Film Criticism Resources
The Catholic University of America

For the most updated resources please refer to the Research Guide:
guides.lib.cua.edu/mediastudies

Our Resources and Services

Everything you need to know about the libraries at CUA is available at:
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 SearchBox at libraries.cua.edu 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.

*Academic Search Complete (Online)*
*Academic Search Complete* is the world's largest scholarly, multi-disciplinary full text database containing indexing and abstracts for more than 8,500 journals. It includes full text for more than 8,500 publications, including more than 7,300 peer-reviewed journals, and indexing and abstracts for an additional 13,200 publications in a wide range of academic areas of study. Full-text is available for some publications back to 1887. The database also includes searchable, cited references for more than 1,400 journals.

*Historical Abstracts and America: History and Life (Online)*
Search both databases simultaneously. Covers articles, books, and dissertations on world history, American history and Canadian history. 1450 to the present.

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Art Index (Online)
Over 600 art publications (including periodicals, yearbooks, museum bulletins, competition and award notices, exhibition listings, interviews, and more), 13,000 dissertations, and 200,000 art reproductions indexed in a variety of languages. Subject coverage includes: advertising, 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, textiles, and video. 1984 – present

Art Index Retrospective (Online)
Art Index Retrospective is the bibliographic database of the Art Index (volumes 1-32), 1929-1984. Subjects covered include: advertising, 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.

Bibliography of the History of Art (Online)
The BHA is the most comprehensive art bibliography available. It covers the European and American visual arts from late antiquity to the present, covering books, conference proceedings, dissertations, exhibition and dealers' catalogs, and articles from over 4,000 periodicals. Includes citations 1975 –2007 from Répertoire d'art et d'archéologie (1975-1989) and Répertoire international de la litterature de l'art (1975-1989).
www.getty.edu/research/tools/bha/index.html

Film Literature Index (Online)
Based on the print publication of the same title, Film Literatude Index covers 350 film and television periodicals (150 fully and 200 selectively) from over 30 countries. Periodicals indexed range from the scholarly to the popular. Over 700,000 citations for articles, book reviews, and other reviews published from 1976 to 2001 are included.
webapp1.dlib.indiana.edu/fli/index.jsp

Historical Newspapers (Online)
Digital reproductions of The New York Times (1851 to 2007), The Wall Street Journal (1889 to 1993) and The Washington Post (1877-1994). Individual articles or full pages may be viewed, and the newspaper text is searchable. Great for looking for Broadway play reviews. For theatre reviews in Great Britain, check the Times Digital Archives, which has coverage of the Times of London from 1785-1985.

Humanities International Complete (Online)
A comprehensive database of humanities content, the HIC indexes and abstracts over 2,300 journals and contains over 2.9 million records. More than one thousand journals have full text availability. Coverage goes back as far as 1929.

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**JSTOR (Online)**

**MLA International Bibliography (Online)**
Produced by the Modern Language Association of America, the *MLA International Bibliography* indexes critical scholarship on literature, language, linguistics, drama and theater, and folklore. Coverage includes journal articles, series, monographs, dissertations, bibliographies, proceedings and other materials. The database includes all records indexed from 1925 to the present, approximately 2 million records.

**Movie Review Query Engine (Online)**
The MRQE (“marquee”) is the Internet’s largest database of movie reviews. Its current coverage includes over 900,000 reviews, news, interviews, and other articles associated with over 100,000 movie titles. Features include the MRQE Metric, which averages print and web reviews to provide a definitive review score for each movie. [www.mrqe.com](http://www.mrqe.com)

**ProQuest Research Library (Online)**
Multi-subject reference source covering more than 5,000 general and academic periodicals; full-text is available for nearly 3,600 journals. Current news to historical events. 1971 – present.

**WorldCat (OCLC Catalog - Online)**
OCLC *WorldCat* database is the OCLC online catalog. It contains over 270 million records representing more than 1.8 billion items in library holdings worldwide. This is an excellent database for acquiring correct bibliographic citations and locating copies of a title in the DC area. [www.worldcat.org](http://www.worldcat.org)

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E-Books

All of the e-Books in CUA’s collection may be found using a Title search in SearchBox. Many e-Books can also be found in the Article databases. Below are four significant e-Book databases which you may wish to search:

- *Early English Books Online (EEBO)* contains full-text searchable, digital images of more than 125,000 English-language books published between 1473 and 1700. Subjects: literature, history, philosophy, linguistics, theology, music, fine arts, education, mathematics, and science.

- *Eighteenth Century Collections Online (ECCO)* provides full-text searching of 180,000+ digital books, pamphlets, essays, broadsides, etc. published between 1701-1800. Most are English works published in the U.K., with some others included. Subjects: history, geography, social sciences, fine arts, science, technology, medicine, literature, philosophy, religion, law, and general reference.

- *JSTOR* is a digital archive of fully searchable back issues of scholarly journals in anthropology, Asian Afro American studies, ecology, economics, education, finance, general science, history, literature, mathematics, philosophy, political science, sociology, and statistics.

- *Nineteenth Century Collections Online (NCCO)* indexes the full-text of books, newspapers, pamphlets, manuscripts, maps, diaries, photographs, statistics, literature, government reports, treaties, and other documents produced from 1789 to 1914. Multiple languages are covered. Released in increments beginning in 2012.

For help downloading, printing, and copying e-Books, please refer to the Research Guide, guides.lib.cua.edu/ebooks

Media Collections

We have a growing collection of movies, TV series, radio broadcasts, theatre, and documentaries in our collection. DVDs are held at the Circulation Desk. You can also find streaming media in SearchBox or the Kanopy and Lynda databases.

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