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## School of Theology – Suggested Research Databases

\*\*You may need to use different databases depending on the subject and topic of research \*\*

### Databases for Theology, Religion, and Biblical Studies

(For historical perspectives and related texts, see databases for history, texts, and biography below. Some databases are useful in both categories, but are listed in the most applicable one.)

**Database** = Good starting point for general theology/biblical studies

**Academic Search Premier** – provides full text for more than 4,500 journals, including more than 3,700 peer-reviewed titles. It covers the social sciences, humanities, general science, multicultural studies, education, and much more. Uses the Ebsco Host interface.

**ATLA Religion and ATLAS** – ATLA religion indexes journal articles, essays, and book reviews in all fields of religion, while ATLAS is a full-text, digital collection of over 100 core journals in religion and theology. Coverage goes back 50 years or more in six journal subject areas: Bible, Archaeology, and Antiquities; Theology, Philosophy and Ethics; Religions and Religious Studies; Pastoral Ministry; History, Missions, and Ecumenism; Human Culture and Society. Provided by Ebsco.

**Dead Sea Scrolls Biblical Texts** – this Brill Reference database presents a complete Hebrew transcription and English translation of the DSS Biblical text, together with high-resolution images that can now be used side by side. Based on the DSS Electronic Library CD-ROM (published by Brill and Brigham Young University, 2006) the database contains all known DSS biblical texts as of January 2013.

**Dead Sea Scrolls Non-Biblical Texts** –this Brill Reference database presents a complete Hebrew transcription and English translation of the DSS non-biblical text, together with high-resolution images that can now be used side by side. Based on the DSS Electronic Library CD-ROM (published by Brill and Brigham Young University, 2006) the database contains all known DSS non-biblical texts (from Qumran) as of September 2005.

**Digitalia Hispanica** – includes eBooks and eJournals in Spanish with access to some of the most renowned publishers in Spain and Latin America. While the database is multidisciplinary, you will find scholarly resources in Religion, Philosophy, Psychology, History, Anthropology, and more.

**Hermeneia: A Critical and Historical Commentary on the Bible** – Offered through the Project Muse database, the series offers authoritative interpretation of the earliest texts of the biblical books and other literature closely related to the Bible. Hermeneia is edited without pre-determined limits in size or scope. It utilizes the full range of philological and historical tools, including textual criticism (often slighted in modern commentaries), the methods of the history of tradition (including genre and prosodic analysis), and the history of religion.

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**Karl Barth Digital Library** – Karl Barth library includes, in English, his Church Dogmatics and 13 other works. In German, it includes Barth's complete works, as published to date by TZV.

**Ministry Matters** – a collection of online Biblical reference works, commentaries, and lectionary tools. Commentary series include: The New Interpreter's Bible, Interpretation Commentaries, Abingdon Old Testament and New Testament commentaries, and many more.

**New Testament Abstracts** – contains more than 33,000 article abstracts, 1,200 review abstracts, 12,600 book abstracts, and 50 software abstracts from more than 500 periodicals in numerous languages. In addition, nearly 850 current books are also summarized annually. Article coverage in the database dates back to 1985. See print edition for older articles.

**Old Testament Abstracts** – includes indexing and abstracts for journal articles, monographs, multi-author works from 450 journals, many back to 1978. All abstracts are in English, regardless of the language of the original work. Topics covered include antiquities, archaeology, biblical theology, philology and much more. It is a product of a partnership between ATLA and the Catholic Biblical Association.

**Oxford Handbooks Online (Religion)** – contains over 75 handbooks with 2,800+ essays and articles on critical topics and emerging issues in religion, including religion and culture, comparative religion, and theology and philosophy of religion. It also contains over 100 additional eBooks and 3,000+ articles mostly covering topics in philosophy, sociology, and linguistics.

**Oxford Islamic Studies Online**— Oxford Islamic Studies includes primary sources, photo essays, and visual aids, combined with 7,500+ carefully indexed and searchable biographies and subject and subject entries from Oxford reference works. The database covers global Islamic history, concepts, people, practices, politics, and culture, and is regularly updated.

**Oxford Scholarship Online (Religion)** – provides access to over 1,300 scholarly monographs in all areas of religion and theology, along with many of their intersections with culture. All titles can also be searched through library's online catalog.

**ProQuest Religion** – The ProQuest Religion Database provides over 200 full-text journals (over 150 with ongoing full text) and international periodicals for diverse religious and spiritual studies, covering formal theological studies of major religions, as well as the most recent trends and scholarly thought. Included are titles from religious publishing bodies and nondenominational organizations. The resource reflects a wide spectrum of religious belief systems and supports the global study of religion.

