Resources for FYSP 187: Ars Moriendi: Death and the Art of Dying
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ENCYCLOPEDIAS — FINDING OVERVIEW AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Main Reference HQ1073 .A2 2014


(2 vols) e-book

Death Gods: An Encyclopedia of the Rulers, Evil Spirits, and Geographies of the Dead. Westport, CT:
Main Reference BL545 .A2 2009

Main Reference HQ1073 .C37 2005


Main Reference HV6545 .E87 2003

Main Reference HQ1073 .E5 2001

e-book, Main Library GT3150 .T2 2000

Main Reference HQ1073.E5 1989

FINDING BOOKS AND OTHER LIBRARY MATERIALS

OBIS is the Oberlin College Library’s online catalog; it lists most library materials. The OhioLINK Library
Catalog combines the holdings of ~90 libraries at colleges and universities—and through SearchOhio,
those of an additional 20 public libraries—across Ohio. Both can be searched by Author or Title for a
specific author or work, or by Subject Heading or Keyword for works about a topic, person, place, etc.

Below is a selective list of subject headings that may be useful for research in this class:

| Bereavement | Death – Moral and ethical aspects | Hospital architecture |
| Burial | Death – Psychological aspects | Hospital buildings |
| Cemeteries | Death – Religious aspects | Memorialization |
| Children and death | Death – Social aspects | Mortality |
| Children – Death | Death care industry | Mourning customs |
| Condolence notes | Death in literature | Near-death experiences |
| Consolation | Death in motion pictures | Parents – Death |
| Cremation | Death in music | Pets – Death |
| Dead | Fear of death | Suicidal behavior |
| Death | Funeral rites and ceremonies | Suicide |
| Death – Juvenile fiction | Grief | Teenagers and death |
| Death – Juvenile literature | Horror films | Undertakers and undertaking |
Exercise for searching OBIS for books relevant to your topic
2. Select the CATALOG tab, change the drop-down search option to Subject; search: death social aspects
3. Scroll down to the geographical sub-division “United States”

Use KEYWORD and ADVANCED searches to find book chapters/articles, and works on multiple topics:
example: death and architecture

USING DATABASES TO FIND ARTICLES IN SCHOLARLY JOURNALS

Connect from Databases tab on the Library home page search box, or use the Quick Links drop-down menu

To determine if the library has a particular journal, Use “360 Link to Full Text” or “Find It!” where available in research databases, or search Journal Finder from Library home page or the Quick Links pull-down menu

Multidisciplinary: ★ Academic Search Complete
                  Web of Science (especially good for science topics)

Anthropology: Anthropology Plus

Architecture: Avery Index to Architectural Periodicals

Business: Business Source Complete

Classics: L’Année Philologique

History: America: History and Life (U.S. and Canadian history and culture)
         Historical Abstracts (world history and culture)

Literature: MLA International Bibliography

Media, popular culture: Communication & Mass Media Complete
                        Computers & Applied Sciences Complete
                        Film & Television Literature Index

Medicine, health: MEDLINE (EBSCO version recommended)

Music: Music Index Online

Philosophy: ETHXWeb
           Philosopher’s Index

Psychology: PsycINFO

Religion: ATLA Religion Database

Sociology: SocINDEX

Popular magazines/newspapers MasterFILE Premier
          Newspaper Source

Exercise for searching Academic Search Complete for scholarly journal articles relevant to your topic
2. Choose the Databases tab; under the “by subject” drop-down search option, choose Any Subject/Multidisciplinary; find and select Academic Search Complete
3. In box 1 enter search terms for the first concept, each connected by “or”
4. In box 2 enter search terms for the second concept, each connected by “or,” and click Search
5. Refine results by choosing “Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals”
SUMMON – default tab on library home page search box

- searches across the spectrum of library content: books, scholarly articles, newspapers, data, audio, video, images, government documents, and more; searches many, but not all, library resources
- draws from OBIS, OhioLINK, many full text and article indexing databases, and digital repositories from colleges, universities, research centers, and other open-access archives
- comprehensive or complex searches should be done in subject-specific databases
- OBIS and OhioLINK are generally better for finding books
- if links don’t lead to full text, be persistent or ask for help; we probably do have access

☞ Exercise for searching Summon for additional articles relevant to your topic

  1. From the library home page, make sure the Summon tab is selected
  2. In the Search box, type: doctors death
  3. Under Refine Your Search, select “Scholarly and Peer-Review”
  4. Under Discipline, select “Medicine”

USEFUL WEB SITE

Association for Death Education and Counseling, The Thanatology Association.
http://www.adec.org
A professional organization dedicated to death education, care of the dying, grief counseling, and research in thanatology; see especially the “Links & Resources” page.

CITING YOUR SOURCES  for more help, choose “For Students” (under “Services” on library home page), then “Citation Help

Main Reference LB2369 .G53 2009

Purdue Online Writing Lab (aka the OWL). Maintained by Perdue University.
https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/
See the Research and Citation section for examples of how to cite resources using APA, MLA, and Chicago citation styles.

OhioLINK/SearchOhio

- how it works: over 300 Ohio libraries lend materials (primarily books) to each other does not include delivery of journal articles – see section below on ILL
- to request: do-it-yourself online searching and requesting
- Barcode is the number on the back of your OCID
- how long it takes: allow 3-4 business days
- loan period: 3 weeks + up to 6 three-week renewals if item has not been requested by someone else

Interlibrary Loan (ILL or ILLiad)

- use for: articles in journals not available at Oberlin, books not available from OhioLINK
- how it works: libraries lend materials to each other; for journal articles they may send scanned pdfs
- to request: select “ILLiad/Interlibrary Loan” from the Quick Links menu on the Library’s home page; set up an account; enter and track ILL requests online
- how long it takes: allow 1-2 weeks; many articles arrive much more quickly
- loan period: journal articles are yours to keep; loan period for books varies
HOW TO GET RESEARCH HELP AT THE LIBRARY

Librarians are available to assist with your research projects:

☑ Help focus and define research topics
☑ Find information for papers and projects
☑ Locate books, journal articles, and other library materials
☑ Develop effective search strategies for online databases
☑ Identify useful web sites and internet resources
☑ Evaluate the quality of web sites and other information sources
☑ Track down facts and statistical data
☑ Learn how to use the library and its resources

Drop-in help at the Research Desk. Just stop by and tell us what you need
Monday–Thursday: 10am–noon, 1–5pm, & 7pm–midnight
Friday: 10am–noon & 1–5pm
Weekend: Sat.: 2–4 pm, Sunday: 1–5pm & 7 pm–midnight

IM. Chat online with a member of Oberlin’s reference staff (ObieRef) – hours same as above

Phone. 440-775-5031 – hours same as above

Email. reference@oberlin.edu – any time

Research appointment. Sign up online from the library home page