



LOGSDON DISTANCE LEARNING RESOURCES McALLEN 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). A library is being developed in McAllen so you should check for books (commentaries, etc.) first on-site. In addition, you may find resources at the South Texas School of Christian Studies in Corpus Christi (see details below). You may also check with the Bell Library located at Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi (see details below). If you are still unable to locate the necessary resources you should contact the HSU Richardson Library as explained below. If you have questions concerning your research needs please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Teresa 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)

South Texas School of Christian Studies Library- Corpus Christi

Location: 7000 Ocean Drive
Phone: 361-991-9403

Student privileges

Borrowing privileges to include unlimited number of books for a check-out period of two weeks

The library provides a computer to search the library catalog. In addition, the center has 6 other computers, two of which provide data processing only and 4 that have internet connections. These 4 computers may be used to access the databases listed above.

Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi

Location: Mary and Jeff Bell Library
6300 Ocean Drive
Phone: 361-825-2340
Website: <http://tamucc.edu>

- Click on “Bell Library”
- Click on “Online Catalog” to search library holdings

1. Student privileges

Borrowing privileges to include a maximum of 6 books for a check-out period of three weeks

2. Student responsibilities

- a. Obtain a Community User Card from the TAMUCC library (you will need to present your HSU ID and tell them that you are at the South Texas School of Christian Studies campus)
- b. Present the Community User Card when checking-out materials

HSU Richardson Library

If you are unable to obtain the necessary materials from one of the sources listed above you may search the HSU online catalog for those resources. To access the HSU online catalog you should go to www.hsutx.edu, click on **Library** (located at the bottom of the graphic) or go directly to www.hsutx.edu/library. Then click on the **Library Books and More** tab. This will take you into the HSU online catalog where you may begin your search.

If you need assistance with materials please contact **Mrs. Teresa Ellis, Theological Librarian, HSU and Logsdon Seminary** at tellis@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. Books from the HSU library will be mailed to you at the STSCS library. 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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