

DriveBy: Doin' Research

Thursday, January 18th @ 9:15 p.m., Room 447

Your thesis is due in 14 weeks.

Learn now about navigating our libraries, using journals and databases, dealing with citations, planning your bibliography, great online sources, and even people who are paid to help you.

Presentation will be followed by group knowledge-sharing so come with your tips, know-how and wisdom



(First years, your thesis is due in less than 66 weeks. Please join us!)

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Why Research?

- How does your idea fit into the world?
- Has someone already done your idea?
- Learn from others' failures
- Market overview / conceptual landscape
- Enrich yourself

Why Are We Here?

- NYU has tons of research offerings
- Every system works differently
- Valuable services are often hidden

What's Out There?

- Books
- Journals
- Videos and Music
- Periodicals
- The Internet
- People!

NYU Libraries

- NYU has a lot of libraries
- Also, you have full access to Cooper Union, New School, NY Historical Society
- <http://library.nyu.edu/about/locations.html>

Other libraries

- Columbia University: <http://library.nyu.edu/about/columbia.html>
- New York Public Library: <http://www.nypl.org/>
- Interlibrary Loan: <http://library.nyu.edu/services/ill.html>

Bobst Online

- Going to the Library can be soothing...
- So can staying home:
- Online: <http://www.bobst.nyu.edu/>

NYU Proxy

- Campus-level access from remote locations
- Instructions for all common browsers:
<http://www.nyu.edu/its/nyunet/proxy/>
- Automatic Configuration uses the following
URL: <http://proxy.nyu.edu/proxy.pac>

Books

- Bobcat covers: NYU Bobst Library, NYU Institute of Fine Arts, NYU Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences, NYU Real Estate Institute, Brooklyn Historical Society, The New-York Historical Society, New York School of Interior Design, Cooper Union, New School University, Parsons School of Design, Mannes College of Music
- <http://www.bobst.nyu.edu/>

Journals

- Bobcat covers Journal titles, but not text directly. Either use the e-link from a catalog record: <http://www.bobst.nyu.edu/>
- or go direct to a database: http://library.nyu.edu/collections/find_articles.html

Journal Search

- For example, if you want to read Carl Olsen's study, "BRAIN REPRESENTATION OF OBJECT-CENTERED SPACE IN MONKEYS AND HUMANS" in the Annual Review of Neuroscience, Vol. 26: 331-354. First go to Bobst: <http://www.bobst.nyu.edu/>
- ...and connect to Bobcat, searching for material in all locations. Your search should begin with "Annual Review of Neuro" in "--Journal Title. Select the appropriate journal title, and then click into the result from the list to display the full record. At the bottom there will be a link in pink to the electronic version of the journal. Hurray! Click on the Volume (26) and find the full text link for "Brain Representation of Object-Centered Space...".
- Don't forget about all the other libraries. For example if you want to read my very favorite science article of all time, after connecting to Bobcat, "Search additional New York University libraries" for MEDCAT. Search by Journal Title for "Forensic Science International", connect to the electronic version and do a quick search for "chain saw". I swear this is a real study.

LexisNexis

- Search publications including international, national and regional news, wire services, broadcast transcripts, legal and business
- [http://library.nyu.edu/collections/
find_articles.html](http://library.nyu.edu/collections/find_articles.html)

Citation Management

- Citations are references to other sources that you embed in your text
- The bibliography at the end of your thesis will include the full information for each
- Managing citations by hand is maddening
- ProCite, EndNote and RefWorks can help
- <http://library.nyu.edu/bib/>

RefWorks

- Online database of your citations
- Grab from web, journals or libraries
- Automatically compiles your bibliography for any word processing system
- <https://ezproxy.library.nyu.edu/login?url=http://www.refworks.com/refworks>

Matt's Links

- oreilly safari
- delicious
- citeulike
- google scholar
- google sets
- internet archive
- NY Times

<http://impublished.org/wiki/index.php?title=ITPresearch>

People: Professors

- NYU lists about 200 different academic departments. Professors typically enjoy helping students. Look for applicable courses.
- First, read about them and some papers.
- <http://www.nyu.edu/academics/departments.html>

People: Librarians

- Research experts
- People employed by NYU specifically to help you
- Available online: <http://library.nyu.edu/ask/>

Classes

- <http://library.nyu.edu/research/classes.html>

What do You Know?

- Share the knowledge