

Graduate and Professional Student Library Orientation

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University Libraries

Online

- [University Libraries](#)
- [Health Sciences Library](#)
- [Law Library](#)

Physical Locations

- Lake Shore Campus: Cudahy Library & Information Commons
- Water Tower Campus: Lewis Library, Law Library (Corboy Law Library)
- Maywood: Health Sciences Library

Library Overview

Collections, Spaces, People

Collections: Research

What We Have

- Journals, books, lots of other stuff too (newspapers, multimedia, datasets, learning materials, case studies, and more)
- Archival collections ([University Archives and Special Collections](#), [Women and Leadership Archives](#))

How to Find It

[Library Catalog](#)

- Best place to look for books (including e-books), physical media, and known items (e.g., a specific article)
- A bit overwhelming for articles because it searches across all the platforms we subscribe to

[Library Databases](#)

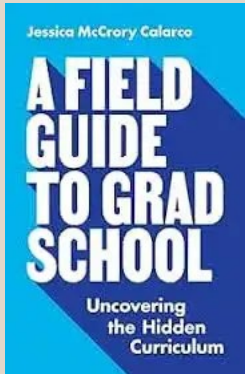
- Platforms the library subscribes to (like Spotify, Netflix, etc., but for scholarly materials)
- Best way to find articles specific to your discipline (and other materials too)

What if We Don't Have It?

[Interlibrary Loan](#)

Collections: Lighter Fare

Guides to Grad School



*A Field Guide to Grad School:
Uncovering the Hidden
Curriculum*

Jessica McCrory Calarco



*Where Research Begins: Choosing
a Research Project that Matters to
You (and the World)*

Thomas S. Mullaney and
Christopher Rea

Popular Materials

- Popular fiction displays in Cudahy and Lewis
- [Libby](#) (e-books and audiobooks)
- [Kanopy](#) (streaming films, must be on campus the first time you use it)

Spaces

- [Reservable study rooms](#) (IC, Lewis)
- Silent study spaces (IC, Cudahy, Lewis)
- Grad student lounges (Cudahy)



People

Subject Librarians for each department offer:

- research consultations
- workshops
- online guides
- collection development

Research Help Desk

 **Ask a Librarian**

- in person, email (cud-ref@luc.edu), or chat
- staffed by graduate students (not AI)

Using the Library as a Graduate Student

Your Job vis-à-vis the Library

As an Undergrad

Writing papers for classes in your major and in other departments.

These require you to:

- find sources
- synthesize those sources into a paper

As a Grad Student

Entering into the conversations happening in your field.

That means you need to:

- figure out which of those conversations you want to join
- get up to speed on where that conversation currently stands
- add your voice to the conversation

Entry Points into the Conversation

Subject-Specific Databases

- Collections of journals in a particular field / discipline
- [Database List](#) → Filter by Subject

[Annual Review Journals](#)

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Caveat

Some voices and perspectives are underrepresented in publications, citations, and indexing.

Strategies: social media, seek out targeted journals/conferences, ask your faculty, ask your subject librarian

Things to Do Right Now*

**Or as soon as your UVID is set up*

1. Bookmark the subject database page for your program ([Database List](#) → Filter by Subject)
2. Install a citation manager (I like [Zotero](#), we also have [EndNote](#))
3. Install [LibKey Nomad](#)*
4. Come up with a solid reading and notetaking strategy (see Calarco, ch.4)