


Library

LOGSDON DISTANCE LEARNING RESOURCES

DALLAS CAMPUS

We want our distance education students to have all the resources you need to fulfill the requirements for your coursework at Logsdon Seminary as you prepare for ministry. We therefore provide the sources listed below in which you may accomplish your research. As a distance education student, an excellent source of information is the online materials available through the ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials (see description below). Next, you should check with the area libraries for books (commentaries, etc.). If you are still unable to locate the necessary resources you should contact HSU Richardson Library as explained below. If you have questions concerning your research needs please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Teresa C. Ellis, Theological Librarian, HSU and Logsdon Seminary at theolib@hsutx.edu or 325-671-2159.

HSU Database Access

1. Enter www.hsutx.edu and then click on **Library** (located under the **Academics** link) or go directly to www.hsutx.edu/library.
2. Click on **Subject Guides** (located on the tabbed menu bar at the top of the page) and click on **Theology, Ministry, & Religion** to find resources.
3. You may enter a search term in the **Theology Research Roundup!** box to search a wide selection of databases or you may click on **ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials** (located on the left side of the screen) to search this premier theology database exclusively. ATLA is the most useful database for most searches.
4. Enter barcode number (this is the 13 digit number located on the back of your HSU ID card that begins with 13070)

ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials

ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials is the premier index to journal articles, book reviews, and collections of essays in all fields of religion.

Using the Advanced Search Screen

1. The Advanced Search Screen is the default search screen and is the first screen you see when entering ATLA. For detailed instructions on various search features for the ATLASerials database click on the **Help** link found at the top of the screen (For example: **Boolean Operators** using **and** – If

- you are searching use the search term **martin luther** you will get results for 2,554 full- text articles. However, by using the Boolean Operator **and** you may narrow your focus or search in the following way: **martin luther and reformation**. This search results in 293 full- text articles. By adding yet another term, **martin luther and reformation and grace**, you will narrow your search to 11 full-text articles that should represent what you are looking for more accurately. Read through the use of the other Boolean Operators **not** and **or** as well as the other tips listed.)
2. Enter search term in **Search** box.
 3. Select **Full Text** box under **limiters** to get results with full text material only. (**Full Text** means that the entire article is available online.)
 4. Select **Article** from the **Publication Type** drop box also under **limiters** if you want to get results with articles only rather than book reviews, essays, etc.
 5. If you are looking for articles on a particular scripture passage you may enter that passage in the **Search** box **or** you may click on **Scriptures** located on the blue menu bar at the top of the page. Remember to look at your passage within its context – perhaps requesting an entire chapter.
 6. When you find an article you want, click on the link at the bottom of the record. This link will be **PDF Full Text, HTML Full Text, Linked Full Text** or **click here for electronic resource**. This link will take you to the full text article.
 7. If the article has a gold bar at the top of the page, click on the **TOC** (table of contents) to see if there are other articles in this particular journal issue pertinent to your topic.
 8. To obtain the citation for a full-text article you may click on the **PDF Full-Text** link at the bottom of the results entry. The next screen will show the full record for the article. On the right side of the screen is a tool bar. Click on the yellow piece of paper icon. This will take you to the citation page. Scroll down until you find **Chicago/Turabian Humanities**. This is the citation format that is approved by the Logsdon faculty. You may cut and paste this citation into your document.

Other HSU Database Resources

In addition to ATLA, the databases listed below may also assist you in your research needs. You may locate these databases by following the instructions listed above and clicking on the desired database. Additional databases are listed and described on the Theology, Ministry & Religion Subject Guide webpage.

- **Abingdon Ministry Matters** (contains e-books versions for *The New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible* and *The New Interpreter's Bible Commentary* as well as other resources)
- **Oxford Biblical Studies Online** (reference works in full-text from Oxford University Press)

- **Religion and Philosophy Collection** (database containing extensive coverage of theology and philosophical studies)
- **New Testament Abstracts** (database containing bibliographic data and links to some full-text articles)
- **Old Testament Abstracts** (database containing bibliographic data and links to some full-text articles)
- **Academic Search Premier** (large database with full-text articles covering a variety of subject areas)

Area Libraries Available through the TexShare Program

Student privileges

Using a TexShare card, you may borrow from the following libraries in the Dallas area:

Student privileges (i.e. maximum number of books and check-out time) will depend upon the policy of the individual library. Listed below are the current policies of the respective libraries. However, you should check with the library upon arrival to be sure that these policies still apply.

1. University of Dallas, Dallas, TX

- A Catholic university with MA programs in ministry
- Located 12 miles from the extension location at Valley Ranch Baptist Church
- Borrowing privileges of up to five books at a time
- Details of lending policy through TexShare available at:
<https://www.tsl.state.tx.us/texshare/libsearch/searchResults.php?orgId=383&istLendingPolicies=yes>

2. Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, TX

- An ATS-accredited seminary
- Located 19 miles from the extension location at Valley Ranch Baptist Church
- Borrowing privileges of up to five books at a time
- Details of lending policy through TexShare available at:
<https://www.tsl.state.tx.us/texshare/libsearch/searchResults.php?orgId=242&istLendingPolicies=yes>

3. Southern Methodist University and Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, TX

- A Methodist university with an ATS-accredited seminary
- Located 20 miles from the extension location at Valley Ranch Baptist Church
- Borrowing privileges of up to five books at a time
- Details of lending policy through TexShare available at:
<https://www.tsl.state.tx.us/texshare/libsearch/searchResults.php?orgId=321&istLendingPolicies=yes> and at:
<http://www.smu.edu/Bridwell/LibraryServices/LoanPolicies/TexShare>

4. Dallas Baptist University, Dallas, TX

- A Baptist university with MA programs in theology and ministry
- Located 22 miles from the extension location at Valley Ranch Baptist Church
- Borrowing privileges of up to ten books at a time
- Details of lending policy through TexShare available at:
<https://www.tsl.state.tx.us/texshare/libsearch/searchResults.php?orgId=239&istLendingPolicies=yes>

5. Texas Christian University and Brite Divinity School, Fort Worth, TX

- A Disciples of Christ university and ATS-accredited seminary
- Located 38 miles from the extension location of Valley Ranch Baptist Church
- Borrowing privileges of up to five books at a time
- Details of lending policy through TexShare available at:
<https://www.tsl.state.tx.us/texshare/libsearch/searchResults.php?orgId=346&istLendingPolicies=yes>

6. Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX

- ATS-accredited seminary
- Located 39 miles from the extension location at Valley Ranch Baptist Church
- Borrowing privileges of up to five books at a time
- Details of lending policy through TexShare available at:
<https://www.tsl.state.tx.us/texshare/libsearch/searchResults.php?orgId=327&istLendingPolicies=yes>

HSU Richardson Library

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If you need assistance with materials please contact **Mrs. Teresa Ellis, Theological Librarian, HSU and Logsdon Seminary** at telis@hsutx.edu or at **325-671-2159**. If you email, you should give the following information concerning the book(s) you were unable to locate at the non-HSU sources: title, author, publication date. If you have questions concerning the search process, please indicate the steps that you have already taken in your search. This will assist the librarian in her attempt to help redirect your search. If you request books from the HSU library they will be mailed to you and it will be your responsibility to return the books to the HSU library within the time period allotted for check-out. Again, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Ellis.

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