Starting Your Research

- **Online Research Guide**: On the library home page, library.barnard.edu, click on “Guides and Tutorials” then on “First Year English Guides.” Or click on “Research Guide” in CourseWorks.
- **Research Help**: E-mail or call me, or use the online chat on the library home page.
- **Consultations**: Request a one-on-one consultation with me via email or the Contact Us page.

Finding Books

Go to **CLIO** and use the **Catalog search** (clio.columbia.edu/catalog#): this shows you the titles of books and journals in the Columbia libraries, but NOT the articles in journals.

**Title** searching – finding the title of book or journal (not article title):

Examples of three types of citations (in MLA citation style):

  Notice that the **place of publication** and **publisher** are given.

  Notice **chapter title in quotes**, **book title in italics**, the word “Ed.” (short for “Edited by”), the **place of publication** and **publisher**, **page numbers** for the chapter.

- **An article in a journal**: Larkin, Lesley. “Reading and Being Read: Jamaica Kincaid’s a Small Place as Literary Agent.” *Callaloo* 35.1 (2012): 193-211. Print.
  Notice **article title in quotes**, **journal title in italics**, **volume number** and **issue number**, and no place of publication or publisher are given.

**Keyword (or All Fields) searching**: find words in any part of the record (title, subject, contents, author, etc.)

- Use “quotes” for a phrase
- Use * for truncation (for variant endings),
  e.g. argentin* finds argentina, argentine, argentinian, etc.

**Boolean Keyword searching** (see library.barnard.edu/find-books/boolean):

- **AND** finds records which have all the search terms you entered
- **OR** finds records which have one or more of the search terms - OR finds MORE
- Group search terms together with parentheses,
  e.g. “jamaica kincaid” AND (colonialis* OR imperialis*)
Finding Books in the Library

- Many of the Barnard books are currently housed in Butler Library rooms 406, 406A and 409, as part of the Milstein Undergraduate Library. The rest of the Barnard collection is in storage until our new building is ready.
- The shelving guide for Milstein is at library.columbia.edu/locations/undergraduate/call_number_guide.html and the shelving guide for the Butler Stacks is at library.columbia.edu/content/dam/libraryweb/locations/butler/butler_stacks.pdf
- In the LC (Library of Congress) classification system used in the Columbia Libraries system, the first number is a whole number (i.e. H5 is before H4501), but the number after the point is like a decimal (i.e. H8 .A4811 comes before H8 .A5). The LC call number reflects the first subject heading listed in the record.

Zotero

- An add-on for Firefox (use Zotero Standalone with Chrome or Safari) that enables you to save your references and put them into your papers in the correct style.
- A guide to Zotero is at library.barnard.edu/find-books/guides/zotero.

Finding Scholarly Articles

What is meant by “scholarly”?

- Scholarly journals and books are written for specialized readership, by scholars or experts in a field of study, describing “cutting edge” research,
  - “peer reviewed” or “refereed” by other experts as a quality control mechanism,
  - have footnotes (or endnotes) and references,
  - give the affiliation of the authors (university, research institution),
  - in the sciences and the social sciences each article also has an abstract.
- Popular magazines are written for a general audience, and do not have the above features.

Google Scholar

- Only finds scholarly materials
- This is a full text search, and can find too many irrelevant results
- Set up your preferences, e.g. go to Settings – Library links and enable e-Link@Columbia

Scholarly Databases (with more refined searching than Google Scholar)

- Go to CLIO and use the Databases search, or do a Catalog search for its title
- Click on the resolver URL given in CLIO, e.g. www.columbia.edu/cgi-bin/cul/resolve?clio8557099 NOT proquest.com (this is particularly important from off-campus).
- If you’re off campus, you must use your UNI and password to access most databases.

Suggested databases (more are listed on the research guide for the class):

- EBSCOhost – includes MLA (Modern Languages Association) Bibliography and Humanities Full Text
- JSTOR
- Proquest