

International Self-Directed Learning Symposia Publications, 1988-2003: Development of the Index to Chapters

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The International Self-Directed Learning Symposia Publications: Index provides a chronological listing of the publications coming out of the review process following the symposia from 1988-2003. The index is intended to provide a ready reference of authors, chapters, and page numbers to assist scholars in the field with referencing these works.

The International Self-Directed Learning Symposium has generated a rich contribution of scholarship over a substantial number of years. Each year following the symposium, paper contributors had the opportunity to submit a manuscript for publication. Following a review and refereeing process, the symposium organizer, Dr. H. B. Long, published, as edited chapters, the submissions approved by a group of associates. These associates, scholars in the field, proved to be a reliable and stable group of colleagues; over the period of years there were only occasional changes in the list of reviewers, providing stability and consistency to the process from 1988-2003. In 2004, an electronic journal, *The International Journal of Self-Directed Learning*, was initiated by the ISDL group. While submissions based on Symposium presentations are encouraged, other submissions are also welcomed.

The 1988-2003 publications are available through inter-library loan between academic institutions or can be purchased through the sdlglobal.com website. In 2001, the publication changed format and was available only on CD-ROM between the years 2001-2003. The digital format provided a cost effective way to publish the book, and the technology gave scholars and researchers the ability to use technology to search the publication for keywords and topics. However, the change to CD-ROM resulted in fewer libraries purchasing the publication, as libraries cannot easily catalog and maintain a CD-ROM book in collections. The move to an electronic journal in 2004 improved accessibility for scholars

This index builds on the work of Ralph Brockett's SDL Group at the University of Tennessee, who originally created a list of the chapters in the ISDL publications and their authors. Their work was made available on Roger Hiemstra's website. Inclusive page numbers of each chapter of the 1988-2003 publications were added to provide a quick reference for authors and researchers. The American Psychological Association's 6th edition of the *Publication Manual* requires citation of the page numbers when referencing edited books.

The process followed was to start with the Hiemstra listing and to physically examine the publications either through inter-library loan or from the indexer's personal

collection. The goal was to not simply follow the table of contents as the starting point and assume the ending point of the chapter to be the page before the chapter's table of contents listing, but to actually look at each chapter's ending point and document the inclusive pages for the chapter. Tables were built to provide publication bibliographic entry, chapter, author, chapter title and chapter pages. Author's names in the indexing were put into APA 6th format, using non-gender indicative initials for first and middle names. Early publications in the collection often only provided authors' first names. When the middle name was known because of repeated publications throughout the symposia, then the index included the middle initial to more closely follow the current APA 6th preference of author's complete initials being used. Chapter titles are printed using capitalization appropriate for APA reference format.

NOTE: In indexing the 2001 CD-ROM, it was discovered that consecutive page numbering book style did not exist in either the Adobe version or the Word version of the publication. The chapters in the Word version started over with the numeral one at the beginning of each chapter. The Adobe version has no page numbers throughout. At the time of publication, this was no significant issue because APA 4th style was used and chapter page numbers were not required for edited books. For this collection, APA 5th style created a significant referencing problem which this index addresses. In closely examining the 2001 publication in Adobe Reader it was discovered the software itself provided a workable solution. In Adobe Reader 6.0 and earlier versions, the "thumbnail" feature provides a consecutive numbering of pages within a digital file, which could be used in lieu of physically numbered pages. In Adobe Reader 7.0 this tool has been renamed and is shown as a "pages" tab on the side of the open document pages. When clicked on the thumbnail, a consecutively numbered view appears as a left hand navigation column. However, a published book is not numbered consecutively from the cover, but starting with the title page is numbered using lower case Roman numerals. In the instance of the 2001 publication, Chapter 1 begins on page 10 of the Adobe thumbnails; hence there would be 9 pages of lower case Roman numeral pages preceding the beginning page of the first chapter. Since books are numbered starting with the first page of the first chapter, this could be calculated simply by subtracting 9 from the Adobe thumbnail page number. This was done for the beginning and ending page of each chapter, resulting in calculation of chapter page numbers as if they had been physically published in the original version.

The table indexed for 2001 provides the Adobe thumbnail chapter page numbers for ease of navigation within the software and also provides the interpolated chapter number for use when referencing the actual publication. It is recommended by the indexer that researchers utilize the Adobe thumbnails for ease of research and then enter the indexed table to use the actual chapter page numbers when referencing. The table also includes the Word version page numbers, which start over at 1 with each subsequent chapter and are not numbered sequentially throughout the book. Page numbers in the Word version can be viewed in the Print Layout view. To reach this view, simply open Word, click on View, and select Print Layout.

A sample of the correct APA 6th edition citation for a chapter from an edited book is illustrated, using the first chapter of the first book:

Long, H. B. (1988). Self-directed learning reconsidered. In H. B. Long & Associates (Eds.). *Self-directed learning: Application and theory* (pp. 1-9). Athens, GA: Adult Education Department, University of Georgia.

