

Philosophy

A Guide to Selected Research Materials

- **Library Catalog**

The library catalog allows keyword, field-specific and Boolean searching (using AND, OR and NOT to combine search terms). Search results may be printed, downloaded and e-mailed. The Libraries' home page <http://www.lib.ku.edu/> also has links to many other electronic resources: subject indexes, full-text databases, other library catalogs, etc.

- **Call Number Systems**

The Libraries use two call number systems: Library of Congress Classification (LC) for more recently acquired materials and Dewey Decimal Classification (Dewey) for older materials (most of these are in the process of being converted to LC). Both systems classify library materials by subject. In LC, which consists of letters and numbers, most philosophy materials are classed in the **B's** as **B** is the class for Philosophy, Psychology, and Religion. In Dewey, which consists of all numbers, philosophy materials are classed in the **100s**: **160-169** cover logic, **170-179** cover ethics, etc. In both systems, the longer the call number, the more specific the subject matter becomes. For example, **BC** is logic. **BC 122** is transcendental logic.

Research Guides/General Bibliographies

Philosophy: A Guide to the Reference Literature

Ref Z 7125 .B97 2006, 3rd ed.

The most comprehensive, up-to-date and exhaustively annotated source offering guidance to the reference literature of philosophy. Includes listings of encyclopedias, dictionaries, bibliographies, indexes to periodical literature, concordances and lexicons. Especially useful are the sections on electronic resources and core philosophy journals and the listing of bibliographies of more than seventy philosophers.

The Philosopher's Guide

Ref Z 7125 .D445 1980

This is an expanded version of *A Guide to Philosophical Bibliography and Research* (**Watson Library Stacks Z 7125 .D44**) and is an excellent guide to "sources, research tools, professional life, and related fields." Authored by KU Professor Dr. Richard De George.

Dictionaries, Encyclopedias and Handbooks

A good place to begin when defining terms, derivations, meanings, etc. Also, useful for summarizing a particular school of thought. Some of the following include bibliographies, which may serve as "connections" to other relevant literature. Related sources may be found on adjacent to these in the Reference Stacks. **** Recommended books to start your research.**

Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy, 2nd ed.

Ref B 41 .C35 1999

New Dictionary of the History of Ideas

Ref CB 9 .N49 2005 6 v.

Dictionary of Modern American Philosophers

Ref B 851 2005 4 v.

Encyclopedia of Applied Ethics

Ref BJ 63 .E44 1998

Encyclopedia of Bioethics

Ref QH 332 .E52 1995 5 v.

Encyclopedia of Ethics, 2nd ed.

Ref BJ 63 .E45 2001 3 v.

*****Encyclopedia of Philosophy***

Ref B 41 .E5 1972, with 1996 Supplement (Shelved near Watson Library Public Service Desk)

Comprehensive and core research tool for philosophy. Well indexed. Originally published in 1968.

Oxford Companion to Philosophy

Ref B 51 .O94 2005

*****Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy***

Ref B 51 .R68 1998 10 v.

A newer core encyclopedia of the discipline. Very current and comprehensive. Well-indexed.

Shorter Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy

Ref B51 .C58 2005

World Philosophy: Essay-Reviews of 225 Major Works

Ref B 29 .W68 1982

Biographical Sources***Biography and Genealogy Master Index* (<http://infogateway.ku.edu/databases.html>)**

Database indexes more than 12.7 million biographical sketches in more than 3,400 volumes and editions of current and retrospective reference books, covering both contemporary and historical figures throughout the world. This is an excellent place to look for sources of biographical information.

***Marquis Who's Who on the Web* (<http://infogateway.ku.edu/databases.html>)**

Allows users to locate biographical information about more than one million individuals in more than 800 occupations using a single search and is updated daily.

Biographical Dictionary of Twentieth-Century Philosophers

Ref B 104 .B56 1996

Directory of American Philosophers, 22nd ed.**Ref B 935 .D5 2004/2005*****Directory of American Scholars, 9th ed.*****Ref LA 2311 .C32 1999 (Shelved near Watson Library Public Service Desk)**

Includes brief profiles on over 37,500 scholars active in the United States and Canada. Includes vital statistics, education, honorary degrees, professional experience, society memberships, research interests, selected publications and a mailing address. A useful and broadly-defined source, but dated.

International Directory of Philosophy and Philosophers, 14th ed.**Ref B 35 .J55 2005/2006**

Designed to provide information about "ongoing philosophical activity around the world," this source includes brief information about individuals, university departments, societies, and research centers as well as a section on journals, yearbooks, and other serials in the field. Excludes the U.S. and Canada (see the IDPP's counterpart, the *Directory of American Philosophers* at **Ref B 935 .D5**).

Who's Who in America, 59th ed.**Ref E 176 .W642 2005 (Shelved near Watson Library Public Service Desk)**

Standards of admission to this source are fairly restrictive. Nonetheless, it is a good source of basic information for prominent Americans and provides brief information on personal and professional background, memberships, significant publications, current and previous positions, education, etc.

