

Scholarly Writing Fall 2013 - Research Conference Checklist

Student: _____

Topic: _____

Journal: _____

Date: _____

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Links to: Scholarly Writing & Spading Guide; Research Guides; Catalog; inPrimo; Law Related Databases; GMU Database Portal; Google Scholar; E-journal Finder; and more.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Library Catalog & inPrimo
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It is absolutely essential that you search for books on your topic.

- Use subject terms to expand the search.
- Browse the shelf near helpful call numbers for additional resources.
- inPrimo searches more than just our catalog; for example, it searches articles and news, too.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Law-Related Databases –Bloomberg Law, BNA, HeinOnline, Index to Legal Periodicals & Books (ILP)
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We provide a list of all of our legal databases in alphabetical order. The librarian can suggest the databases that might be useful to you. These are essential for everybody:

- BNA & Bloomberg Law – BNA creates topical, current awareness materials for lawyers. Identify the BNA resource relevant to you. Set up to receive the relevant BNA reporter through Bloomberg Law. Also look for a Resource Center in BNA or a Practice Center in Bloomberg Law relevant to your topic.
- HeinOnline – Full text law reviews since inception. Field search—Boolean connectors must be in all capital letters.
- ILP: search for legal articles as far back as 1908; use subject headings to expand your search.

<input type="checkbox"/>	GMU Database Portal
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Here, you can search for non-law articles in interdisciplinary databases. The databases are arranged by subject, alphabetically, or can be searched by name. The most popular are:

- Business Source Complete (business, marketing, economics)
- Academic Search Complete (covers a variety of subjects)
- JSTOR (various social sciences, including law)
- EconLit (economics literature—very technical)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Google Scholar
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Find scholarly articles in all disciplines. Set your preferences to recognize GMU so that you can directly access our subscription databases.

- <http://scholar.google.com/> → Settings → Library Links → search for and add **George Mason University (3, choose all) plus WorldCat Open Library Links**
- Advanced search available: <http://scholar.google.com/> → click on the down arrow in the search bar.

<input type="checkbox"/>	E-journal Finder
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Here, you can search for access to an online journal using the title of the journal.

- 56 Eur. Econ. Rev. 317 (2012)
- Use Bb T13 to determine full title—you must spell the full title correctly.

□	Alerts – WestlawNext, Lexis Advance, Bloomberg Law
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Set an alert for your search at any of the three – WLN, Lexis Advance, B Law. ○ Track Docket information at Bloomberg Law.
□	ProQuest Congressional and ProQuest Legislative Insight
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Use Congressional if your topic requires you to find a single legislative document such as a hearing, committee report, Congressional Record entry, or CRS report, or to find Congressional documents when there is no Compiled Legislative History. ○ Use Legislative Insight if you are looking for a Compiled Legislative History.
□	Historical Databases
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Making of Modern Law – full text treatises online from 1800-1926 ○ HeinOnline Legal Classics Library & Law Journal Library ○ LLMC Digital ○ Google Books ○ Index to Legal Periodicals Retrospective (1918-1981) ○ ProQuest Historical Newspapers
□	International and Foreign
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cardiff Index to Legal Abbreviations (http://www.legalabbrevs.cardiff.ac.uk/) ○ Eur-Lex (EU documentation system for Directives, Official Journal, etc.) ○ Foreign Law Guide ○ Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals ○ Max Planck Encyclopedia of Public International Law ○ Oxford Reports on International Law ○ UN Official documents system (http://www.un.org/en/documents/ods/) ○ Internet for most international tribunals (e.g., ICJ) and many international organizations ○ Georgetown’s Wolff International Law Library, http://www.law.georgetown.edu/library/about/index.cfm
□	Statistics
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ProQuest Statistical Insight (GMU database) ○ Administrative Office of the United States Courts (http://www.uscourts.gov/FederalCourts.aspx) ○ Bureau of Justice Statistics (http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/) ○ Bureau of Labor Statistics (http://www.bls.gov/) ○ See also Georgetown’s Legal Research Guide on Statistics, http://www.law.georgetown.edu/library/research/guides/EmpiricalLegalStudies.cfm
□	Other (student and librarian add additional resources as necessary)
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