

# RESEARCH GUIDE

## Communication

### George Mason University Libraries

#### THE LIBRARY CATALOG

You can identify books, which are relevant to your research in several ways. If you already know a specific writer, search by the author's name. If you have a title, search by title. Searching by subject will retrieve only subjects used by the Library of Congress. Some examples of Library of Congress subject headings are:

communication	communication in education
language and culture	newspapers history
communication research	communication social aspects

Keyword searching allows you to search multiple concepts or search terms not used by the Library of Congress. See *Database Guide: Library Catalog* for searching tips.

#### LITERATURE AND RESEARCH GUIDES

P90 .B66  
1991  
Fen Ref  
JCL Ref

***Communication and the Mass Media: Guide to the Reference Literature, 1991.*** Annotated guided to basic English language source in the field. Coverage includes bibliographies, handbooks, indexes and abstracts and electronic databases.

P91 .3R83 2000  
Fen Ref

***Communication Research: Strategies and Sources, 5<sup>th</sup> ed. 2000.*** Guide to the literature published since 1970.

#### ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION INDEXES

The following indexes are found on the library website (<http://library.gmu.edu/>) under *databases-social sciences*.

***ComAbstracts, 1979-present.*** Index to article abstracts from over 40 journals of communication. Coverage of journals varies. This is **NOT** the electronic version of Communication Abstracts.

**ComIndex, 1993-present.** CD-ROM. Author and title index (bibliographic index) to literature in the field of communication. Indexes to articles in 60 key journals. Available at Fenwick Reference.

**ComIndex-web, 1968-present.** Partial internet based version of ComIndex. Only 21 serials are indexed.

**Comsearch.** CD-ROM. Title and author index (bibliographic index) to communication studies journals. Index through 1994; keyword index for some journals through 1990; abstracts and full text through 1994 for: *Communication Education, Communication Monographs, Critical Studies in Mass Communication, Journal of Applied Communication Research, The Quarterly Journal of Speech,* and *Text and Performance Quarterly.* Available at Fenwick Reference.

### **COMMUNICATION PRINT INDEXES AND ABSTRACTS**

P90 .C628x  
Fen Index  
**Communication Abstracts, 1978-present.** Regularly and thoroughly indexes communication journals and abstracts. International in scope. Communication is broadly defined.

P87 .M29x  
1987  
Fen Index  
**Index to Journals in Communications Studies through 1990.** Indexes communication periodicals from 1915-1990 in three separate volumes. Covers speech, communication broadcasting and forensics. Indexed by subject and contributor.

### **PERIODICAL INDEXES AND ABSTRACTS ON THE INTERNET**

The following indexes can be located through the GMU Libraries Homepage (<http://library.gmu.edu>) by typing in the index name in the search box:

**Ethnic NewsWatch, 1994-present.** Full text articles from ethnic and minority presses in the United States. In English and Spanish.

**Infotrac OneFile, 1980-present.** Multidisciplinary database of abstracts and full text articles. Includes communication and related disciplines.

**ProQuest General Reference, 1990-present.** Multi-subject reference source covering general and academic periodicals; full-text is available for many articles.

**Social Sciences Citation Index, 1993-present.** Interdisciplinary index to journals and collected volumes in the social and behavioral sciences. Provides access by author, citation

and subject. Earlier issues (1972-present) can be found in the print version (Fen Ref Index H83.S63). Updated weekly.

### **ELECTRONIC NEWSPAPER INDEXES AND FULL TEXT SOURCES**

The following indexes can be located through the GMU Libraries *Homepage* (<http://library.gmu.edu>) by typing in the index name in the search box, unless otherwise indicated:

***Lexis-Nexis Academic Universe.*** Provides full-text access to a wide range of U.S. and international newspapers. Dates of coverage vary.

