

Recommended Research Resources for Philosophy 307: Latin American and Caribbean Philosophy Winter 2011

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Important Links

Queen's University Library Homepage: <http://library.queensu.ca>
Research by Subject – Philosophy <http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/philosophy>

See also:

Latin American Studies: <http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/latin-american-studies>
Political Studies: <http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/political-studies>

The screenshot shows the Queen's University Library homepage. Key features and annotations include:

- Top Navigation:** A red box highlights the "Connect from Off-Campus" link in the top right corner.
- Search Section:** A red box highlights the search area, which includes tabs for "Summon", "QCAT Catalogue", "Databases", "Journals A-Z", and "Library Website". A text box points to these tabs, stating: "Convenient tabs for frequently accessed resources including Summon, QCAT and Databases".
- Sign-in Prompt:** A text box points to the "Connect from Off-Campus" link, stating: "Sign in to the web proxy service to connect to online subscription resources from off-campus".
- Research by Subject:** A red box highlights the "Research by Subject" link. A text box points to the "Arts & Humanities" category in the list, stating: "Subject guides containing recommended research resources for disciplines and formats. Click Arts & Humanities for the Philosophy Guide."
- Library News:** A section titled "Library News" lists recent updates, including "Now hiring for 2010/11! Jobs for Students in the Campus Libraries" and "Canadian Legislative Pulse with Regulations".
- Footer:** A red banner at the bottom reads "Queen's Learning Commons" with a link to a "Journal article about the QLC".

Figure 1: Library Homepage library.queensu.ca

Resources for Background Information

Specialized reference works such as encyclopedias, dictionaries and companions are useful for obtaining background information and recommended readings on a topic, clarifying concepts and providing relevant keywords that can be used when searching article indexes and databases. Many of these resources are available online, through library subscriptions, others are available in print and are shelved in the [Reference Collection in Stauffer Library](#) (main floor). Additional recommendations can be found in the relevant library subject guides:

<http://library.queensu.ca/research/subjects>.

Philosophy

Companion to Latin American Philosophy

http://proxy.queensu.ca/login?url=http://www.blackwellreference.com/subscriber/uid=158/book?show=all&id=g9781405179799_9781405179799

Oxford Companion to Philosophy

http://proxy.queensu.ca/login?url=http://www.oxfordreference.com/views/BOOK_SEARCH.html?book=t116

Oxford Dictionary of Philosophy

http://proxy.queensu.ca/login?url=http://www.oxfordreference.com/views/BOOK_SEARCH.html?book=t98&authstatuscode=200

Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy Online

<http://proxy.queensu.ca/login?url=http://www.rep.routledge.com/?authstatuscode=202>

Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy

<http://plato.stanford.edu/>

History, Political Studies & Country Information

A Companion to Latin American History

http://proxy.queensu.ca/login?url=http://www.blackwellreference.com/subscriber/uid=158/book?id=g9781405131612_9781405131612

Oxford Reference Online - Politics & Social Sciences

http://proxy.queensu.ca/login?url=http://www.oxfordreference.com/views/SUBJECT_SEARCH.html?subject=s20&authstatuscode=200

Includes various social science dictionaries and guides.

Oxford Companion to Politics of the World

http://proxy.queensu.ca/login?url=http://www.oxfordreference.com/views/BOOK_SEARCH.html?subview=BookHomePage&book=t121

Over 500 contributors from 40 nations have written 672 entries on the people, concepts, countries and events that have shaped the world.

Country Information: http://library.queensu.ca/webdoc/gov/countries_other

A Queen's Library Subject Guide to countries around the world.

Print reference works in Stauffer Library's Reference Collection:

Companion to Latin American Studies

Stauffer Library Reference: F1414.C65t 2003

Encyclopedia of Contemporary Latin American and Caribbean Cultures

Stauffer Library Reference: REF F1406.E515 2000 (3 volumes)

Encyclopedia of Contemporary Latin American and Caribbean Cultures (3 v.)

