

# Index & Abstract Sources

IS 504 AO FA19: Reference and Info Services

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1. **Find a list of articles published by Professor Linda Smith; which article has been most often cited by other researchers?**

Here we want a specialized database, a citation index. Starting at A-Z Databases: Citation & Abstracts, we discussed Scopus in class as a recommended authoritative resource. I search for AU(Smith, Linda) and retrieve a few different authors. I'm looking for Linda C Smith (who I had for class last Spring, yet if I didn't know her middle initial this might be more difficult). My search is now AUTHOR-NAME ( smith,linda ) AND ( LIMIT-TO ( PREFNAMEAUID , "Smith, L.C.#7410393566" ) ). There are 5 results. I can sort by "Cited by (highest)". There I find that the article "Artificial Intelligence and Information Retrieval" (1987) is the most cited resource (with 18 citations) offered by this database.

*Web of Science* is another citation database that we discussed in class. It's a little more difficult here to select the preferred name, and we must manually select three options: SMITH LC (22); SMITH LINDA C (17); and SMITH L C (9) to get all of the results desired. We have 25 results here. Sorting by "Times Cited" shows that Linda Smith co-authored "A framework for information quality assessment" (2007) which has been cited 144 times. I'm a little skeptical about the name authority on this search though...

Works cited:

*Scopus*, <https://www-scopus-com.proxy2.library.illinois.edu/results/results.uri?sort=plf-f&src=s&st1=smith%2clinda&nlo=&nlr=&nls=&sid=f0f54e7e9c227fc177db5d7d355a0c6c&sot=b&sd=cl&cluster=scoprefnameuid%2c%22Smith%2c+L.C.%237410393566%22%2ct&sl=24&s=AUTHOR-NAME%28smith%2clinda%29&origin=resultslist&zone=leftSideBar&editSaveSearch=&txGid=e2c76fb27a0e0bd404eec04dd2a4648e>

*Web of Science*,

[http://apps.webofknowledge.com.proxy2.library.illinois.edu/Search.do?product=UA&SID=6DCmHRzOEjXIkYPPHCA&search\\_mode=GeneralSearch&prID=5718d804-fbf2-4ed6-9bfc-08c796489060](http://apps.webofknowledge.com.proxy2.library.illinois.edu/Search.do?product=UA&SID=6DCmHRzOEjXIkYPPHCA&search_mode=GeneralSearch&prID=5718d804-fbf2-4ed6-9bfc-08c796489060)

2. **I want to find historical articles about the Chicago World's Fair.**

The Chicago World's Fair was in 1893. (Perhaps I should look this up and cite, but I deal with Chicago World's Fair materials nearly every day at ARTIC, which was built for the world's fair, so this question comes up daily for 5 years.)

For this question I want to access a database that would have newspapers from around this time. As we discussed in class, these databases may be accessed by going to "A-Z Databases/ News & Newspapers" through the UIUC Library. In class we talked about using the *ProQuest Historical Newspaper* databases, which seems like a great idea here. (There's a separate entry point for each ProQuest Historical Newspaper database, but patron didn't specify wanting to limit their search to just one publisher.) I search for "Chicago world's fair" and limit my search to the date range 1880 to 1910, retrieving 2,424 hits. The first link, that the database has prioritized, from the Chicago Daily Tribune and published in 1889, announces "CHICAGO SENDS GREETING.: SHE HAS RAISED HALF OF THE \$10,000,000 FOR THE WORLD'S FAIR. OVER ... IN SIGHT. THE VETERANS FOR

CHICAGO.” 2,424 hits are a *lot* to weed through, so the reference interview would need to go more in depth to retrieve results that are more targeted to the patron’s needs. It would be beneficial for the Librarian to show the patron what limitations this database offers for its search results, and how to manipulate the results by applying limitations. Or... if the patron wants *more* results, Gale’s News Vault is another authoritative newspaper database that we discussed in class that we discussed.

Work Cited:

*Proquest Historical Newspapers*, <https://search-proquest-com.proxy2.library.illinois.edu/results/1483877336F64BB8PQ/1?accountid=14553>

### 3. I remember a poem from my childhood about a calico cat; can you help me find it?

In class we were introduced to the index database *Columbia Granger’s World of Poetry*, which is a recommended database discussed in class and by our textbook that has full texts of many poems which can be retrieved by first or last sentence... and even through keyword search of the *whole poem*! This keyword feature is great in this reference question, because we don’t know where “calico cat” is in the poem. Starting here, and conducting a search <Advance Search/Words in full text=“calico cat” >, I retrieved one result that looks like an excellent chance:

Poem: Duel, The

Author: Eugene Field (1850–95) [bio]

Subjects: Cats Dogs Toys Duels

Sources: 100 More Story Poems; A Century of Humorous Verse, 1850–1950; A Child’s Treasury of Verse; A Treasury of the Familiar; American Poetry; The Nineteenth Century. Vol. 2 ... [+] Show complete list (26 sources total)

First line: Gingham dog and the calico cat, The

Then we cross fingers that this is it! This database is an exceptional resource, and if they want a handful of possibilities we have about 20 other databases for poetry offered at UIUC (or even external databases such as Poetry Foundation’s database that we discussed in class), but for keyword searches, it might be out of scope of our capabilities. *Gale Cengage Learning’s LitFinder* was mentioned in our textbook as a recommended resource for full-text poems.

Work cited:

Eugene Field. “Duel, The.” *Columbia Granger’s World of Poetry Online*.  
<http://www.columbiagrangers.org> (accessed November 12, 2019).

### 4. Can you help me find Dean Renear's dissertation?

First I had to visit the iSchool website and ascertain that Dean Renear is Allen Renear, who stepped down in 2017. The article that I consulted did not specify that he was a UIUC alumni, but since he was staff I am going to start with the IDEALS database (the University’s open repository of scholarly content) ... I retrieved 33 links to articles, but it appears that these are theses or dissertations that he advised on, rather. I’m sure that this faculty member’s dissertation is in the University Library’s collection, but I’m looking for immediate access. I’ll try somewhere else.

I’m going to try the *ProQuest Dissertations and Theses* is one of the authoritative databases that our textbook recommends and we went over in class for dissertations. With the search AU(Renear, Allen) I retrieve a single hit which looks like the one I want: “The paradoxes of doxastic implication” (1988). *ProQuest* offers the surrogate bibliographic description and an abstract, but the full text is not available immediately. I re-search the UIUC catalogue through this specific title, but nothing is retrieved. It seems that the most direct access to this resource is to Order the full text through ProQuest.

Works Cited:

*IDEALS*, <https://www.ideals.illinois.edu/>

“News Feed : Renear to step down from iSchool deanship,” Thursday October 26 2017 *University of Illinois iSchool*, <https://ischool.illinois.edu/news-events/news/2017/10/renear-step-down-ischool-deanship> (Accessed November 12, 2019)

Renear, Allen Hume. 1988. *The paradoxes of doxastic implication: An essay on the logic of belief*. Ph.D. diss., Brown University, <https://search-proquest-com.proxy2.library.illinois.edu/docview/303673079?accountid=14553> (accessed November 12, 2019).

**\*Favorite Resource:** I think that the citation databases are exciting! The access points are very rich. Though I think that I need more experience and training on how to use them correctly.