



# Searching and Working with Your Results

## Searching in Project MUSE

### Quick Article Search

The Article Search box is located on each page on the MUSE website. Search using one or more keywords or phrases (“ ”) or enter a Boolean search using AND, OR, NOT.



### Advanced Article Search

Use the Advanced Article Search page to design a complex search using more than one field or to limit the search using options.

Use multiple search boxes to construct a search. Click **Add a Row** for more search boxes.

Limit your search by type of content: Articles, Reviews, types of literary works.

Search for articles published in a specific year or years. Enter:  
• 4 digit year in *each* box to search a range of dates. i.e. From: 2004 To: 2007  
• year in the first box *only* to specify that year forward.  
• the *same* year in both boxes to specify that year only.

Click the dropdown arrow to see searchable fields:  
All Fields (w/text)  
All Fields except text  
Article Text  
Article Author  
Article Title  
Subject Headings  
Journal Title  
Author Reviewed  
Title Reviewed

Search specific journal title(s) by selecting from the list of all MUSE titles

Search by discipline(s) by selecting from the list of all MUSE disciplines.

Change how your results display. Sort by Relevance, Date of publication, or Journal. Change how many results to see at a time, 10, 20, 50, 75, or 100.

Most articles in MUSE are written in English. You may, however, search for the non-English language articles. Click the dropdown arrow to select a language.

## Search Tips

- Use quotation marks ( " " ) to search for phrases (words together in exact order).
- Use an asterisk (\*) at the end of a search term if you are not sure of the spelling or want to retrieve words beginning with the same root.
- As a shortcut, use the option 'Browse Subject Headings for Articles' to find articles relevant to your topic. Scan the terms to find those most closely matching your topic. Click on the term(s) to view the list of articles and/or reviews associated with the terms.
- When terms are combined with Boolean operators, the search engine automatically reads the terms from left to right. Use parentheses to tell the search engine which words to combine first.  
Example: identity and (gender or sex) will retrieve articles with 'identity' AND either 'gender' or 'sex' or both.
- For titles common to MUSE and JSTOR, and if your institution participates in JSTOR, you may be able to retrieve full-text JSTOR articles when searching in MUSE. Check the box to 'Include JSTOR back issues' in your search.
- Restrict a search to only titles to which your institution subscribes by checking the box for 'Only content I have full access to.'

## Working with Your Search Results

The screenshot shows the 'Advanced Article Search' interface. At the top, it displays 'Displaying: 1-10 of 81 results for Brantley in All Fields w/Text'. Below this is a 'Search within Results' box with a search field and a dropdown menu set to 'All Fields (w/text)'. There are 'New Search' and 'Modify Search' links. Below the search box are sorting options: 'Sort results by: Relevance', 'Results per page: 10', and 'Result Pages: 1 2 3 Next >'. There are also links for 'Mark/Clear All Results on Page' and 'Save Marked Results'. The results list shows two entries:

- 1 Experience and Faith: The Late-Romantic Imagination of Emily Dickinson (review)**  
Eberwein, Jane Donahue, 1943-  
The Emily Dickinson Journal, Volume 15, Number 1, Spring 2006, pp. 96-100 (Review)  
DOI: 10.1353/edj.2006.0019  
HTML Version | PDF Version (236k)  
... (2006) 96-100 Richard E. Brantley. Experience and Faith: The Late-Romantic...argued book, Richard Brantley places Emily Dickinson within the Anglo-...heart-religion," Brantley envisages her standing there "resolutely,...
- 2 Legendary Spectacles**  
Brantley, Jessica.  
Theater, Volume 33, Number 3, Fall 2003, pp. 142-144 (Review)  
HTML Version | PDF Version (221k)  
...Jessica Brantley - Legendary Spectacles - Theater 33:3...Spectacles Jessica Brantley Death by Drama and Other Medieval Urban...compelling. Jessica Brantley is assistant professor of English at Yale...

Annotations on the left side of the screenshot:

- To narrow results, enter terms in the **Search Within Results** box and select a search field option if desired. Or, return to your original terms and make changes using **Modify Search**.
- Results display the full citation: article title, author, journal title, volume, issue, page numbers. Also listed: article type and DOI (Digital Object Identifier) when available.
- The full text of the linked article displays in HTML and/or PDF format. Color boxes indicate articles for which the user has access to full text.

Annotations on the right side of the screenshot:

- Sort results and change the number of Results per page using the dropdown arrows.
- Search term(s) highlighted in the preview show the terms as they appear in the article content.
- Library of Congress **Subject Headings** describe the main themes discussed in an article and link to more articles about that subject.
- Abstracts are included when available.