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Excerpt:

Cite Black Women (citeblackwomencollective.org)

Discussions of citation politics have been growing and evolving in academia and on social media over the last few years. We've always known that citation is important in recognizing and crediting the work of others and in avoiding plagiarism. But there is increasing focus on critical examination of who we are citing and on challenging the reproduction of exclusive power structures through our citation practices. Enter Cite Black Women, created in 2017 by Christen A. Smith, professor of anthropology and African and African diaspora studies at the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Smith wanted to call attention to existing citation practices and encourage everyone to examine how they can incorporate the work of Black women into the core of their work. To that end, Dr. Smith began selling T-shirts adorned with the phrase "Cite Black Women" (I happen to have a purple one). Soon it was on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook, and #CiteBlackWomen became an increasingly popular hashtag. Now there's even a podcast! It's imperative for librarians and academics to become informed about citation politics and to examine their own practices. Cite Black Women is a great place to begin.