

VT Library Resources Guide

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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.
- Use the sources you find to adapt and narrow your topic and find more sources using the citations you find.
- Library Database search: <https://guides.lib.vt.edu/az.php?>
 - Association of Computing Machinery database: <https://guides.lib.vt.edu/az.php?q=acm>

Research Guides and Studios

- 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.
- STS Research Guide: <https://guides.lib.vt.edu/subject-guides/sts>
 - Use the Finding & Citing section to get even more tips for conducting research and finding sources.
 - Use the Data Resources and Analytical Skills section to explore various data repositories and tools made available through Virginia Tech.
- Research guides on data
 - A general guide to finding data and data repositories: <https://guides.lib.vt.edu/FindData>
 - Data resources for Social Science: <https://guides.lib.vt.edu/c.php?g=580714>

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.
- Alternatively, if you want to quickly create a bibliography, look at ZoteroBib: <https://zbib.org/>.

Getting help

- Use the Ask a Librarian button when performing a search.
- If you need specific resources for your project or help, check out the Studios at Newman Library: <https://lib.vt.edu/create-share/studios.html>.
- Book a consultation with a Librarian: <https://calendar.lib.vt.edu/appointments>
 - Bruce Pencek is the College Librarian for Social Science & History
 - Contact me by email (jrsadler@vt.edu)
 - Or book an appointment with me: <https://calendar.lib.vt.edu/appointments/jrsadler>