

House Style

Religion and Literature uses American English spelling as given in *Merriam Webster's Dictionary* and follows the specifications for American English punctuation, abbreviations, numbers, translations, idioms, syntax, and vocabulary given in the *Chicago Manual of Style (CMS)*. For the most part, we also follow *CMS* for citations, endnotes (rather than footnotes), and capitalization. We would like to highlight a few specifications and modifications:

- Articles should include a full alphabetized bibliography of all works cited or mentioned under the heading “BIBLIOGRAPHY,” formatted as specified in *CMS* 14.16-18 (for more details, see 14.68-317).
- **All** endnoted citations should use the shorted citation form, not the full citation form, as explained in *CMS* 14.14 (for details, see 14.24-31). In the case of consecutive entries from the same source, subsequent entries should be labeled “Ibid.”
 - (e.g.) 8. Minow and LaMay, *Presidential Debates*, 138.
But never: Newton N. Minow and Craig L. LaMay, *Inside the Presidential Debates: Their Improbable Past and Promising Future* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2008), 138.
 - 9. Ibid., 142-43.
- Articles that deal primarily with one specific text may cite page or line numbers from that text parenthetically after the first citation. The first citation’s endnote should contain the phrase “Hereafter cited by [page/line] number” at the end of the note.
- For capitalization, we follow the *CMS* with a preference for down style. For capitalization of religious words, we follow the *Liturgical Press Style Guide* (http://www.csbsju.edu/Documents/SOT/admissions/style_guide.pdf), with several exceptions, including “scripture.”