



Research Guide

Master's of Education Library Orientation

Southern Wesleyan University AGS Program



Reference Resources

Use these for background on “-isms” and other terms in your first module and as a starting point for your paper on a philosophical trend. Call numbers are for representative books in each area. Browse the reference section of the library of your choice in these call number ranges. Dewey classification (used at Southern Wesleyan as well as other universities) is provided first / then Library of Congress classification (may be used at other universities) is provided.

Education

- Encyclopedia of Education (8 vols.) – Ref 370.3 En19 / LB15 .E47
- Philosophy of Education: An Encyclopedia – Ref 370.1 P549 / LB17 .P485

Philosophy

- Oxford Companion to Philosophy – Ref 100 Ox2 / B51 .O94
- Encyclopedia of Philosophy (8 vols.) – Ref 103 En19 / B41 .E5
- Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy – Ref N/A / B41 .C35 1999

Psychology

- Encyclopedia of Psychology (8 vols.) – Ref 150.3 En21 / BF31 .E52
- Corsini Encyclopedia of Psychology (4 vols.) – Ref 150.3 C818 / BF31 .E52

Religion

- Encyclopedia of Religion (16 vols.) – Ref 200.321 En19 1987 / BL31 .E46 1987
- Religions of the World (4 vols.) – Ref 291 R279 / BL 80.2 .H66 1991

Sociology

- International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences (19 vols.) – Ref 300.3 In8 / H40 .A2 I5
- Encyclopedia of Sociology (5 vols.) – Ref 301 En19 / HM17 .E5

Books

use [SWUcat](#), [PASCALcat](#), or a local library catalog to find books that will provide broad information on your topic.

Link to SWUcat from library homepage <http://www.swu.edu/library/>

Keyword and subject searches are possible using the pull-down menu and apply to nearly all library catalogs.

Examples of subjects:

- Education—Philosophy [that's two dashes and no spaces]
- Postmodernism and education
- Dewey, John
- Philosophy, comparative

Articles

Use a database to find articles with more focused information for your philosophical trend paper, your review essay, and other research projects.

- **Academic Search Premier** indexes more than 4,650 publications, with full text for over 3,600 peer-reviewed journals. The journal *Educational Philosophy* is indexed here but not in ERIC.
- **ERIC** is the Educational Information Resource Center and indexes two types of material: journals and thousands of other documents. Links are provided to full text resources as available. **You should use ERIC extensively for your research project in the third module, EDUC 5263.** Request articles that are not full text by using the Interlibrary loan request form on the library homepage.

Link to **Academic Search Premier** and **ERIC** from the library homepage under “FIND ARTICLES AND E-JOURNALS” at <http://www.swu.edu/library>

For off-campus access to these databases:

- Use the passwords on the **ORANGE SHEET** to access databases FROM HOME.
- Passwords are also available on “MyCampus”
- Only EBSCO and GALE/INFOTRAC databases may be accessed off-campus at present.
- ALL Rickman Library databases may be accessed from Learning Centers and the main campus in Central

FAQs:

May I use other libraries in the state?

Yes. Your local public library is available but may not have the scholarly resources you need. Most private and public college and university libraries in South Carolina provide limited borrowing privileges to SWU students. **You should be able to use your SWU ID card at most SC libraries. Otherwise, request a state-wide borrowers card at:** <http://swu.edu/library/services/borrowingcard.htm>.

I'm having trouble with my research. Who can help?

- e-mail library@swu.edu
- phone the library at 1-800-289-1292 ext. 5060 or 864-644-5060.



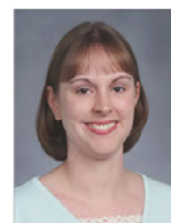
Mr. Robert Sears



Erin Washington



Anita Gray



Joni Addis

When is the SWU library open in case I need to call for assistance?

Mid-August through Early May (except for breaks)

Monday – Thursday	7:45 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Friday	7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday	12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Closed

Early May through Mid-August

Monday – Thursday	8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday	Closed

Notes about the ERIC Database

The ERIC database is the premier tool for locating journal articles and other materials in the field of Education. The ERIC database indexes two groups of materials: journal articles and other documents, such as lesson plans, curriculum units, conference papers and other studies, as well as books or chapters of books.

Many items are available in full-text through the ERIC database.

- Journal Articles: The ERIC database itself does not contain full-text for the items that are indexed; however, many of the articles are available in full-text from one of the other EBSCO databases to which we subscribe (Academic Search Premier or the Professional Development Collection). In this case, there will be a button [📄 [HTML Full Text](#) or 📄 [PDF Full Text](#)] provided near the top of the record to indicate the availability of the article in web form or in .pdf format. Simply click on the button to retrieve the article.
- Documents: Many of the ERIC items which are not journal articles are available in full-text as well. There will be a note on availability near the bottom of the record which will state "[Full Text from ERIC](#)." Click on this link and a pdf version of the item will be retrieved from another web site. Note: not all ERIC documents are available in full-text, even if this link shows on the record.

More information on the use of ERIC database and the ERIC Thesaurus can be found on the PowerPoint presentation, [ERIC Database Tutorial for MED Students](#)

Remember: ERIC is an extensive **database to locate journal articles and other documents**. It is not the place to look for books on your topic of study.

Use the Rickman Library's **SWUcat** to locate books in the library collection.

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