**ProQuest Research Library** – ProQuest Research Library offers multi-disciplinary coverage with over 4,500 full text periodicals (6,000+ total) across the top 150 academic subject areas. Content features a diversified mix of scholarly journals, trade publications, magazines, and other timely sources relevant to all 3 FTS schools.

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**Religious and Theological Abstracts**— Religious and Theological Abstracts provides summaries of articles appearing in scholarly journals in the fields of Religion and Theology. It covers some journals that ATLA Religion Database does not. Visit the RTA official website for a list of current journals it indexes.

**SAGE Journals**— provides searchable full-text to 1160 journals with content relevant to all three FTS schools. For SOT there are 65 journals covering religion, philosophy, and history. There are also over 250 additional humanities journals that further the interdisciplinary usefulness of the database (mainly education, communication, and political science). Coverage is typically 1999-Present.

**Society of Biblical Literature- Ancient Near East Monographs** – Focusing on ANE studies, including ancient Israel and its literature, from the early Neolithic to the early Hellenistic eras. Studies can be philological or archaeological, published in English or Spanish, and are peer reviewed by at least two scholars in the area before acceptance. Published open access by the partnership of SBL Press and the Centro de Estudios de Historia del Antiguo Oriente.

**Society of Biblical Literature- International Voices in Biblical Studies** – an online, peer reviewed, open-access book series that provides a platform for biblical critics from outside the U.S. and Western Europe. The series publishes scholarly, creative, and compelling works that engage the biblical text, its history, reception, and interpretation. Works could be traditional or experimental in method and perspective, but with serious attention to contexts. Whenever possible, the works will be published in English and the primary language of the author.

**Twentieth Century Religious Thought Library (Vols 1-4)**— provides resources to further explore Christian-Muslim-Jewish relations and key concepts in theology across religions. It supports research and teaching in comparative religion, theology, world religion, religion and law, religion and politics, and serves as an important resource for courses and scholarship in Middle Eastern studies, social theory, feminist studies, philosophy, and world history. Volume 4 on Eastern religions coming soon.

**World Religion Database**—The World Religion Database (WRD) contains detailed statistics on religious affiliation for every country of the world.

### **Databases for Church History, Texts, and Biography**

(Again, some of these databases are also useful for theology, religion, and biblical study.)

**Database** = Good starting point for general SOT historical studies

**American National Biography** –offers biographies of more than 17,400 American men and women. It is based on Oxford's 24 volume American National Biography, published in 1999. The online edition is updated quarterly, with hundreds of new entries each year and revisions of previously published entries to enhance their accuracy and currency.

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**Archive Grid** – historical archives database; contains historical documents, personal papers and family histories. Learn about the collections and obtain contact information to arrange a visit to the archives.

**Association of Religion Data Archives (ARDA)**— Open access research data on American religion. These include national religious surveys, reports, religious group data, national religious profiles, interactive timelines, and religious education teaching tools. The site also contains numerous data analysis and visualization tools. These tools are organized into different tabs specifically for educators, data researchers, journalists, and congregations.

**ATLA Historical Monographs Collection 1 & 2** – provides digital images for approximately 30,000 monograph titles published between 1800 and 1923. Collection 1 focuses on 19<sup>th</sup> century biblical language scholarship, while collection 2 focuses on developments in American religion from 1894-1923.

**Calvin and Geneva 16** – This database presents all the texts by or about John Calvin which have been published by the Librairie Droz from 1960 to 2012, with an initial focus on Geneva, Calvin, and the beginnings of the French evangelical movement with Lefèvre d’Etaples and Marguerite de Navarre. 230 texts are currently available.

**Cambridge Core** – A digital database of Cambridge University Press publications, this collection includes the complete series of Cambridge Companions to Philosophy and Religion, 217 titles, along with 380 titles of Cambridge History Companions covering a broad range of historical periods and topics. The platform also supports full text access to over 1100 additional eBooks and 60+ academic journals, along with citation access to the complete catalog of Cambridge publications.

**Chinese Christian Texts Database (CCT)**— The Chinese Christian Texts Database (CCT-Database) is a research database of primary and secondary sources concerning the cultural contacts between China and Europe in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries (from 1582 to ca. 1840). The cultural contacts comprise documents in the various fields of cultural interaction: religion, philosophy, science, art, etc.

**Chinese Recorder** – contains the complete and searchable archive of the *The Chinese Recorder and Missionary Journal* (1868-1941). This online database contains important historical records of the Church in China accompanied by rare photos, maps, drawings and statistics. Text is largely in English.

