

Film Criticism Resources

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Our Resources and Services

Everything you need to know about the libraries at CUA is available at:
<http://libraries.cua.edu>.

Most of the reference material (non-circulating) in Film and Cinema Studies is located in the Reference Reading Room on the first floor of Mullen Library. The call number range is **PN 1992 to PN 1998**. Circulating material can be found in the Mullen Library stacks. Check the WRLC catalog: <http://catalog.wrlc.org> for material that could be applicable to your topic.

Abstracts, Bibliographies and Indices

There is not a single database or source that media studies students can use to gather film review citations at CUA. You will need to browse the list below and make your decisions based on the content of each database. Often you will need to search a variety of databases and consult a number of print materials in tracking down reviews.

ABI/Inform (Some Full Text)

International resource for business information. Indexes over 1000 titles; full-text is available for many articles. The media industry is one subject that may be of interest to Media Studies students. Film reviews are present.

Academic Search Premier (Some Full Text)

Academic Search Premier is a multi-disciplinary full text database containing indexing and abstracts for 8,309 journals. Full text is available for nearly 4,529 publications, including more than 3,754 scholarly publications. Some journals are indexed back to 1965.

America: History and Life and Historical Abstracts

The first database covers articles on the history of the United States and Canada. The second database covers international topics. You can search both databases together. Articles on film criticism are covered.

Art Index

Over 480 art publications indexed in a variety of languages including periodicals, yearbooks, museum bulletins, competition and award notices, exhibition listings, interviews, and more. Subjects included Advertising Art, Antiques, Archaeology, Architecture and Architectural History, Art History, Computers in Art, Crafts, Decorative Arts, Fashion Design, Folk Art, Graphic Arts, Industrial Design, Interior Design, Landscape Architecture, Motion Pictures, Museology, Non-Western Art, Painting, Photography, Pottery, Sculpture, Television, Textiles, Video 1984 – present.

Art Index Retrospective

Art Index Retrospective is the bibliographic database of the *Art Index* (volumes 1-32), 1929-1984. Subjects covered include: Advertising Art, Antiques, Archaeology, Architecture and Architectural History, Art History, Crafts, Decorative Arts, Folk Art, Graphic Arts, Industrial Design, Interior Design, Landscape Architecture, Motion Pictures, Museology, Non-Western Art, Painting, Photography, Pottery, Sculpture, Television, and Textiles.

ArticleFirst

An index of articles from nearly 16,000 journals across a variety of subjects. One of the main subjects is art. 23 million records and counting. 1990 – present.

Bibliography of the History of Art

The BHA is the most comprehensive art bibliography available. It covers the European and American visual arts from late antiquity to the present. There are citations to books, conference proceedings, dissertations, exhibition and dealers' catalogs, and articles from over 1,400 periodicals. 1973 - present. Includes *Répertoire d'art et d'archéologie* (1973-1989) and *Repertoire international de la littérature de l'art* (1975-1989).

Film Literature Index

The *Film Literature Index* indexes 350 film and television periodicals national and international. The periodicals range from the scholarly to the popular. Articles, book reviews and reviews are covered from 1976-2001. Located at:

<http://webapp1.dlib.indiana.edu/fli/index.jsp>

Historical Newspapers (Full Text)

Digital reproductions of The New York Times (1851 to 2005), The Wall Street Journal (1889 to 1988), and The Washington Post (1877-1990). Individual articles or full pages may be viewed and the newspaper text is searchable. Hate the database? Check out *The New York Times Film Reviews* (1913-1996) in the first floor reference room **PN1995 .N4**.

Humanities International Complete (Some Full Text)

A comprehensive database of humanities content, the HIC indexes and abstracts over 2,100 journals and contains over 2.47 million records. Several hundred (890) journals have full text availability. Coverage goes back as far as 1929.

International Index to Music Periodicals (Some Full Text)

International Index to Music Periodicals indexes over 430 music journals with 110 being full text with varying degrees of coverage. *IIMP* is both current and retrospective with many records dating as far back as 1874. Indexed titles cover both scholarly and popular periodicals in the areas of classical music, opera, jazz, popular music and pop culture, music education, musicology and music theory amongst others.

JSTOR (Full Text)

Full-text back issues of core scholarly journals. Coverage begins with volume one and ends within the last two to five years, in a variety of disciplines. Reproduction is cover-to-cover. Film Studies journals include *Cinema Journal 1966-2004*, *Journal of the Society of Cinematologists 1961-1965*, *Film Quarterly 1958-2005*, *Quarterly of Film Radio and Television 1951-1957*, *Hollywood Quarterly 1945-1951*, *PAJ: A Journal of Performance and Art 1998-2000*, *Performing Arts Journal 1976-1997*. The history journals should not be ignored either (too many to mention here).

LEXIS-NEXIS Academic Universe (Full Text)

Provides timely news, business, and legal information, including: company, industry, government, and political news; company financial information; country and state profiles; and legal reviews and federal case law on the telecommunications and medias industries. TV and radio broadcast transcripts are also available. Reviews of films are here as well. Click on 'News', select from 'Sources' the link 'book, movie, music, play and video reviews'.

MLA International Bibliography

Subjects covered include: criticism, language, linguistics, literature, film, speech, rhetoric, communication theory, interpersonal communication, drama, and folklore. Coverage begins in 1921 with the indexing of citations from over 4400 journals as well as series, monographs, dissertations, bibliographies, proceedings and other materials. This resource is the database of choice for all critical scholarship in languages research regardless of scholarly field. The print version (**Ref PB 5.9 .M69 M6**) is in the 1st floor reference room and goes back to 1921.

Movie Review Query Engine

The MRQE has reviews, news, and interviews for over 71,847 titles.
<http://www.mrqe.com/>

Proquest (Periodical Abstracts) (Some Full Text)

Multi-subject reference source covering general and academic periodicals; full-text is available for many journals. 1971 – present.

Readers' guide to periodical literature, v.1 (1901) - . Popular periodicals are indexed back to 1901. You may find film reviews (mostly American) under the subject "Moving picture plays—plots, criticism, etc." **Ref AI 3 .R28** (2nd floor Reading Room in Mullen Library).

WorldCat

OCLC *WorldCat* database is the OCLC online catalog. It contains over 107 million titles and over one billion records describing library holdings. This is an excellent database for acquiring correct bibliographic citations and locating copies of a title in the DC area.

Media Collection

We have a growing collection of movies, TV series, radio broadcasts, and documentaries in our collection. You can find out what we have by going to:

<http://libraries.cua.edu/about/mediacoll.html>

The collection is located at the circulation desk in Mullen Library. You can also search our library catalog:

1. Go to **<http://catalog.wrlc.org>**.
2. Select 'Set limits'.
3. Under 'Location', scroll until you see 'CU: Central Reserve Audiovisual'. Select it.
4. Type 'DVD or VHS' (without the quotation marks), select 'keyword' and press 'Search'. You should see a list of 697 titles (as of 08/28/08)

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