

PsycINFO

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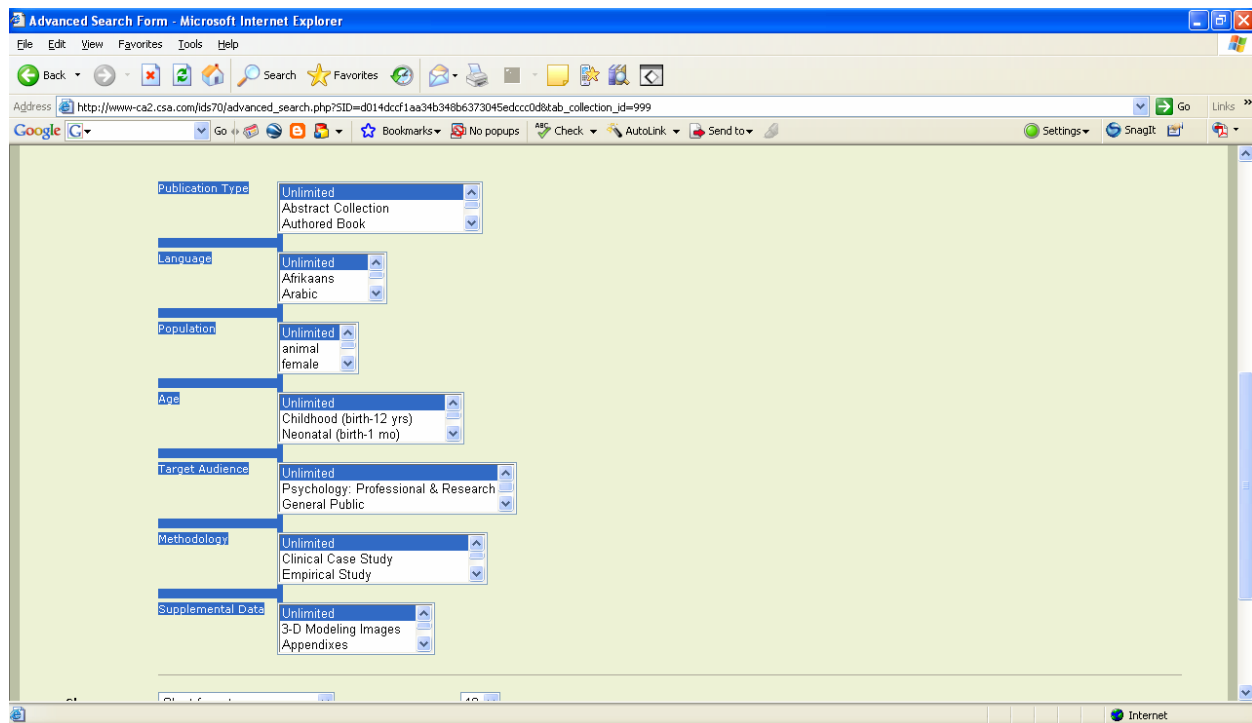
You can also make an appointment with:

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1. Go to **KU Libraries homepage** www.lib.ku.edu/;
2. Click the **Information Gateway** link located on the **left side** of the screen;
3. **Click on the letter 'P'**, this will open a new window;
4. Scroll down until you find **PsycINFO**;
5. Click on **PsycINFO**;
6. Once you are in the **PsycINFO** Database **click on the advanced search tab**.

Finding an Article

- Type in your **search terms**
- You would use the **ADVANCED** screen to search by **keyword(s) and specific field(s)**. For example, **Author** will search only the author field; **Title** will search only the title field; And **Keyword**, which initially is some times the most helpful will search all of the fields in the database;
- For advanced searches, enter your terms in the boxes **top-to-bottom** and use the Boolean operator drop-down box
- If you are searching for a **phrase** make sure to **put it in quotes** "**spatial cognition**";
- To search for **synonyms**, use the boxes **left-to-right** (with the **OR** between them).
- Click on **Search**;
- If you would like to limit your search, scroll down on the screen to identify search limiters.



- **Search Limits** included, but not limited to: **Publication Type** (peer reviewed journal), **Population** (human, male, female), **Methodology** (empirical study), **Language** (English), and so on. Search limits enable you to *spend less time weeding* through your search results;
- **Scroll through your results** until you find an article of interest;
- There are **two ways** you can look at a record. The **short format**, which is the default format or the **full format**, which you can access by clicking on the **View Record** link. The complete record contains much more detailed information including a full list of references, key concepts, and major and minor descriptors.

The most important parts of the record are:

Author: Lincove, Jane Arnold¹; Painter, Gary²

*note: **last name, first name**


Title: Does the Age That Children Start Kindergarten Matter? Evidence of Long-Term Educational and Social Outcomes.

