Research Resources for Graduate Students in Philosophy
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Important Links:

Queen's University Library Homepage http://library.queensu.ca

Connect from Off-Campus http://proxy.queensu.ca/
Access to the Library's electronic subscriptions (e-books, e-journals, indexes and databases) is restricted to current Queen's students, faculty and staff. When connecting from off-campus, sign in with your NetID when prompted.

Library Research Guide for Philosophy http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/philosophy

Services for Graduate Students: http://library.queensu.ca/services/grads

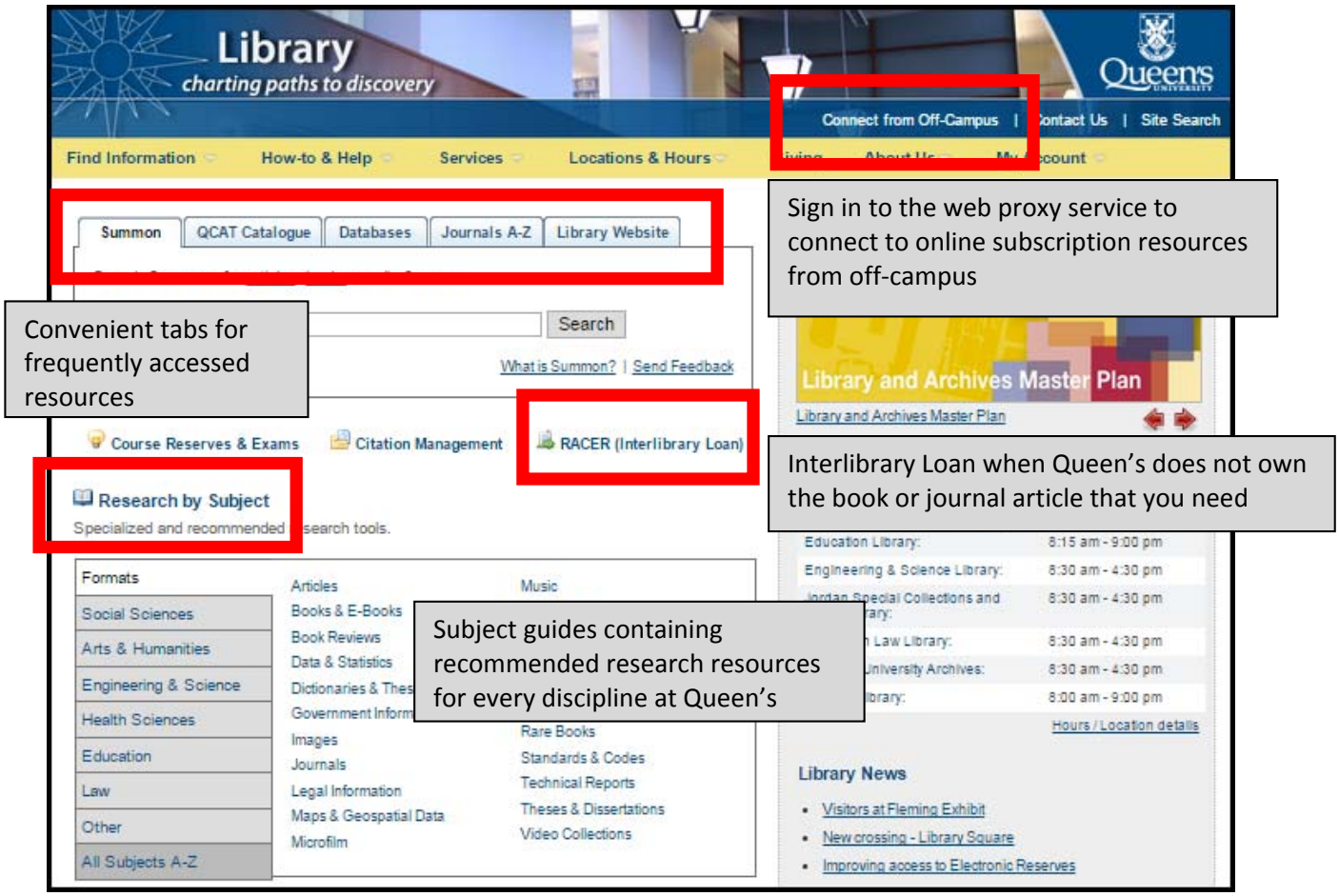

Figure 1: Library Homepage library.queensu.ca

The **Graduate Study Room** is located on the 3rd Floor of Stauffer Library. There are also bookable **study rooms** available. Stauffer Library offers a limited number of **study carrels** for graduate students – ask at the Circulation Desk.

