



## **SOUTHEASTERN GEOGRAPHER**

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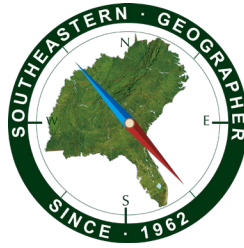


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Two authors (add eds. following the last author for edited books)	Wimmer, R., and Vetter R.E., eds. 1999. <i>Tree-Ring Analysis: Biological, Methodological, and Environmental Aspects</i> . Wallingford: CAB International.
Three or more authors (if more than five authors list the first author followed by "et al.")	Finch, B., Young B.M., Johnson R., and Hall J.C. 2012. <i>Longleaf, Far as the Eye Can See: A New Vision of North America's Richest Forest</i> . Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press.
Chapter in an edited book	Fritts, H.C., Shashkin A., and Downes G.M. 1999. A Simulation Model of Conifer Ring Growth and Cell Structure. In <i>Tree-Ring Analysis: Biological, Methodological, and Environmental Aspects</i> , edited by R. Wimmer, 3–32. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
Encyclopedia, entry without author listing, model	Mexico. In <i>Encyclopedia of Latin American Theater</i> , ed. Cortés, E., and Barrea-Marlys, M. 278–327. 2003. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.
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One author	Patterson, T. 2014. Geographic Pattern Analysis of North Carolina Climate Division Data: 1895–2013. <i>Southeastern Geographer</i> 54 (3): 308–22. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1353/sgo.2014.0021">https://doi.org/10.1353/sgo.2014.0021</a> .
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Three or more authors (if more than five authors	Alford, J.B., Debbage, K.G., Mallin, M.A., and Liu, Z.J. 2016. Surface Water Quality and Landscape Gradients in the North Carolina Cape Fear River Basin: The Key Role of Fecal Coliform. <i>Southeastern</i>



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<b>Conference</b>	
Proceedings	Frost, C.C. 1998. Presettlement fire frequency regimes of the United States: A first approximation. <i>Tall Timbers Fire Ecology Conference Proceedings</i> 20: 70–81.
Paper/Poster	Struble, W., and Roering, J.J. 2017. Debris Flow Process and Climate Controls on Steepland Valley Form and Evolution. <i>AGU Fall Meeting Abstracts</i> .
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Online Report	North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NC DENR). 2005. Cape Fear River Basin Plan. <a href="http://h2o.enr.state.nc.us/basinwide/draftCPFApril2005.htm">http://h2o.enr.state.nc.us/basinwide/draftCPFApril2005.htm</a> .
General Website	Harris, B., and Zucker, S. 2015. Haussmann the demolisher and the creation of modern Paris. <a href="https://smarthistory.org/haussmann-the-demolisherand-the-creation-of-modern-paris">https://smarthistory.org/haussmann-the-demolisherand-the-creation-of-modern-paris</a> .
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