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- Manuscript Submission
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- Manuscript Layout
- Review and Action

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- Bollingmo, G. C., Wessel, E. O., Eilertsen, D. E., & Magnussen, S. (2008). Credibility of the emotional witness: a study of ratings by police investigators. *Psychology, Crime & Law*, 14(1), 29-40. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/10683160701368412>.
- Carey, K. B., Scott-Sheldon, L. A. J., Carey, M. P., & DeMartini, K. S. (2007). Individual-level interventions to reduce college student drinking: a meta-analytic review. *Addictive Behaviors*, 32(11), 2469-2494. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.addbeh.2007.05.004>.
- Chang, D. R. (2007). Sponsorship marketing and professional football: The case of Korea. In M. Desbordes (Ed.), *Marketing and football: An international perspective* (pp. 489-510). Amsterdam: Butterworth-Heinemann.
- Constanigro, M., McCluskey, J. J., & Mittelhammer, R.C. (2007). Segmenting the wine market based on price: Hedonic regression when different prices mean different products. *Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 58(3), 454-466. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/j.1477-9552.2007.00118.x>.
- Griffiths, P., Bennett, J., & Smith, E. (2008). The size, extent and nature of the learning disability nursing research base: a systematic scoping review. *International Journal of Nursing Studies*, 46(4), 490-507. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.ijnurstu.2008.05.009>.
- Kiekkas, P., Brokalaki, H., Manolis, E., Samios, A., Skartsani, C., & Baltopoulos, G. (2007). Patient severity as an indicator of nursing workloads in the intensive unit. *Nursing in Critical Care*, 12(1), 34-41. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/j.1478-5153.2006.00193.x>.
- Reichel, P. L. (2008). *Comparative criminal justice systems: a topical approach* (5th ed.). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Prentice Hall.

Williams-Forson, P. A. (2006). *Building houses out of chicken legs: black women, food, and power*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press.

**Technical and research reports:**

Colorado Health Institute, Center for the Study of the Safety Net. (2009). *Colorado children's health insurance: 2009 update* (Issue Brief). Denver, CO: Caring for Colorado Foundation.

Economic Impact Taskforce. (2007). *UNC economic impact analysis: Phases I, II, and III*. Retrieved from the University of Northern Colorado, Office of the President

James, D.J. & Glaze, L. E. (2006). *Mental health problems of prison and jail inmates* (NJC 213600). Washington, D.C.: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. (2009). *Inventory of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions and sinks: 1990-2007* (EPA 430-R-09-004). Washington, D.C.: Author.

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American Heart Association. (2009). Learn you levels. Retrieved from <http://www.americanheart.org/presenter.jhtml?identifier=513>

Health Central Network. (2009). Heart attack symptoms and warning signs. Retrieved from <http://www.healthcentral.com/heart-disease/patient-guide-44510-6.html>

Hoffman, D. (2009). Diagnosing skin cancer on nose. Retrieved from <http://health.ivillage.com/cancer/sc/0,,6f9v,00.html>

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