Chicago & Turabian Format

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General Format (Turabian A.1)
Margins (Turabian A.1.1, Chicago 2.10) 1-inch margins on all sides.
Font (Turabian A.1.2.) Readable, standard size (e.g., Times New Roman 12-pt. font). To minimize space use, smaller font can be used in footnotes and endnotes.
Line Spacing (Turabian A.1.3) The body text is double-spaced, while footnotes, endnotes, block quotes, and the reference list or bibliography are single-spaced.
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In Democracy and Other Neoliberal Fantasies, Jodi Dean argues that “imagining a rhizome might be nice, but rhizomes don’t describe the underlying structure of real networks,” rejecting the idea that there is such a thing as a nonhierarchical interconnectedness that structures our contemporary world and means of communication. Michael Hardt and Antonio Negri, on the other hand, argue that the Internet is an exemplar of the rhizome: a nonhierarchical, noncentered network—a democratic network with “an indeterminate and potentially unlimited number of interconnected nodes [that] communicate with no central point of control.” What is at stake in settling this dispute? Being. And, knowledge and power in that being. More specifically, this paper explores how a theory of social ontology has evolved to theories of social ontologies, how the modernist notion of global understanding of individuals working toward a common (rationalized and objectively knowable) goal became pluralistic postmodern theories embracing the idea of local networks. Furthermore, what this summary journey of theoretical evolution allows for is a consideration of why understandings of a world comprising emergent networks need be of concern to composition instructors and their practical activities in the classroom: networks produce knowledge.

Our journey begins with early modernism, and if early modernism had a theme, it was oneness. This focus on oneness or unity, on the whole rather than on individual parts, derived from Enlightenment thinking: “The project [of modernity] amounted to an extraordinary intellectual


Header (Turabian A.1.4.2)
Include a page number for each page except the title page in the top right corner, or centered at the bottom of the page.

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Set a 0.5-inch indent for citations that extend more than one line.