Advanced Library Research for 2nd Year PhD Students

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FURTHER ASSISTANCE NEEDED BY STUDENTS
LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Identify core library services available for PhD students
- Understand fundamental library research tools and techniques
- Explore key online databases and journals
- Introduce other important resources such as writing and citation management
KEY LIBRARY SERVICES
LIBRARY WEBSITE

library.garrett.edu
USEARCH DISCOVERY TOOL

- Sign In
- My Account
- e-Shelf
- Request
- More Actions
BORROWING PRIVILEGES

- From Styberg & NU Libraries:
  - Borrowing Policies
  - Borrowing Cards

- From Other Partner Libraries:
  - Association of Chicago Theological Schools (ACTS)
  - Loyola University Chicago
  - Participating Libraries in ATLA’s Reciprocal Borrowing Program
REQUESTS

- Interlibrary Loan
- eDocument Delivery
- Mailing Service for Distance Students
- Suggest a Book Purchase

Book Purchase Suggestion Form
RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

- Online chat for simple questions
- In-class information literacy sessions
- Library workshops
- In-person research consultations
  - Daniel Smith (daniel.smith@garrett.edu or 866-4541)
  - Mary-Carol Riehs (mary-carol.riehs@garrett.edu or 866-3868)
- Video tutorials & online research guides
- Brochures & handouts
RESEARCH STRATEGIES
MAIN SOURCES OF ACADEMIC INFORMATION

- Journals & Magazines
- Books
- Theses & Dissertations
- Conference Proceedings
- Government Documents
- Websites
- Web 2.0
- Archives & Manuscripts
Research Process

Consider:
- Is your topic feasible?
- Do you need to find a research topic?
- Consider: Use Endnote to store & organize your references.
- To narrow your search topic be more specific: add keywords, use database limits.
- To broaden your search topic be less specific: remove keywords, remove database limits.
- Consider: Do you need primary or secondary resources?
- Did you find sufficient resources for your topic?
- Are you getting too few search results?
- Are you getting too many search results?
- Form a research question
- Search library databases

- Begin by gaining general knowledge
- Look at books, encyclopedias, dissertations, future research discussions in articles

- Begin the writing process
- Analyze and organize the relevant information

- Consider: Take a library workshop
• **Data as Goal** [Descriptive]:
  
  Find out everything you can about a topic, and then explain what you’ve learned.

• **Data as Tool** [Analytical]:
  
  Gather basic information about your topic, identify a problem or issue related to the topic, and then, use the data you collect as a tool to try to solve that problem or issue.
Finding background information about a topic can help you put your research in a broader context and help direct you to areas for further research.

To get oriented to prior research on a topic or learn more about a particular methodological or theoretical approach, consult a handbook or subject-specific encyclopedia.
To find subject specific reference resources

1. Check the online reference collection

   Wiley Online Library: Religion & Theology
   Gale Virtual Reference Library: Religion
   Oxford Reference: Religion
   Credo Reference: Religion and Theology

2. Search USearch with your research area plus “handbook,” “dictionary,” or “encyclopedia.”
   e.g. “Protestant reformation” AND “encyclopedia”
FINDING KNOWN ITEMS: CHASING & UNDERSTANDING CITATIONS

- **Citation Chasing** is when you start from a known title or author, which is given by your professor or which you find in the bibliography.

- Most citations of articles include the following information:
  - Author
  - Article title
  - Journal or magazine title
  - Volume and issue number of the journal or magazine
  - Date of publication
  - Page numbers of the article (some citations only include the beginning page number)


When searching for information on a subject, you can search by a keyword or subject heading:

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<tr>
<th>Keywords</th>
<th>Subject Headings</th>
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<td>Natural language</td>
<td>Pre-defined “controlled” vocabulary</td>
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<td>Familiar</td>
<td>Not always intuitive</td>
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<td>Searches all significant words in library catalogs or databases</td>
<td>Searches subjects only</td>
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<td>May yield irrelevant results</td>
<td>Results are usually relevant to topic</td>
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Keyword search when:

- You don’t know the exact title or author of the item
- A variety of terms describe the topic (e.g. History of Protestant Reformation in 16\textsuperscript{th}-century Europe)
- You don’t know the controlled vocabulary (e.g., Library of Congress Subject Headings)
KEYWORD SEARCH STRATEGIES

- **Simple keyword search**
  - e.g. spiritual formation

- **Advanced search using wildcards**
  - “ ” for a phrase
    - e.g. “spiritual formation” or (spiritual formation)
  - ( ) for group terms within a query
    - e.g. Theology (feminist OR womanist)
  - ? or $ for a single character
    - e.g. wom?n (woman, women)
  - * for multiple characters
    - e.g. educat* (educate, educative, education, educational...)

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Advanced search using Boolean operators

a. The **OR** Command

   e.g. Liturgy **OR** Sacraments
   Youth **OR** Adolescence*

**OR** finds data with either concept

- Liturgy
- Sacraments
Advanced search using Boolean operators

b. The **AND** Command

e.g. (young adults) **AND** education

**AND** finds only data with both concepts
Advanced search using Boolean operators

c. The **NOT** Command: Narrow down your search by excluding a word or phrase

\[ \text{Methodis}^* \ NOT \ United \]

\[(\text{John OR Charles}) \ NOT \ Samuel\]
Subject search when:

- You are looking for information on a broad topic.
- You are looking for information about something, someone, or someplace (e.g. books about Thomas Merton, not those written by him).
- If you don’t know a subject heading, try a keyword search first. Take a look at the record of an item and review what subject headings are listed or go to Library of Congress Subject Headings Online Guide.
- Examples:
  - History of Methodism  Methodism - History
  - Prevenient Grace  Prevenient Grace - History of doctrines
  - LGBTQ  Sexual minorities
BROWSING IN PRINT AND ONLINE

Browsing is less targeted than searching, but can be good for accidental finds.

1. You may search WorldCat – the world’s largest library catalog – to find new titles in your field.

1. Major journals in your field – You may look at new issues when they arrive in the library or when they are posted online.

1. Browse the shelf for books with similar topics.
   (e.g. “Protestant Reformation”: BR300 – BR420)
ONLINE DATABASES

- Religion Databases (165 databases)
- NU’s A-Z Databases List (965 databases)
- NU’s E-Journals List (over 14,000 journal titles)
- ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials
- ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Global (3.8 million works with 1.7 million in full text)
- JSTOR (full-text journal archives, including 100+ journals on religion & theology)
- Sage Journals
- Taylor & Francis Online (3,800,000+ articles)
- Google Scholar
- WorldCat (2 billion items available from over 10,000 libraries worldwide)


Check out the library citation guide to learn about style manuals and guides:

- Turabian Style, 8th ed. (LB 2369 .T8 2013)
- Chicago Style, 16th ed. (Z 253 .U69 2010)
- APA Style, (Ref. BF 76.7 .P83 2010)
- SBL Style, 2nd ed. (Ref. BR 44 .S29 2014)
CITATION MANAGERS

**Endnote** is a bibliographic and citation management system that you can download from the library website with your netID.

**Zotero** is a open access, web-based citation manager. You can use it even after you finish your degree.
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