Stauffer REF F1406.E515 2000

Latin America Profiled: Essential Facts on Society, Business, and Politics in Latin America

Stauffer REF F1408.L37 2000 r

Research Tools: 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.

<http://library.queensu.ca/summon>



Figure 2: Screen capture of the Summon search box on the library homepage

After performing a search, use the facets along the left-hand side to refine or limit your search results:



To learn more about Summon, consult the Summon FAQ page:
<http://library.queensu.ca/summon>

Research Tools: Library Catalogue (QCAT)

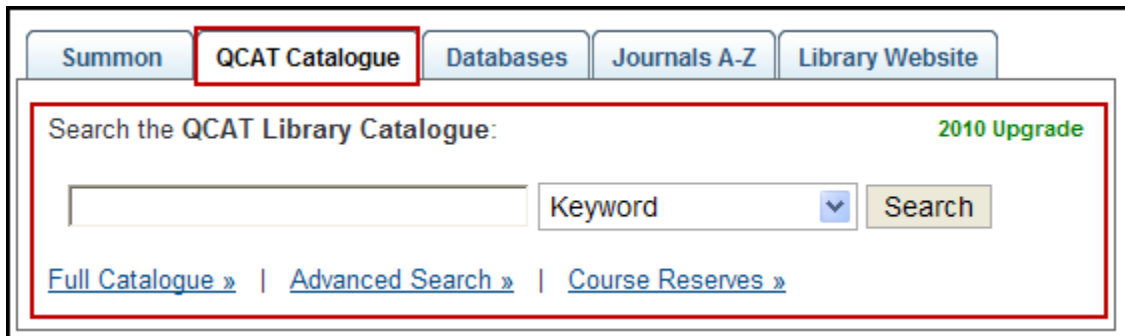


Figure 3: Screen capture of the QCAT Catalogue tab on the library homepage

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**: eg **Hispanic Review**
- Search by **Keyword** ("and" is automatically placed between words)
- Search by **Keyword Boolean**:

To narrow the scope of your search you can join together your search terms (keywords) using special sets of predefined words, known as "Boolean operators." Boolean operators are used to indicate the relationship(s) between words/concepts. They are: [and, or, not, "a phrase"]. In addition, there are special characters (such as "?" for truncating) that allow you to perform more sophisticated searches.

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

E-Books

The majority of the library's electronic books are listed in QCAT and Summon. If you would like to browse or search for them directly, the following are some recommended e-book databases to which Queen's Library subscribes:

ACLS Humanities E-Book

<http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3395>

Canadian Electronic Library <http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3356>

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

eBrary <http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/5298> .

Oxford Scholarship Online:

Philosophy

http://www.oxfordscholarship.com/oso/public/philosophy/subject_home.html

Political Science

http://www.oxfordscholarship.com/oso/public/politicalscience/subject_home.html

Research Tools: Article Indexes and Databases

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.

Accessing Indexes and Databases

You can access article indexes and databases from the Philosophy Subject 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:



Figure 4: Screen capture of the Databases tab on the library homepage

Connecting from off-campus? You will be prompted to enter your NetID and password when you click on a link to the database. You can also sign in to the Queen's web proxy server prior to beginning your library research at:

<https://login.proxy.queensu.ca/login>

Philosophy

Philosopher's Index <http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3064>

The major international index to scholarly research in all fields of philosophy.

Philosophy Online <http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3629>

Searchable, full text collection of 40 philosophy journals.

Philosophy @ Scholars Portal <http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/5322>

Searches 3 indexes simultaneously: Philosopher's Index, Humanities Abstracts, and IBSS: International Bibliography of the Social Sciences.

History and Politics

PAIS International and PAISArchive <http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3020>

Coverage includes scholarly literature on the public and social policy of business, economics, finance, law, international relations, public administration, government, and contemporary public issues.

