APA style for PowerPoint presentations

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A PowerPoint presentation should be treated as you would a research paper. You must provide citations and a bibliography (list of references) for your sources.

This includes any quotes, paraphrases, images, graphs, tables, data, audio and video files.

Clip art does not require a citation.

All oral citations must also appear as written citations in your slides. This means if you present in front of a live audience or record your presentation, any sources you mention must also appear on your slides in proper APA format.
“Binge drinking on Facebook is a highly public display shared with a multitude of known and unknown participants and observers” (Brown & Gregg, 2012 p. 363).

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Link to Breast Cancer

Heavy drinkers are at a higher risk for breast cancer ("Alcoholism," 2008).

1 in 8

The number of women who say they binge drink (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2013).
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Table 1

Use of Alcohol U.S. Women 2011-2013 (CDC, n.d.)

- Pregnant, Any use: 18.2%
- Pregnant, Binge drinking: 10.2%
- Nonpregnant, Any use: 53.6%
- Nonpregnant, Binge drinking: 3.1%

The data is cited, not the chart itself. Label all figures and tables.
Using Images cont.

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