Guides to Philosophy Journals*see also Directory of American Philosophers**see also Encyclopedia of Philosophy**see also International Directory of Philosophy and Philosophers****Guidebook for Publishing Philosophy*****Ref Z 7127.G84 1997**

Published by the APA, this guide contains descriptive information about the editorial policies, submission guidelines, acceptance rates, etc. for numerous journals and book publishers, as well as detailed information about the publishing process. Specialty and non-specialty journals are included.

Philosophy Journals and Serials: An Analytical Guide**Ref Z 7127 .R83 1985**

Contains entries on 335 different serials (including newsletters and bulletins, as well as journals), selected from the philosophy section of *Ulrich's International Periodicals Directory*. Presents both bibliographical (price, publisher, circulation) and narrative (focus of serial, nature of works accepted, etc.) description.

***Ulrich's Periodicals Directory* (<http://infogateway.ku.edu/databases.html>)**

Bibliographic database providing detailed, comprehensive, and authoritative information on serials published throughout the world. It covers all subjects, and includes publications that are published regularly or irregularly and are circulated free of charge or by paid subscription.

Databases/Indexes

The electronic resources listed in this guide are all available via the Libraries' web site through the databases link: <http://infogateway.ku.edu/databases.html>

Philosopher's Index (1940 to present)

A key source for gaining access to the literature of philosophy, providing citations and abstracts of books and journals from English and non-English sources. The Philosopher's Index provides indexing and abstracts from books and journals of philosophy and related fields. It covers the areas of ethics, aesthetics, social philosophy, political philosophy, epistemology, and metaphysic logic as well as material on the philosophy of law, religion, science, history, education, and language.

Arts and Humanities Citation Index [** in Web of Science database] (1983-present)

Arts & Humanities Citation Index is a multidisciplinary index covering the journal literature of the arts and humanities. It fully covers 1,144 of the world's leading arts and humanities journals, and it indexes individually selected, relevant items from over 6,800 major science and social science journals. *AHCI* may be used to track what a particular author has published and who is citing their work.

Print copies of AHCI are in Watson Reference Stacks at Ref Z 5931 .A78 (1975-1995)

Expanded Academic ASAP (1980 to present)

A good interdisciplinary database covering abstracts of journal articles from over 1,600 scholarly and popular sources.

JSTOR (coverage 2-5 years back – moving wall)

JSTOR (Journal Storage Project) is an ongoing project designed to provide electronic access to the full-text of core academic journals in a variety of disciplines. *JSTOR* has many diverse subject strengths, covering core journals for African American studies, economics, history, language and literature, philosophy, and the general sciences.

MLA International Bibliography (1923 to present)

Excellent source on literature and the humanities in general. The online version of the Bibliography dates back to 1925 and contains over 1.7 million citations from more than 4,400 periodicals (including peer-reviewed e-journals) and 1,000 book publishers. It is searchable by classification headings, document authors, subject-index terms, language of the book or article, journal name, and other elements

Project Muse (coverage depends on journal)

Project Muse provides online access to over 300 high quality humanities, arts, and social sciences journals from 60 scholarly publishers. It is a searchable database that provides online access to current issues of selected scholarly journals in the arts and humanities, social sciences, and mathematics.

Proquest Dissertations and Theses (1861 to present)

A good source for identifying current and past dissertations in philosophy and related fields. Provides online access to over 2 million dissertations and master's theses, many of which are available in full text for immediate downloading. Citations are available for dissertations dating from 1861 and full text online from 1997 for over 1,000 schools submitting to the ProQuest UMI database.

WorldCat (to search for books and journals, not articles)

The WorldCat database is the OCLC Online Union Catalog, containing more than 32 million records describing items owned by the KU Libraries and other libraries around the world. Each record shows which libraries hold the item

Book Reviews***Book Review Digest (1983 to present)***

Indexes and abstracts reviews of English language fiction and non-fiction titles. Reviews are selected from journals in the humanities, sciences, social sciences and library review media. Includes only reviews that have appeared within 18 months of the book's publication.

Book Review Index (1965 - 2005)**Ref Z 1035 .A1 B6 (Watson Library Reference)**

Provides citations to reviews of recently published or about-to-be- published books, periodicals, and reference works of at least 50 pages (with some exceptions). Indexes over 600 publications, among them national publications, scholarly and literary journals, and reviewing journals.

see also *Expanded AcademicASAP*

see also *Web of Science/Arts & Humanities Citation Index*

see also *Philosophers Index*

Web Resources

The Internet offers a large number of resources for philosophers, including electronic journals, digitized texts of philosophical works, library catalogs, and electronic discussion groups. Among the best web sites for philosophy are:

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| ❑ <i>APAonline</i> | http://www.apa.udel.edu/apa/index.html |
| ❑ Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy | http://plato.stanford.edu/contents.html |
| ❑ Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy | http://www.utm.edu/research/iep/ |
| ❑ <i>Guide to Philosophy on the Internet</i> | http://www.earlham.edu/~peters/philinks.htm |
| ❑ <i>Philosophy Resources on the Internet</i> | http://www.epistemelinks.com/ |
| ❑ <i>Contemporary Philosophy of Mind</i> | http://consc.net/biblio.html |
| ❑ <i>KU Dept. of Philosophy</i> | http://www.ku.edu/~philos/links/ |

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