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## Library Resources for CA 275

These reference sources may help you find good information for this class. This page is by no means comprehensive; rather, it is intended to serve as a starting point for your research and assignments. For further assistance, please contact the [Reference Desk](#).

Library Homepage: <http://library.southalabama.edu> [↑]

### Library Catalog:

[SOUTHcat: USA Libraries' Catalog](#) contains records for books, e-books, journals, CD-ROMs, CDs, DVDs, videos, and government documents held by the libraries at the University of South Alabama. It does not list journal articles.

#### Search tips:

**Keyword searches** – use quotation marks to hold phrases together ("opposing viewpoints")  
Truncation – use ? after the root of a word to find all its variants (educat? finds educator, educators, education...)

**Browse the Subject(s)** field in records to find the right words for searches. (Example: Try doing a keyword search for "death penalty," then look at the subject(s) field in several records. You'll see that the subject term is "capital punishment." Click on the subject heading to find more records with this subject.)

**Revise and refine** your searches by adding additional terms

**Watch for repeating call numbers** and browse the bookstacks in that area

**Pay attention to the Location and Status** fields. You will need this information to locate the item in the library. [↑]

### Good Sources for Current Controversial Topics:

**CQ Researcher.** Online under the [Articles, Indexes, Databases](#) link on the library homepage. Weekly issues on controversial topics including background, pro & con, bibliography and much more. (Only 5 online "seats" available at one time, so please log out when you complete your search)

**Opposing Viewpoints** (series). Online under the [Articles, Indexes, Databases](#) link on the library homepage. Books on separate controversial subjects. To search the USA Catalog for the print issues do a keyword search on "opposing viewpoints" (use quotation marks if you want to keep two or more words together)

**Reference Shelf.** Each book discusses one broad social issue. Search SOUTHcat: keyword: "reference shelf"

**Taking Sides.** Books on broad social topics. Search SOUTHcat, USA Libraries Catalog: keyword: "taking sides"

**Contemporary World Issues.** Books about important issues. Search SOUTHcat: keyword: "contemporary world issues"

**Idea generator from Old Dominion University**

**Pros and Cons of Controversial Issues**

**Santa Ana College's Controversial Issues site**

**St. Ambrose University's Hot Topics site**

. . . : **Current Controversies.** Books in this series each take a current arguable topic to explore. Search SOUTHcat: keyword: "current controversies"

### Selected Indexes to Newspaper, Magazine and Journal Articles: [↑]

(For additional scholarly and subject specific indexes look at the full list of databases on the [Articles, Indexes and Databases](#) page)

[Communication & Mass Media Complete](#) (EBSCO). Some full-text communication and mass media journals.

[SocINDEX with Full Text](#) (EBSCO). Some full text articles for journals in the social sciences.

[Sage Journals Online](#). Good for topics in the social sciences including communication. Most articles are full-text.

[Academic Search Premier](#) (EBSCO). Some full textfor more academic journals

[MasterFILE Premier](#) (EBSCO). Some full text for more consumer-type magazines.

[Academic OneFile](#) (Gale/InfoTrac). Some full text for more academic journals

[General Reference Center Gold](#) (Gale/InfoTrac). Some full text for more consumer-type magazines.

[LexisNexis Academic](#). Most noted for newspaper articles and law reviews, but also has transcripts, wire services, court cases, federal and state laws and a good statistics database.

[ProQuest Newspapers](#)

[Mobile Press-Register](#): includes national and international Current Events, Hot Topics and Special Reports.

## Our Journal List:

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This is the database of all the journals we subscribe to in print and electronically. Once you have a citation to an article, [go here](#) to see if the Libraries have a subscription to this particular volume, issue and year of the journal you need. Occasionally the information is incorrect and/or unclear. Call us at 460-7025 if you have any question about the availability of these journals. (Note: Some magazine and journal publishers "embargo" the latest year of electronic versions. This means that the most recent issues will not be available online for a year from their publication date.)

## Style Guides:

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***Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association***, 6th edition

University Library Ready Reference and Library Reserve BF 76.7 .P83 2010

***MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers***, 7th edition

University Library Ready Reference , Library Reserve and Bookstacks LB 2369 .G53 2009

***Chicago Manual of Style***, 15th edition

University Library Ready Reference and Bookstacks Z 253 .U69

***Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations***: Chicago Style for Students and Researchers, 7th edition

University Library Ready Reference , Library Reserve and Bookstacks LB 2369 .T8 2007

[Bedford/St. Martin Documentation](http://www.dianahacker.com/resdoc/) <http://www.dianahacker.com/resdoc/>

[OWL: Purdue Online Writing Lab](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/) <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/>

[Chicago-Style CitationQuick Guide](#)

[http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools\\_citationguide.html](http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html)Chicago-Turabian Style Crib Sheet

<http://docstyles.com/archive/cmscrib.pdf>

## Library Resource Guides:

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***Controversial Topics: Selected Resources***

<http://www.southalabama.edu/univlib/guides/controversialtopics.htm>

***Communication: Selected Resources***

<http://www.southalabama.edu/univlib/guides/communication.htm>

***Evaluating Web Sites*** <http://www.southalabama.edu/univlib/instruction/evaluat.html>

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