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 .A22 2014


(2 vols) e-book

Main Reference HQ1073 .C37 2005


e-book, Main Reference HQ1073 .M33 2003 (2 vols.)

Main Reference HV6545 .E87 2003

Main Reference HQ1073 .E543 2001

e-book, Main Library GT3150 .T25 2000

Main Reference HQ1073.E54 1989

FINDING BOOKS AND OTHER LIBRARY MATERIALS

OBIS is the Oberlin College Library’s online catalog; it lists most library materials. Online borrowing is available through the OhioLINK Library Catalog, which combines the holdings of 120 libraries at Ohio colleges and universities, and through SearchOhio, which does the same for 28 Ohio public library systems. All three catalogs are searchable 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:

Aged
Aging
Bereavement
Dead
Death
AIDS (Disease)
Death (Personification)
Death – Moral and ethical aspects
Death – Poetry
Death – Psychological aspects
Death – Religious aspects
Death – Social aspects

Death – Symbolic aspects
Death in art
Death in literature
Death in motion pictures
Eternity
Fear of death
Grief
Grim Reaper (Symbolic character)
Horror films
Immortalism
Immortality

Indians of North America – Religion
Miscarriage
Mortality
Mortality in literature
Mortality in motion pictures
Older people
Suicidal behavior
Suicide
Terminal care
Terminally ill
Exercise: search OBIS for books
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

Art: Art Full Text

Global studies: Bibliography of Asian Studies
Bibliography of Native North Americans

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
Science Fiction and Fantasy Research Database

Medicine, health: MEDLINE (EBSCO version recommended)

Philosophy: Philosopher’s Index
Psychology: PsycINFO

Religion: ATLA Religion Database

Sociology: SocINDEX

Popular magazines/newspapers MasterFILE Premier
Newspaper Source

Exercise: search Academic Search Complete for scholarly journal articles
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 – first (and 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
- Subject-specific databases are generally better for complex or comprehensive searches
- 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: search Summon for additional publications
1. From the library home page, make sure the Summon tab is selected
2. In the Search box, type: personification death
3. Under Refine Your Search, select “Scholarly and Peer-Review”

USEFUL WEB SITES

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 “Resources > Organizations and Links” page.

The American Association of Suicidology.
http://www.suicidology.org/
An organization for those involved in suicide prevention; promotes research, education and training, the development of resources, and survivor support services; see especially the “Resources” links.

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

Main Reference LB2369 .G53 2016

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.

HOW TO GET MATERIALS NOT AVAILABLE AT OBERLIN

OhioLINK/SearchOhio
- how it works: 115 Ohio library systems lend materials (primarily books) to each other
do 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 (not your T-number)
- 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; journal articles are usually sent as 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, though 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

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Phone. 440-775-5031 – hours same as above
Email. reference@oberlin.edu – any time
Research appointment. Sign up online from the library home page