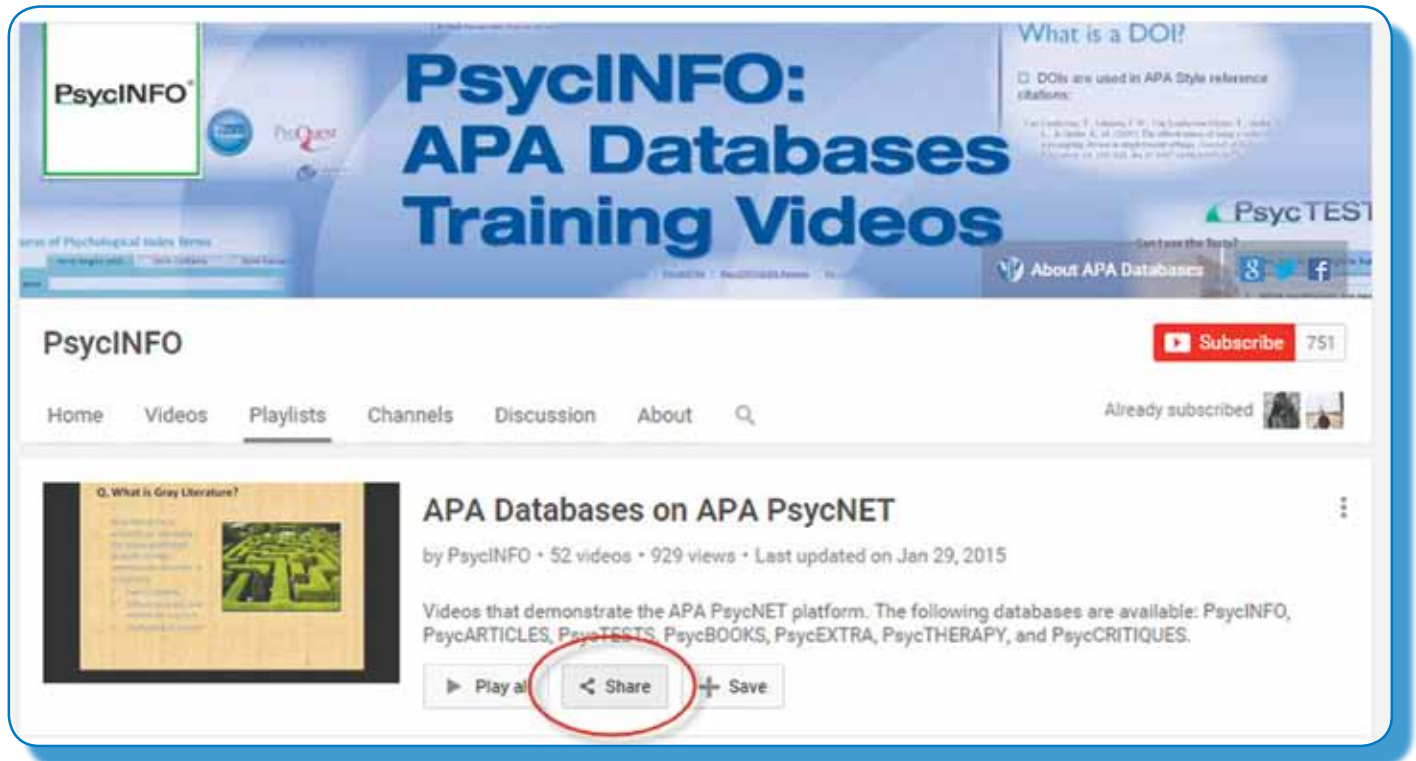
For training materials, head straight to the Training Center, linked in the middle of the page. All of these materials have been prepared and gathered by the training specialists from the APA Publications and Databases Customer Relations team. In addition to the training materials listed below, you'll find links to view back issues of this newsletter, and a collection of digital signage for you to download, modify, and use to promote the APA Databases.

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- **Database Documentation** – Links out to coverage lists, the PsycINFO Field Guide and Record Structure, and the lists of Classification Codes currently used in PsycINFO and PsycTESTS.
- **Search Guides** – This page, which is organized by platform, provides access to our PsycINFO Quick Reference Guides and Getting Started with PsycTESTS Guides. We also link to some additional resources for APA PsycNET.
 - **Pro Tip!** Request free copies of our Quick Reference Guides – send a note to psycinfo@apa.org, noting which platform you use to access PsycINFO, how many you'd like, and where we should send them.
- **Topic Guides** – Access a list of our collection of Topic Guides, brief handouts designed to demonstrate how PsycINFO (and other APA Databases) can be used to search for resources in a variety of topic areas. These are great tools for interdisciplinary research.
 - **Pro Tip!** If you'd like to copy a sample search or list of Index Terms into some of your existing training materials, look for the PowerPoint version of each of our Topic Guides. These files leave off the design elements, and are much easier to copy from.
- **Webinar Training** – Our webinars were on hiatus for the summer, but will start back up in September. We offer sessions geared specifically for librarians, as well as webinars for students and faculty. Schedules, descriptions, and registration information are all provided.
- **Tutorials on APA Databases** – We have over 100 video tutorials, ready and waiting to help you and the people you support in your moment of need. You'll find recordings of webinars, as well as brief tutorials (these are all Closed Captioned) that you can link to or embed.
 - **Pro Tip!** Embed an entire playlist in your LibGuide, and new tutorials will automatically be at your fingertips.

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- **Podcasts** – We occasionally record podcasts that summarize recent research added to APA Databases. You can access full transcripts online, and download them to listen to as you walk across campus to your next appointment.
- **Presentation Archive** – Links to the slides used in our training sessions at library conferences. All of our presentations include screen captures that walk you through the search demos that were presented live. Get ideas for new search examples of your own, or just see what you missed.

Pro Tip! You'll also find our conference presentations, and more, on our Slideshare channel: <http://www.slideshare.net/psycinfo>

In Search of: Beyond Subject Searching in PsycINFO

Visit our YouTube channel and watch a platform-specific recording of our Beyond Subject Searching in PsycINFO webinar.

APA's training team provides a wide range of training options on an ongoing basis, including advanced webinars for librarians. This spring, we recorded these sessions and made them available on YouTube – a great option if you are unable to attend, want to share a session with colleagues, or find that the schedule doesn't work for your time zone.

In our Beyond Subject Searching in PsycINFO training, we build upon the material we cover in our [Behind the Scenes of PsycINFO](#) training, and look at ways you can use the database for more than just locating articles. For example, have you ever used PsycINFO to identify the types of research being done at a particular institution, or find journals in which to publish new work? In this session, we also provide a review of searching for information on tests and measures, and highlight our Record Structure and Field Guide — tools that can help you become your library's PsycINFO expert.

Taking our Behind the Scenes of PsycINFO webinar first is not required, but this session does assume that you are familiar with the platform you use to access PsycINFO and with the basics of searching the database. For a refresher on topics such as the

PsycINFO thesaurus and most-used fields and limits, you'll want to start with our [Behind the Scenes of PsycINFO](#) session.

[Beyond Subject Searching in PsycINFO on APA PsycNET](#)

[Beyond Subject Searching in PsycINFO on EBSCOhost](#)

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