Queen's Library Collections

There are six campus libraries in five physical locations:
http://library.queensu.ca/library/overview

Stauffer Library – Art, Business, Humanities and Social Science Collection (the vast majority of the print philosophy collection is housed here) and in the Lower Level, the Maps, Data, and Government Documents
Bracken Health Sciences Library – medicine, bioethics, medical philosophy
Douglas Library - Engineering and Science – philosophy of science
- W.D. Jordan Special Collections and Music Library
Education Library – philosophy of education
Law Library – legal philosophy, philosophy of law

Research Tools: Summon http://library.queensu.ca/summon

Figure 2: The Summon search box on the library homepage http://library.queensu.ca/summon

Search across the library catalogue and many of our electronic resources, all from one search box. Summon contains everything found in the traditional QCAT Library Catalogue, plus millions of full-text articles available from the Library. Can be a useful search tool for interdisciplinary topics – use the facets available within Summon to narrow down your search results.

Research Tools: Library Catalogue (QCAT) https://qcat.library.queensu.ca/

Figure 3: The QCAT Catalogue tab on the library homepage

Search the library catalogue (QCAT) to find materials (such as books, videos, journals, newspapers and government documents) available, in print and online, at Queen's University Library.

- Search by **Author**: last name first name
- Search by **Title:** omit initial articles (the, a, an, le, la…)
- Search by **Journal (Periodical) Title**: **e.g. journal of social philosophy**
- Search by **Keyword** ("and" is automatically placed between words)
- Search by **Keyword Boolean**: AND, OR, NOT, "topic words in phrases", truncated searches
    - Boolean operators are used to indicate the relationship(s) between words/concepts.
    - Use Boolean operators to narrow the scope of your search by joining together your search terms (keywords) using a particular operator
    - Truncation searching allows you to retrieve documents containing variations on a search term. To execute a truncation search, type the first few letters (stem) of the keyword followed by a question mark (?)

Tips for searching the library catalogue, QCAT, can be found in QCAT. Various "how-to" guides and video tutorials are also available: http://library.queensu.ca/help/guides

Research Tools: Reference Materials

Oxford Bibliographies
Your Best Research Starts Here

philpapers

OXFORD HANDBOOKS ONLINE
Scholarly Research Reviews

When seeking authoritative background information consult specialized bibliographies, companions, dictionaries, encyclopedias and handbooks. The Library's Research Guide for Philosophy lists highly recommended reference resources: http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/philosophy. The Resources link on the Philosophy Department's website provides links to frequently consulted research tools (subscription resources are proxied for off-campus use): http://www.queensu.ca/philosophy/electronicresources.html.

In addition, reference works are listed in QCAT and Summon. Below are some recommended electronic reference tools particularly strong in philosophy:

Blackwell Reference Online http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/7711
Contains the full text of over 80 reference sources in philosophy, and includes companions, handbooks, dictionaries and guides.

Oxford Bibliographies http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/8660
This resource lists books, journals, primary documents, web resources, and multimedia in various discipline-based subject modules, including philosophy.

Oxford Handbooks Online http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/10566
Oxford Handbooks Online is a full text database consisting of **review essays** written by leading scholars that evaluate the current thinking on a field or topic, and make an original argument about the future direction of the debate.

PhilPapers http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/11739
Hosting the largest open access archive in philosophy, PhilPapers is a comprehensive index and bibliography of philosophy maintained by the community of philosophers. Using advanced trawling techniques and large scale crowd-sourcing, PhilPapers monitors all sources of research content in philosophy, including journals, books, open access archives, and personal pages maintained by academics.

Create your personal account with PhilPapers while on campus, using your Queen's email address

Research Tools: EBooks

Most of the library's electronic books are listed in QCAT and Summon, but you may also search the e-book packages directly: http://library.queensu.ca/research/ebooks/. Please note that when searching e-book collections directly you may encounter titles in the collection to which Queen's does not have access. You can request a print copy of the title through interlibrary loan (RACER).

Collections of note include:

Oxford Scholarship Online – Philosophy http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/6304
A collection of e-books, published by Oxford University Press, in the fields of philosophy.

Past Masters http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2774
Offers 117 full-text humanities databases encompassing the largest collection of full-text electronic editions in philosophy in the world. From Aristotle to Wittgenstein, Past Masters includes databases on Greek, early modern, American, British, German and Danish philosophy, philosophy of science, political philosophy and continental thought.

Social Theory http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3378
Full-text e-book collection of influential writings representing the most important trends of sociological thought. Included in the more than 150,000 pages of searchable content are works by such theorists as John Dewey, Michel Foucault, Jean Baudrillard, John Stuart Mill and many more. Time coverage: 18th century – present.

