

ENCYCLOPEDIAS - FINDING OVERVIEW AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- *The A-Z of Death and Dying: Social, Medical, and Cultural Aspects.* Santa Barbara, CA: Greenwood, 2014. Main Reference HQ1073 .A22 2014
- Death and Dying: End-of-Life Controversies. Detroit: Gale, 2013, e-book
- Key Concepts in Palliative Care. London: SAGE, 2011, e-book
- *Encyclopedia of Death and the Human Experience*. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications, 2009. (2 vols) e-book
- *The Encyclopedia of Death and Dying*. New York: Facts On File, 2005. Main Reference HQ1073 .C37 2005
- Handbook of Death & Dying. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2003. e-book, Main Reference HQ1073 .H36 2003 (2 vols.)
- *Macmillan Encyclopedia of Death and Dying*. New York: Macmillan Reference USA, 2003. e-book, Main Reference HQ1073 .M33 2003 (2 vols.)
- *The Encyclopedia of Suicide*. 2nd ed. New York: Facts On File, 2003. Main Reference HV6545 .E87 2003
- *Encyclopedia of Death and Dying*. London: Routledge, 2001. Main Reference HQ1073 .E543 2001
- *Death and the Afterlife: A Cultural Encyclopedia*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2000. e-book, Main Library GT3150 .T25 2000
- *Encyclopedia of Death*. Phoenix, AZ: Oryx Press, 1989. 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 <u>Author</u> or <u>Title</u> for a specific author or work, or by <u>Subject</u> **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 – Poychological 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

- 1. Start at library home page, http://www.oberlin.edu/library
- 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

Reserve State State Complete for scholarly journal articles

- 1. Start at library home page, http://www.oberlin.edu/library
- 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"

MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers. 8th ed. New York: Modern Language Association of America, 2016.

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 works: 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 (*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
- \checkmark Evaluate the quality of web sites and other information sources
- ✓ Track down facts and statistical data
- \checkmark 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

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