

# VT Library Resources Guide for Historians

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## General Resources

- Library website: <https://lib.vt.edu>
  - Discovery Search Research Guide: <https://guides.lib.vt.edu/discoverysearch>
  - A guide to using the main search interface for many (though not all) of the sources that the Library has access to.
- JSTOR (<https://www.jstor.org>) and Project Muse (<https://muse.jhu.edu/>) are two good databases to start with in looking for secondary literature, particularly journal articles.
- Library Database search: <https://guides.lib.vt.edu/az.php?>

## Research Guides

- You do not have to do everything on your own. The Library has produced a large number of Research Guides (<https://guides.lib.vt.edu/>) that can help you navigate the many resources available to you.
- History Research Guide: <https://guides.lib.vt.edu/subject-guides/hist>
- Historical Primary Sources Online Research Guide: <https://guides.lib.vt.edu/c.php?g=895000>
- Digital Humanities Research Guide: <https://guides.lib.vt.edu/dh>

## Zotero

- Bibliographical software such as Zotero (<https://www.zotero.org>) can help you keep track of your sources and can help you with your citations.
- If you have not used Zotero before, check out the Research Guide on Zotero (<https://guides.lib.vt.edu/citationmanagers/Zotero>) that includes video tutorials.
- Alternative to quickly create a bibliography with ZoteroBib: <https://zbib.org/>.

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- Use the Ask a Librarian button when performing a search.
- Bruce Pencek is the College Librarian for Social Science & History
- Book a consultation with a Librarian: <https://calendar.lib.vt.edu/appointments>
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