Multidisciplinary E-Book Databases:

ebrary http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/5298
Search and browse access to the full-text of books from scholarly publishers.

eDuke Books Scholarly Collection http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/7969
Humanities and social sciences books published by Duke University Press (mostly recently published, some backlist).

MyiLibrary http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3422
Cover-to-cover search and browse access to the full-text of books from various academic publishers.

Scholars Portal Books http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/8746
Large multidisciplinary collection of ebooks from various publishers.

Research Tools: Article Indexes and Databases

Search indexes and databases to find journal articles, citations to books, theses, conference proceedings and more. The library subscribes to over 650 article indexes and databases and over 80,000 electronic journals and newspapers.

Each academic discipline has its own specialized article indexes, which index the core literature of that discipline (and often relevant topics from related-disciplines). Library subject guides list core and related recommended databases for each discipline:
http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/philosophy/article-indexes

Accessing Indexes and Databases

You can access article indexes and databases from the Philosophy Research Guide: http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/philosophy/article-indexes, or, use the **Databases Tab** on the library homepage, where you can enter the name of the database you wish to search, or browse databases by subject (under the More Database Options link):

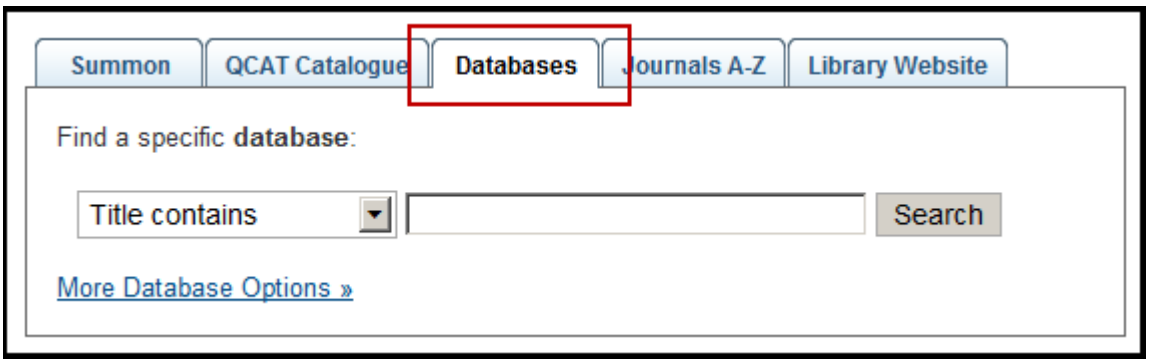

Figure 4: Databases tab on the library homepage

Core Indexes in Philosophy

Philosopher's Index http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3064
The major international index to scholarly research in all fields of philosophy. Subject coverage includes aesthetics, epistemology, ethics, logic, and metaphysics, the history of philosophy, metaphilosophy, political philosophy, and the philosophy of education, history, language, law, religion and science.

Philosophy Online http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3629
The only electronic provider for current and recent issues of a growing number of philosophy journals. Every word in every journal issue in the database is fully searchable. Please note: only journals to which Queen's Library subscribes to in print are available in full text in Philosophy Online.

Philosophy@ProQuest http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/8914
Searches 2 indexes simultaneously: Philosopher's Index and IBSS: International Bibliography of the Social Sciences.

Strategies for Effective Database Searching:

- Each database has different syntax requirements. Consult the "Help" or "Search Tips" section to get the most out of your searches.
- Most research databases have direct links to full-text if we subscribe to the journal. Use Get it@Queen's to follow links to the text of an article or to QCAT (library catalogue). In QCAT use the "Journal Title Exact" option to check if Queen's Library subscribes to the publication.
- Print, save or email your search results and articles.

Other relevant collections include:

JSTOR http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2929
An electronic archive of scholarly journals; all journals in JSTOR are full text and electronically searchable. Journals are always included from volume 1, issue 1 and include previous and related titles. Usually, the most recently published issues (past 3-5 years) are not available.

ProjectMUSE http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2766
An electronic database of journals in the humanities produced by Johns Hopkins University. Contains the full text of articles from recent issues.

Social Science Research Network http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/4159
Early dissemination of research results in the social sciences and humanities through online access to abstracts, articles and working papers. The SSRN includes the **Philosophy Research Network**.

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Google Scholar http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2998
[direct URL to bookmark: https://proxy.queensu.ca/login?url=https://scholar.google.com/]
Use the Google Scholar search engine to locate materials from a wide variety of academic publishers, professional societies, preprint repositories and universities, as well as scholarly articles published on the "open" web.