**Christian Classics Ethereal Library**— The mission of the CCEL is to build up the church by making classic Christian writings available and promoting their use. The collection includes Early Church Fathers Series, selected Bible and Commentary texts, Calvin's Institutes of the Christian Religion, Wesley's Notes on the Bible, and many other works.

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**Digital Library of Classic Protestant Texts** –includes 1,279 titles by 274 Western European authors from the Reformation and post-Reformation eras, 1500-1700. Provided are facsimile images and full-text, searchable by keywords, scripture references, and subject index. The works include theological writings as well as a wide range of confessional documents, biblical commentaries, polemical treatises, and Bible translations. From Alexander Street Press.

**Digital Library of the Catholic Reformation** – includes full-text works of Catholic authors of the 16th and 17th centuries. Document types include catechisms, scholarly treatises, papal documents, theological works, and devotional works. As of August 2018, the database includes 845 titles by 277 authors. From Alexander Street Press.

**Digital Loeb Classical Library** – provides online access to the entire Loeb Classical Library. Digitized, and maintained by Harvard University Press, the collection contains more than 520 volumes of Latin, Greek, and English texts in a modern and elegant interface, allowing readers to browse, search, bookmark, annotate, and share content with ease.

**Early English Books Online (EEBO)** – Early English Books Online (EEBO) contains 100,000 of the over 125,000 titles listed in P & R's Short-Title Catalogue (1475-1640), Wing's Short-Title Catalogue (1641-1700), and the Thomason Tracts (1640-1661). Includes works by Bacon, More, Erasmus, Boyle, Newton, Galileo; prayer books, pamphlets, and proclamations; almanacs, calendars, and many other primary sources. Full images and full text for some select works.

**First Fruits (Asbury Seminary OA)** — The collected works of the academic open press of Asbury Theological Seminary. Includes academic and popular eBooks focusing on multiple aspects of missions, theology, and church History within the Wesleyan, Methodist, and Holiness traditions. It also includes Journals, academic papers, and historical re-prints on the same subjects.

**History of Global Christianity Online** – deals with the history of Christianity and its global development over the past five centuries. Beyond that, it deals with the cultural role of Christianity in its widest sense: the many interactions of Christianity within society, politics, economics, philosophy and the arts, to the myriad ventures that form civilizations, nations, and communities. Contains all articles from the three print volumes; full text.

**Iter Gateway to the Middle Ages & Renaissance**— Iter's main database, Iter Bibliography, includes more than 1.3 million citations for secondary source material about the Middle Ages and Renaissance, 400-1700. Citations for books, journal articles, and essays in books are included. We also subscribe to Iter Italicum, the most comprehensive finding list available of previously uncatalogued or incompletely cataloged Renaissance humanistic manuscripts in libraries and collections all over the world.

**JSTOR**— JSTOR Archival Collections Includes full text articles from more than 1,500 leading academic journals in the humanities, social sciences, and sciences. JSTOR Archival Collections can be accessed via JSTOR's one search integrated platform, along with the JSTOR eBooks

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**Luther's Werke (Weimar Edition)** – a complete collection of Luther's original writings in German and Latin. One of the largest editions of any individual author ever created and first published in 1883, the series contains over 117 quarto volumes and is now published in full. It provides an indispensable historical-critical tool for theologians, historians, linguists and literary critics carrying out research into Luther's life and work. Martin Luther (1483-1546) is one of the central figures in the development of European history, as his life was central to many cultural, political, theological, and linguistic developments.

**Online Archive of California (OAC)** – provides free public access to detailed descriptions of primary resource collections maintained by more than 200 contributing institutions and the 10 University of California (UC) campuses. OAC contains over 20,000 online collection guides. You can use these to browse, locate resources, or view selected items digitally — the OAC contains more than 220,000 digital images and documents — or learn how you can gain access to the physical objects.

**Oxford African American Studies Center** – includes primary sources, photo essays, and visual aids, combined with 15,000+ carefully indexed and searchable biographies and subject entries from Oxford reference works. The database forms the most comprehensive collection of scholarship available online to focus on the lives and events which have shaped African American and African history and culture; covers all topics in African American studies, along with Africa and Diaspora studies.

**Patrologia Graeca**— The electronic version of Migne's Patrologia Graeca. PG contains more than 160 volumes of Greek material (with Latin translations) relevant to the study of the history of the Christian Church from its beginnings through the Council of Florence in 1439.

**Patrologia Latina** – A complete collection of the Church Fathers from Tertullian in 200 AD to the death of Pope Innocent III in 1216 AD. This database is an electronic version of the first edition of Jacques-Paul Migne's Patrologia Latina, published between 1844 and 1855 and the four volumes of indexes published between 1862 and 1865.

