How to Insert BibTeX Entries into a CV, Syllabus, …

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1   The Challenge

In many documents, I want to place full citations in the middle of my text, and I want to be able to control their order with quick, manual adjustments (like cutting and pasting). For example, I am writing a syllabus with each week's readings listed under the date of the class meeting, and I want to be able to reorder the readings by my subjective evaluation of their importance. I use a single master bibliography file, rather than defining bibliographic entries in each document. In short, I want to use the same commands, citations, and references in my CV, my syllabi, etc., that I use in my more substantive academic writing.

2   A Solution

Although `\usepackage{multibib}` can be coerced into a solution, it requires a lot of recompiling and creates a lot of auxiliary files. Instead, I declare

```
\usepackage{natbib}
\usepackage{bibentry}
\newcommand{\bibverse}[1]{\begin{verse} \bibentry{#1}. \end{verse}}
```

in my preamble. I then declare

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```
\nobibliography*
```

in my document, but before my first citation. I then include

```
\bibverse{moore08}
```

```
\bibverse{campbell03}
```

in my document, in the exact position and order that I want the full citations. Then I include

```
\bibliographystyle{plain}
\nobibliography{master}
```

at the end of my document. Using `\bibliographystyle{apalike}` works as well.

If you're not familiar with the `\newcommand{}` syntax, see my "How to Speed Up Your LaTeX Typesetting". Thanks to Roy Goodman, Department of Mathematical Sciences, New Jersey Institute of Technology, for suggesting this particular `\newcommand{}`. An alternative is to omit the `\newcommand{}` in the preamble, and then just include

```
\begin{verse}
\bibentry{moore08}.
\end{verse}
```

```
\begin{verse}
\bibentry{campbell03}.
\end{verse}
```

in your document.

Hope this helps!