*note that this is the **title of the article** not the name of the journal

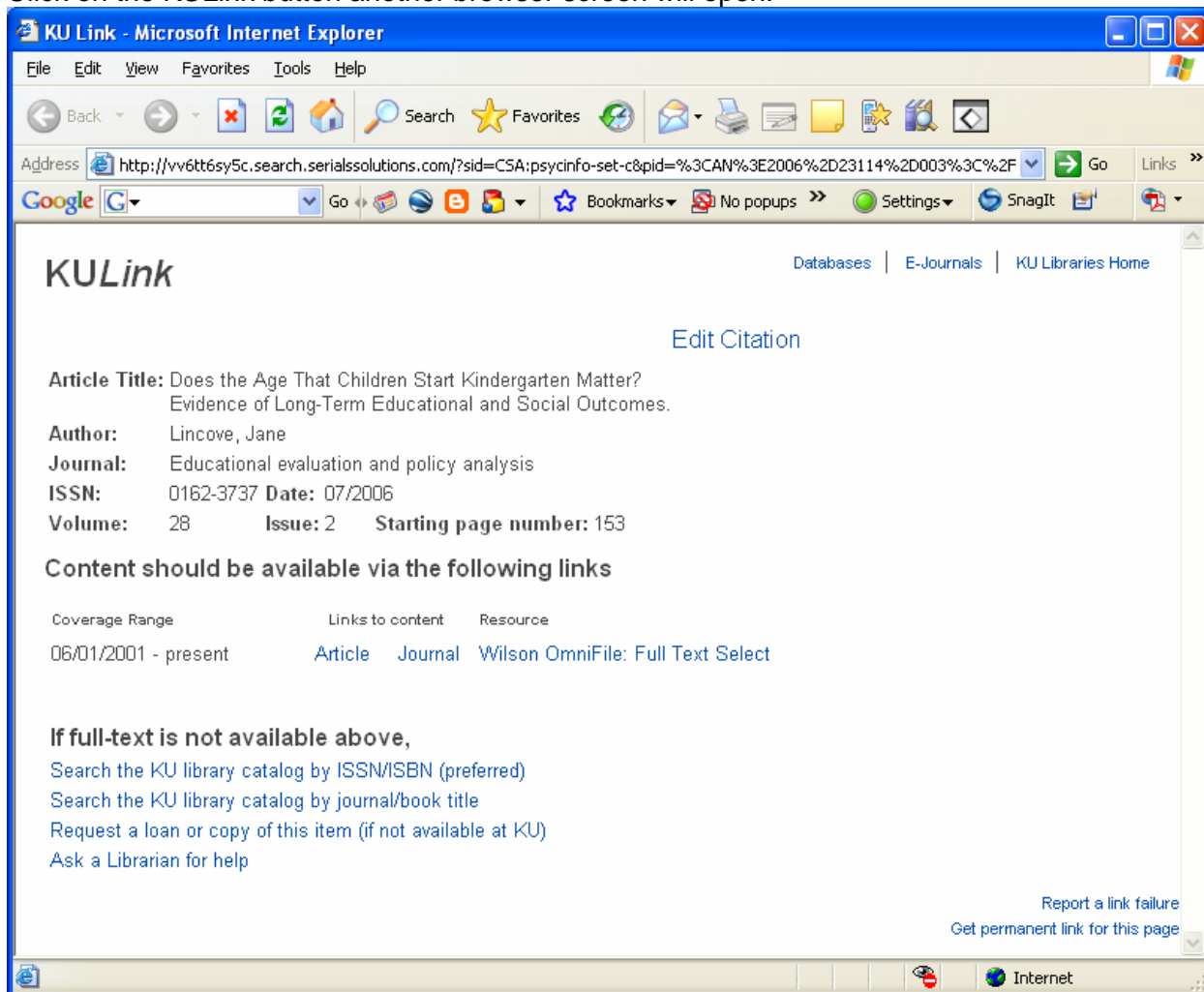
Source: Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis. Vol 28(2), Sum 2006, pp. 153-179

*note: **Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis** is the **name of the journal**; **2006** is the **year** in which the journal is published; **Vol 23(2)** refers to the **volume and issue number** and **153-179** are the **page numbers** of the article.

You need all of this information to be able to find the journal and article quickly and accurately. This information creates what is known as a citation. You use the citation (sometimes in conjunction with a call number) to find the full text of the article.

Once you have your citation your **next step** is to locate the article, which you will do by clicking on the **KULink button**  located at the bottom of the citation record. KULink will let you know if full-text is available online, show print (paper) availability, or quickly lead you to interlibrary loan. ** This product is still in development.

Click on the KULink button another browser screen will open.



The screen gives you the following information:

- 1) **Full citation.**
- 2) **Content should be available via the following links:** This information tells you what databases may have the full text (complete article).

Scenario 1: If an **Article** link is available, use that link. You will be automatically taken to the full text of the article.

Scenario 2: If a **Journal** link is available, you will be taken to a main search screen or table of contents in an e-journal. If this happens, you will use the citation information from the KU Link page to do a little more searching.

Scenario 3: If only the Resource is linked, you may or may not be able to get access to the full text of your article. You will have to duplicate your search in that resource (most likely, a database) to see.

3) **Sorry, no direct link to full-text was found - please see additional options below.** This means we do not have access to your article electronically in any of our resources.

Scroll down to: *If full-text is not available above,*

At this point, you need to see if the KU Libraries owns a copy of the print version of your article. To do this, click on **Search the KU library catalog by ISSN/ISBN (preferred)**. This allows you to check and see if we have the journal in KU Libraries in paper format. Clicking this link will take you to the KU Libraries online catalog. It will run a search on your JOURNAL name, not the article name.

- Sometimes there will be more than one journal with the same name. If that is the case you may have to click on the name of more than one journal to retrieve the correct journal information (call number and location).
- Once you are at the record for the journal you need, scroll down to the bottom and find the call number and library location. You can now proceed to the location and retrieve the print copy of your article to read or photocopy. **OR...**
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