PRISMA - Publicaciones y Revistas Sociales y Humanisticas <http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3127>

Provides full-text and citations to scholarly journals for the interdisciplinary study of **Latin America and the Caribbean**. The database also includes the Hispanic American Periodicals Index (HAPI) database, which is fully searchable from within the PRISMA interface.

Worldwide Political Science Abstracts <http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2813>

International periodical index to political studies literature.

Multidisciplinary

Academic Search Complete <http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3404>

A multidisciplinary index to more than 10,900 publications including peer-reviewed journals, conference proceedings, monographs and reports.

JSTOR <http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2929>

Provides full text access to selected core journals in philosophy (and other subjects). Publication coverage is from volume 1 to within 2-5 years of a journal's current volume.

Search Engines

Google Scholar <http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2998>

Use the Google search engine to locate articles 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 through to the Library's subscriptions).

Tip: When off-campus search Google Scholar through the Web Proxy service. Click on "**Scholar Preferences**" – in "**Library Links**" ensure Queen's University Library is selected (this will enable the display of "GetIt@Queen's" buttons in your Google Scholar search results) and in "**Bibliography Manager**", choose RefWorks (if desired). Save Preferences.

Summon <http://library.queensu.ca/summon>

The Library's search engine which contains everything found in the traditional QCAT Library Catalogue, plus millions of full-text articles available from the Library.

Newspapers

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> for more information.

Statistical Data & Government Information

<http://library.queensu.ca/webdoc/>

Government Documents

There are more than 1,000,000 print items in the government and international documents collection, in addition to the large sections of the collection available only in microform and electronic format. Our 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.

Social Science Data Centre

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 (via the Depository Services Program and the Data Liberation Initiative), polling data from the Canadian Opinion Research Archive (housed in Stauffer Library), and US and International data from the International Consortium for Political and Social Science Research.

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

Websites

Not all sources on the Web are equally valuable or reliable. Individual sites are not screened or standardized in any way to determine if the information they provide is accurate or useful. Critically evaluating the information you find is central to successful academic research. For evaluation criteria, see the Library's guide to Evaluating Web Sources <http://library.queensu.ca/inforef/tutorials/qcat/evalint.htm>

The following are some recommended websites relevant to Philosophy 307:

Internet Resources for Latin America <http://lib.nmsu.edu/subject/bord/laguia/>

Large resource site including links to various types of resources such as directories, databases, current event links, library catalogues, newsgroups and organizations. Provided by the New Mexico State University Library.

Latin American Network Information Center <http://lanic.utexas.edu/>

LANIC's editorially reviewed directories contain over 12,000 unique URL's, one of the largest guides for Latin American content on the Internet. A comprehensive site with links to Web pages in subject areas including Economy, Government, Humanities, Social Sciences and Society and Culture; also Country and Regional headings.

Philweb Bibliographical Archive: Caribbean Thought

<http://www.phillwebb.net/regions/caribbean/Caribbean.htm>

Philweb Bibliographical Archive: Latin American Thought

<http://www.phillwebb.net/regions/LatinAmerica/LatinAmerica.htm>

Academic Subject Directories

Infomine: Scholarly Internet Resource Collections <http://infomine.ucr.edu/>

Intute <http://www.intute.ac.uk/resources.html>

Borrowing from Other Libraries: Interlibrary Loan and Other Library Catalogues

Place requests for **Interlibrary Loans** through **RACER**:

<http://library.queensu.ca/services/interlibrary>

There is no fee for books; articles cost \$3.00.

A list of other library catalogues can be found here:

<http://library.queensu.ca/research/catalogues>

WorldCat (short for World Catalogue <http://www.worldcat.org/>) and Google Book Search (<http://books.google.com/>) 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).

Citing and Managing Your Sources

Queen's Library Citation and Style Guides <http://library.queensu.ca/help/cite-sources>



RefWorks Online Citation Manager is available to all Queen's students, staff and faculty. See <http://library.queensu.ca/help/refworks> for more information.

Online Tutorials for learning RefWorks: <http://refworks.scholarsportal.info/tutorial/>

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