By searching Google Scholar through the Queen's web proxy (using the link provided above) the "Get It at Queen's" citation linker is activated (which allows you to click directly through to the Library's subscriptions).

To activate when going directly to Google Scholar https://scholar.google.ca/ , click on

Settings >> **Library Links** >> select **Queen's University Library at Kingston Canada** >> **Save**

Research Tools: Queen's Library Journal Collections

The Library subscribes to hundreds of journals relevant to the field of philosophy. Individual journal titles are listed in QCAT. When you know the title of a journal you are looking for, perform a journal title search in QCAT to determine its location (either in print, on the 2nd floor of Stauffer library, or online).

A shortcut to the journal title search in QCAT is available on the **Journals A-Z** tab on the library homepage:

Figure 5: Search for journal titles using the Journals A to Z tab on the library homepage

Current Awareness Services

Alerting, current awareness or table of contents services are designed to assist researchers in keeping up-to-date with current literature in a discipline. A number of databases and electronic journals provide automated alerting services based on your search profile or search strategy. Depending on the service, you may receive emailed tables of contents of your chosen journals, or a list of individual article citations.

Citation Indexes

Citation indexes allow you to trace the evolution of an idea from one author's paper backward using its bibliography and forward (to determine who is citing whom) using cited reference searching. Consult the library guide to conducting a cited reference search: Cited Reference Searching in the Social Sciences and Humanities for details. Google Scholar and discipline-specific databases provide links to cited references within their databases; the databases listed below specialize in cited reference searching:

Arts and Humanities Citation Index: http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2697
Social Sciences Citation Index: http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2927

For Journal Citation Reports, consult:
JCR http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2811

News Resources

Queen's Library subscribes to local, regional, national and international news databases. These databases provide significant date coverage (unlike the free news sites on the web) and allow for a variety of search capabilities ideal for academic-level research. Consult the guide to major news indexes and full-text news resources at Queen's Library http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/news-resources.

Maps, Data & Government Information

Government Information http://library.queensu.ca/gov
Library holdings emphasize Canadian, American, United Kingdom and international documents, with smaller collections for Commonwealth and other foreign countries. The Library is an official depository for publications of the Government of Canada, the Province of Ontario, the European Union, and the United Nations.

Data http://library.queensu.ca/data
Data is frequently acquired in electronic format and made available through the services of the Social Sciences Data Centre within the Documents area in Stauffer Library. Data resources of note include:

Statistics Canada, polling data from the Canadian Opinion Research Archive, and US and International data from the International Consortium for Political and Social Science Research.

The Map Library, Government Documents and the Social Sciences Data Centre are located on the Lower Level of Stauffer Library.

Citation Management http://guides.library.queensu.ca/citation-management

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Reference Manager

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All citation managers perform the same basic functions. However, some programs offer extended options such as opportunities to share information, the possibility of creating a personal profile, or collaboration tools that let you work with peers.

Consult the Library's guide to Citation Managers for helpful information on managing your citations.

Publishing Your Paper? Databases Containing Publication Information:

For sources of publishing information, intended audience, peer review, etc. consult:

- **MLA Directory of Periodicals** http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2943
- **Ulrich's Periodicals Directory** http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2886

Dissertations and Theses

Guide to Finding Theses and Dissertations: http://library.queensu.ca/research/format/finding-theses

Preparing and Formatting Your Thesis http://library.queensu.ca/help/theses

QSpace: Queen's University Research and Learning Repository: https://qspace.library.queensu.ca/

Borrowing Privileges, Interlibrary Loan and Other Library Catalogues

Graduate Student Borrowing Privileges

- various loan periods including **term loan** (subject to recall)
- may borrow an **unlimited number of books**, subject to recall
- **inter-university borrowing privileges** http://library.queensu.ca/services/borrowing/reciprocal

For books and articles not owned by Queen's Library, request items through **Interlibrary Loans** (**RACER)**: http://library.queensu.ca/services/interlibrary/racer.

Searching library collections beyond Queen's? A list of other library catalogues can be found here: http://library.queensu.ca/research/catalogues

WorldCat (short for World Catalogue) http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2918 and **Google Book Search** (https://books.google.ca/) are excellent tools for discovering other books on your topic. Request item(s) through **RACER**.

Queen's University Library is also a member of the **Center for Research Libraries** http://www.crl.edu/. The CRL catalogue is located at http://catalog.crl.edu/. CRL materials can be requested through **RACER** (on the RACER request form, **note that the item is at CRL**).

Getting Help

Research Help

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