

Philosopher's Index Tipsheet

To identify what has been written on a topic within philosophy and ethics, *Philosopher's Index* is a core database. It indexes and provides abstracts of scholarly material within the discipline, somewhat broadly defined.

Getting Started:

You can begin with a keyword search, like the one below, which will help you identify appropriate material:

Searching: **Philosopher's Index** [Choose Databases >](#)

in [Select a Field \(optional\)](#) [Search](#)

[AND](#) in [Select a Field \(optional\)](#)

[AND](#) in [Select a Field \(optional\)](#) [Add Row](#)

[Basic Search](#) [Advanced Search](#) [Visual Search](#) [Search History](#)

- * = a *truncation symbol*, which retrieves items with words that **start** with the letters preceding the asterisk: *feminist*, *feminism* or *feminisms*.
- " " = a *phrase search*, with retrieves items with the **exact phrase** enclosed in quotation marks: *"African American"*.

Narrowing Searches:

You can restrict your search to journals or to books:

Source Types

☐ All Results

☒ Journal Articles

☐ Books/Monographs

Select type, and click "Update"

[Update](#) [Cancel](#)

To limit your results by **subject**, so that the topic selected will be the **main point** of the item, look for the limit on the left-hand column on the screen:

38 Results for...

[Refine your results](#)

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Selecting specific headings will narrow your search by looking for those headings within the results originally found.

Subject

☒ AFRICAN AMERICAN

☒ FEMINISM

☐ SOCIAL PHILOSOPHY

☐ WOMEN

☐ PHILOSOPHY

☒ RACE

[Update](#) [Cancel](#) | [Show More](#)

Use the **subject headings** assigned to relevant articles to suggest other terms to search, which may refocus or broaden your search:

The Second Sex: Philosophy, Postcolonialism, *African-American Feminism*, and the Race for Theory

Authors: Goswami, Namita
Source: Angelaki: Journal of the Theoretical Humanities, 13(2), 73-91. 19 p. August 2008.

Subjects: AFRICAN AMERICAN DISCOURSE
 FEMINISM
 IDENTITY
 POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY
 POSTCOLONIALISM
 RACE
 WOMEN

Persons as Subjects: CHRISTIAN, BARBARA

Alternative terms to broaden or narrow the search

Combining Searches:

You can combine searches two ways:

- Add search boxes to the Advanced Search:

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in Select a Field (optional) Search Clear ?

AND in Select a Field (optional)

AND in Select a Field (optional)

AND in Select a Field (optional) Add Row Remove Row

[Basic Search](#) | [Advanced Search](#) | [Visual Search](#) | [Search History](#)

- Go to "Search history":

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AND in Select a Field (optional) Add Row

[Basic Search](#) | [Advanced Search](#) | [Visual Search](#) | Search History

Begin by selecting "Search History"

Search History/Alerts

[Print Search History](#) | [Retrieve Searches](#) | [Retrieve Alerts](#) | [Save Searches / Alerts](#)

☒ Select / deselect all Search with AND Search with OR Delete Searches

Search ID#	Search Terms	Search Options	Actions
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S2	ethic* or moral*	Search modes - Boolean/Phrase	View Results (91096)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S1	feminis* and "african american"	Search modes - Boolean/Phrase	View Results (38)

This is most useful when you have been working in a database doing multiple searches. After clicking on "Search History," select the searches that you wish to combine.

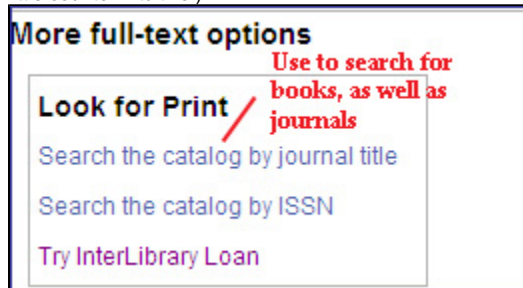
Dealing with Results:

When you have sources that might be useful, you'll need to actually look at them! Sometimes the source is available in Philosopher's Index, indicated by a

"Linked Full Text," PDF or HTML link in the record. If it is not available within Philosopher's Index, click on the Article Linker button:



This will open a window which will tell you if the item is available elsewhere. If the item you need is a book, click on "Search the catalog by journal title" (a little counter-intuitive!):



Questions?

- Call (973-408-3588) or come to the Reference Desk in the Library (9:00am-5:00pm, Monday-Friday; 6:00pm-10pm, Sunday-Thursday).
- Send us an email at reference@drew.edu.
- Live chat from [Research Resources](#) when the Reference Desk is staffed or text us at 973-440-8LIB (973-440-8542)

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