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UAH offers a program called "Science, Technology, and Society," better known as the STS Program. As an interdisciplinary collection of courses, this allows students to study the intersection of technology and society by integrating perspectives and methodologies from across academia. In many professions, students will be required to pair their scientific knowledge with certain analytical thinking, design, and writing skills. There is often a crossover in science journalism and business; with that in mind, the *ProQuest SciTech Collection* may help in the research process. Do a search for **society and technology** or **society and science**, for instance. These are indexed as subject terms within the database, and limiting to just full text provides dozens of related articles, such as *Information, Technology and its Impact on Aging Society*. You'll find additional content regarding policy, ecology, ethics, and more!



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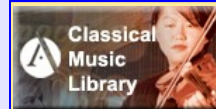
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### Communication & Mass Media Complete

Salmon Library provides access to over 200 full text titles through this database. *Communication & Mass Media Complete* combines what was previously known as *CommSearch* and *Mass Media Articles Index* to provide a robust collection enhanced by a sophisticated Communication thesaurus for deep searching capabilities. The document types available cover product reviews, interviews, articles, conference papers, and more. Additionally, over five-thousand author profiles provide biographical data and bibliographic information for frequently searched-for authors in the database. The subject indexing is tailored to the communication and mass media fields, so make use of the subject browse tool to become familiar with the way *CCMMC* has classified the topic you are researching. You may actually need **public television** versus **public broadcasting**, or perhaps discover that your interest in the correlation of literacy and children's programming might have some useful information under **media literacy**.



**Quick Tip:** When using the *Journal Citation Reports* database, select "Social Science Edition," search by "subject category," then by categories like "Political Science" or "Communication." The results can be sorted by total cites or impact ratings, granting insights into leading journals in several fields of study!



With a brand new interface for Fall 2014, now is a great time to check out what *Classical Music Library* can do for you! Over 47,000 albums are at your disposal, as well as a variety of features designed to make gathering data for your research a simpler affair with enhanced browsing capabilities by title, instrument, composers, and more. For instance, by selecting **Late-Romantic** under the "Time Period" limiter, you'll get a few thousand records for this era. However, a few clicks under the other limiters on the left toolbar can refine your results down to works by Rachmaninov, performed by the London Symphony, featuring conductor Andre Previn, and recorded on the album published by Decca Records. You're down from 3,000 to the one specific record in seconds, all without entering a single search term. The search bar is still there, of course, should you know precisely what you want, but the enhanced smart-browsing on the site is really where *Classical Music Library* shines. Take advantage of these upgrades, plus the ability to share customizable playlists with your colleagues!



**Did you know...?**

The *Journal of Memory and Language* was cited 6,845 times in 2013, the highest in the field of Linguistics according to *Journal Citation Reports*. **Hint:** We have this journal. Check it out!



Salmon Library provides access to over 2700 journals via *JSTOR*. While not limited to the social sciences, this database is an immense repository of journals for each department within the College of Liberal Arts. A subject browse feature will display our resources at the title level, such as **Feminist & Women's Studies** for publications like *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*. A journal's listing will indicate whether we have whole or partial access to its full text. The advanced search function grants more control, as you can immediately focus on finding articles within a specific publication of interest, or just search for your topic across the journals of broader areas of study, such as **Education, Philosophy, Art History**, or all of **Humanities**. Always make sure to select "Content I can access" on your results screen, as it will filter out non-subscription items. If your search has you feeling a bit overwhelmed, click the "Search within results" option under your search bar. This will enrich your search process as you being to narrow down to very specific articles.

**Did you know...?**

**The Oxford Dictionary of National Biography features "Reference Groups," which are essays on historical groups that make connections between individuals, such as the "War Poets" of WWI. Rudyard Kipling and Charlotte Mew are considered part of this group. Read more about these "soldier-poets" in the ODNB!**

**OneSearch : Make It Work For You!**

Ah, *OneSearch*...that "search everything right now" solution! Well, it can be a boon or a burden depending on how you use it. While this *is* a tool for discovering what offerings Salmon Library has on a subject across various databases, formats, and publishers, it can be overwhelming. It's probably not the best place to search for a term like **sociology**, as it's a bit too broad. However, it's a great tool for something like UAH's new course on the sociology of tourism and travel! We don't currently have a database devoted to Tourism and Travel, but we *do* have many relevant journals, books, and industry reports in our overall collection; you just need to find them. A search for **tourism and travel** will start you down a path to discover articles across the dozens of journals and books we have dealing with tourism. *OneSearch* begins to shine as you select limiters on the left toolbar to hone in on what you want. You can tailor these results to show only full text, scholarly journal articles published in specific titles such as the *Journal of Travel Research*, or hone in on the subject matter that most fits your goals, such as **heritage tourism** or **culture & tourism**.

**Quick tip: Check out this Fall's edition of the Salmon Library's primary newsletter, *The Call Number*, for a glimpse into the *HRAF World Cultures* database, as well as learn about Timelines found in the *Oxford Reference Series*!**

**PsycARTICLES**

Salmon Library is proud to offer *PsycARTICLES*, indexing over 50 journals that cover topics from general psychology to specialized clinical and theoretical research. You'll find content published by such groups as the *American Psychological Association*, *Science Press*, and the *Canadian Psychological Association*. Care has been taken to tailor the search interface to highlight areas relevant to research in psychology. You can select **Age Group** categories such as neonatal compared to infancy, adolescence versus adulthood, and more. It's even possible to limit by **Population Group** for humans, animals, male or female, and inpatient versus outpatient. **Classification Codes** categorize topical areas of note, such as "4160 Neural Networks" or "2390 Parapsychology." The **Methodology** section refines searches to specifics such as clinical case studies, field studies, or even subcategories when interested in the retrospective portion of a longitudinal study, for example.



This collection may be of particular interest to our English, History, and Art departments. Salmon Library's *ITER* collection includes a number of journals and the *Iter Italicum*, which is a finding guide for manuscripts held in libraries around the globe, useful when perusing topics in classical, medieval, and Renaissance studies. The journals offer content exploring broad studies of these periods, such as *Renaissance and Reformation*, to specific aspects of culture, as found in *Early Theatre's* focus on the performance history of any art, entertainment, or festive occasion from these periods.

**AVL Spotlight: Opposing Viewpoints in Context**



The Alabama Virtual Library provides citizens of Alabama with access to several resources, so we certainly want to take advantage of them. *Opposing Viewpoints in Context* provides us with articles, topic overviews, statistics, and more on prominent social issues. At its heart, this database is a tool to research, organize, and analyze these issues by exploring all perspectives. This is done by providing an assortment of viewpoint essays, primary source documents, court-case reviews, and other data points to paint a comprehensive picture of what's going on in the present, as well as the history behind a given issue. You will also find biographies of many prominent social activists and reformers, as well as multimedia in the form of podcasts and video from premier NPR programs, for example. A **Browse Issues** features an alphabetical listing of today's hottest issues, such as "whistleblowers" or "tea party movement." These topics have their own pages with a brief synopsis at the top, followed by sections detailing articles addressing differing perspectives, newspaper stories covering related current events, primary sources, links to external sites, multimedia, and related issues.