### **DICTIONARIES, ENCYCLOPEDIAS AND HANDBOOKS**

P87.5 .W38  
2000  
Fen Ref                      ***A Dictionary of Communication and Media Studies, 5<sup>th</sup> ed, 2000.***  
Excellent dictionary of terms and concepts used in the field of communications and related disciplines.

P90 .D488  
1997  
Fen Ref                      ***Dictionary of Quotations in Communications, 1997.*** Coverage includes quotations on reading, writing, speaking, and listening, along with quotations on advertising, computers, international communication, journalism television. Quotations organized by topics.

P91.3 .S527  
1997  
Fen Ref                      ***Dictionary of Media Literacy, 1997.*** Compilation of significant concepts, issues, organizations, people, and international development in the field of media literacy. Also includes bibliography.

PN1992.3 .U5 B5 1996  
Fen Ref                      ***Dictionary of Teleliteracy, 1996.*** Entries cover television shows and movies. Includes bibliography and name index.

Z 6951.A9  
Fen Ref Desk                      ***Gale Directory of Publications and Broadcast Media.*** A standard American comprehensive directory of newspapers, periodicals and broadcasting stations. Has detailed information about each newspaper or periodical listed. Published annually.

P90 .K457 1994  
Fen Ref                      ***Key Concepts in Communication and Cultural Studies, 1994.***  
Dictionary of terms and concepts.

## ANNUAL REVIEWS AND YEARBOOKS

- HE 8689.B77  
Fen Ready Ref      **Broadcasting and Cable Yearbook, 1993-present.** Excellent source for data on radio and television. Consists of separate directories of television and radio stations in the U.S. and Canada. Has numerous directories—attorneys, professional associations, news sources, etc.
- P 87.P74      **Progress in Communication Sciences, 1978-present.** Each volume focuses on a single topic in the field of communication.

## TEXTS OF SPEECHES:

- AI 3.S8 1966  
Fen Ref      **Speech Index, 1966 and 1982 supplement.** Indexes texts of speeches found in books.
- Fen Periodicals      **Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents, 1966-present.** Indexes in each issue, cumulated every six months. Also indexed in PAIS.
- Fen Periodicals      **Vital Speeches of the Day, 1963-present.** Indexed in *Periodical Abstracts* located on the library web site.
- PS 400.M36x  
Fen Ref      **Index to American Women Speakers, 1828-1978.** Index to historical women's speeches. Focuses on women's rights and the struggle for education and employment. Also covers a full range of interests from the arts to world politics.
- PS 408.M36x 1988  
Fen Ref      **We Shall Be Heard: An Index to Speeches by American Women, 1978-1985.** Serves as an update to *Index to American Women Speakers*.

## NEWS TRANSCRIPTS

### **Electronic:**

**Lexis-Nexis.** *Transcripts* database has a large selection of transcripts from over 30 sources including, ABC, Burrell's, CBS, NBC, NPR, and many others.

## **Microform:**

Verbatim transcripts of news broadcasts are found in the microform collections in the periodicals area and the indexes are in the reference area with the same call number.

PN4888.T4 A22      **ABC News Transcripts, 1987-present.** Includes transcripts of the followings programs: ABC News Closeup, This Week, Nightline, Our World, ABC News Specials, 20/20, Viewpoint, The Weekend Report, World News Saturday and Sunday, and World News Tonight.

PN4888.T4 C17a      **CBS News Television Broadcasts Microform, 1975-1986.** A comprehensive index to the transcripts of CBS News television broadcasts.

PN4888.T4 P83      **Public Television Transcripts Microform, 1987-present.** Index to public television transcripts. Quarterly with annual cumulative index.

## **OTHER INTERNET RESOURCES**

**Department of Communications** (<http://www.gmu.edu/departments/comm/>) maintains a web site which contains information on courses, degree programs and links to other sources.

### **Communication Subject Guide**

(<http://library.gmu.edu/resources/socsci/communication.html>) is maintained by GMU Libraries. It contains links to relevant information on the Internet.