Sources of Information about Tests

Introduction

There are 2 primary types of resources for information about tests: resources that list tests and resources that review (critique) tests. You can search electronically but at some point, you will still need to go to the library to find and photocopy articles that critique the test you select for your paper. The purpose of this handout is to assist you in starting your search and to supplement what I demonstrate in class using online resources.

Resources for Lists of Tests

To access library resources electronically, use the following steps:

Go to library home page > *database & article searching* > under *Broad Categories* select *Education* from drop down menu > scroll down to *Tests and Test Critiques* and click on that link

This is a great resource but a bit overwhelming. The link you need to focus on within this document is as follows:

> To find a comprehensive list of tests: click on the link for *Buros*; it is located near the bottom of the page under *Test Information on the Internet*

Click on the link for Buros, which takes you to a page (*Test Reviews Online*) where you can conduct a search. You can type in a word like "depression" and you will reach a list of tests on depression. The Beck Depression Inventory-II will come up on the list. If you click on that link, you will go to a short summary of the test INCLUDING information regarding which volume of the Mental Measurements Yearbook (MMY) contains a review of this test.

Or, you can search by the name of the test – for example if I search using "Strong Interest Inventory", I reach a page that tells me which volume of the MMY contains a review of the SII. For the 1994 edition, I will need to look in the 15th volume of the MMY for a review of this test. Knowing the volume # will allow you to find the specific review for your test.

Resources for Test Reviews

The 2 best resources for test reviews are the *MMY* and *Test Critiques*, which are both multiple volume, sets. You will need to take a trip to the library and find the appropriate volume to photocopy the article, unless, you want to pay Buros Institute for a copy of the online review.

You will need to go to the Reference Department on the 2nd floor of the library to find the volumes mentioned above. A good place to start, if you are not doing this electronically, is *Tests in Print and Tests in Print V*; these books are actually the directories for the MMY.

You can also use ERIC for your article search. Again, this can be more time consuming as you will need to narrow the search down to an article that pertains to the questions you are to answer for the test critique paper.