**Race Relations in America** – Documenting three pivotal decades in the fight for civil rights, this resource showcases the speeches, reports, surveys and analyses produced by the Department's staff and Institute participants, including Charles S. Johnson, Dr Martin Luther King, Jr., and Thurgood Marshall.

**Social Networks in Archival Contexts** – enables research through discovering, locating, and using distributed historical records in archives and manuscript libraries. SNAC functions to, 1) integrate and simplify access to dispersed historical resources, and 2) provide unprecedented access to the biographical-historical contexts of the people documented in the resources, including the social-professional-intellectual networks within which they lived.

**Works of Flavius Josephus** – The complete works of the famous Jewish historian, translated by William Whiston.

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**Tertiary / Reference / General Info Databases**

**Credo Reference** – This database indexes full text articles from over 1000 encyclopedias and reference books from major publishers such as Cambridge, Harvard, Routledge, Britannica, including 50+ reference works on Christianity. Major titles include: the Cambridge Dictionary of Christian Theology, Encyclopedia of Protestantism, Dictionary of the Theological Interpretation of the Bible, Evangelical Dictionary of Theology, the IVP Bible Dictionary Series, and the Routledge and Blackwell Religion Companions.

**Dissertations & Theses Global (ProQuest)** – provides access to more than 1.2 million full-text theses and dissertations available for download in PDF format, together with 2.7 million searchable citations to theses from around the world from 1861 to the present. Most are Ph.D. Dissertations from multiple disciplines, including theology and biblical studies.

**EBSCO eBook Academic Collection** – full-text electronic books found in EbscoHost. This customized collection includes recent books published in fields of religion, psychology, education, the social sciences, etc. All titles are searchable through library's online catalog.

**EBSCO Electronic Journal Service** – full-text of over 150 journals of some of the titles to which we also subscribe in print.

**Britannica Academic (Encyclopedia and Dictionary)** — Britannica Academic gives online access to the complete Encyclopaedia Britannica and is integrated with Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary. The encyclopedia features over 100,000 new and revised reference articles written by experts in all fields of human endeavor. A unique “Article History” feature allows users to see every update or editorial change in every article.

**Encyclopedia of Religion Online (Gale Virtual Reference Library)** — presents a cross-cultural approach that emphasizes religion's role within everyday life and as a unique experience from culture to culture. It contains the original 2,750 entries (many revised) and 600 entirely new articles, added by an international team of scholars and contributors. Based on the 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 15v. print edition published 2005. The database also includes other Gale reference works in culture and religion.

**Encyclopedia of the Bible and its Reception Online** – EBR renders the current state of knowledge on the origins and development of the Bible in its different canonic forms. At the same time, EBR documents the history of the Bible's reception in Christianity, Judaism, Islam, and other religious traditions, as well as in literature, art, music, and film. Edited by a team of international scholars, EBR currently comprises 14 vols.; updated with new articles quarterly.

**Newspaper Source** - full text for nearly 30 national (U.S.) and international newspapers.

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**Oxford English Dictionary (OED) Online** – guide to the meaning, history, and pronunciation of over half a million words, both present and past. It covers words from across the English-speaking world from North America to South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and the Caribbean.

**Oxford Reference** – Comprised of Oxford University Press’s Dictionaries, Companions, and Encyclopedias, Fuller subscribes to 40+ top tier reference works containing over 375,000 individually indexed and searchable articles focusing on religion, philosophy, and history. Works like: the Oxford Encyclopedia of the Islamic World, Dictionary of the Christian Church, Encyclopedia of Biblical Interpretation, and Encyclopedia of the Bible and Theology, enable far-reaching and in-depth research in theology, biblical studies, church history, and intercultural studies (particularly Islamic studies).

**ProQuest eBook Central** – ProQuest eBook Central is a multi-disciplinary, web-based eBook library lending-platform. These e-books can be browsed online or “checked out” for your exclusive use. All titles are discoverable through library’s online catalog.

**Thesaurus Linguae Graecae (TLG) Online**— The TLG is a research center at the University of California, Irvine; it has already collected and digitized most literary texts written in Greek from Homer to the fall of Byzantium in 1453 AD. Its goal is to create a comprehensive digital library of Greek literature from antiquity to the present era (full corpus). Information about the authors and works included in the TLG corpus is stored in a database, known as the Canon of Greek Authors and Works. The canon, full corpus (including patristic works), and abridged TLG require an account registration to use, but are accessible to Fuller students, faculty, and staff. TLG also Includes the Liddell-Scott-Jones (LSJ) Greek-English Lexicon, among others.