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What we will cover

• Conducting a thorough literature review
  • Evaluating sources
  • Books & articles
  • Law and other disciplines
  • USD and other libraries

• Researching international atrocities & their redress
  • Finding statements by victims
  • Fact-finding
  • Law and policy research

• Note-taking tools and techniques
• Citation style for your seminar paper
LITERATURE REVIEW
Literature Review

• A survey of books, scholarly articles, and any other sources relevant to a particular issue, area of research, or theory

• Helps you formulate your thesis and locate your arguments within the larger field of study
Reliable Secondary Sources

- Evaluate sources for:
  - **Authority** – author is identified, reputable, credentialed
  - **Objectivity** – fairness, lack of bias
  - **Accuracy** – provides references to sources, verifiable
  - **Scope** – relevance to your topic and argument
  - **Currency** – may vary by topic, but make sure you know the current thinking (even if it’s rooted in older writings)
USD’s online catalog finds items located in the LRC and also in the Copley Library collection.

- Remember that the catalog can be used to find not just materials in our print collection, but it also provides direct access to materials in our subscription databases, and it also links to websites

- You can search USD’s online catalog from LRC’s homepage
Post-genocide redress in Rwanda: an international-law perspective / Simona Pinton
Pinton, Simona, author
E-BOOK | 2019
Available at Copley Internet (KZ1168.5 .P568 2019) see all
→ Connect to full text (USD users only)
Atonement and Forgiveness: A Discussion on Black Reparations

Resource guide for ELSA & LSACRU’s book discussion event.

Atonement and Forgiveness

Atonement and Forgiveness by Roy L. Brooks

Call Number: E185.89.R45 B76 2004
ISBN: 978052039738
Publication Date: 2004-10-07

Also available in print at the LRC and Copley Library.

Roy L. Brooks reframes one of the most important, controversial, and misunderstood issues of our time in this far-reaching reassessment of the growing debate on black reparation. Atonement and Forgiveness shifts the focus of the issue from the backward-looking question of compensation for victims to a more forward-looking racial reconciliation. Offering a comprehensive discussion of the history of the black redress movement, this book puts forward a powerful new plan for repairing the damaged relationship between the federal government and Black Americans in the aftermath of 240 years of slavery and another 100 years of government-sanctioned racial segregation. Key to Brooks’s vision is the government’s clear signal that it understands the magnitude of the atrocity it committed against an innocent people, that it takes full responsibility, and that it publicly requests forgiveness—in other words, that it apologizes. The government must make that apology believable, Brooks explains, by a tangible act that turns the rhetoric of apology into a meaningful, material reality, that is, by reparation. Apology and reparation together constitute atonement. Atonement, in turn, imposes a reciprocal civic obligation on Black Americans to forgive, which allows Black Americans to start rekindling racial reconciliation and to begin trusting the government’s commitment to racial equality. Brooks’s bold proposal situates the argument for reparations within a larger, international framework—namely, a post-Holocaust vision of government responsibility for genocide, slavery, apartheid, and similar acts of injustice. Atonement and Forgiveness makes a passionate, convincing case that only with this spirit of heightened morality, identity, egalitarianism, and restorative justice can genuine racial reconciliation take place in America.

E-books at USD

Reparations for Slavery and the Slave Trade by Ana Lucia Araujo

Call Number: E-BOOK
ISBN: 9781350010611
Publication Date: 2017-11-02

Slavery and the Atlantic slave trade are among the most heinous crimes against humanity committed in the modern era. Yet, to this day, no former slave society in the Americas has paid reparations to former slaves or their descendants. European nations compensated their former colonies in the Americas, whose wealth relied on slave labor, to a greater or lesser extent. No nation ever obtained any form of reparations for the Atlantic slave trade. Ana Lucia Araujo argues that these calls for reparations are not only not dead, but

https://lawlibguides.sandiego.edu/blackreparations
Books from Other Libraries: SD Circuit and ILL

Circuit Catalog:
- USD is a member of a library consortium, the Circuit
- Circuit includes SDSU, UCSD & the San Diego County & City Libraries. [http://circuit.sdsu.edu](http://circuit.sdsu.edu)
- You may borrow books via the Circuit, delivered to LRC in 24–48 hrs.
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ABA Environment, Energy & Resources Law: The Year in Review

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ACC Docket

Accord, A Legal Journal for Practitioners

ACTEC Law Journal
Search strategies

• Use multiple search techniques
  • Keyword (natural language & Boolean)
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  • Browse

• Build from the sources you’ve already found
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  • Use a citator (Shepard’s or KeyCite) to find sources that have cited to law articles you have found

• Ask a librarian!
NON-LAW ACADEMIC ARTICLES
International reparations for slavery and the slave trade
T. Craemer - Journal of Black Studies, 2018 - journals.sagepub.com
This article compares German Holocaust reparations with reparations regarding slavery and the slave trade in the United States and beyond. I review many historical reparations measures (proposed and realized) making them comparable in 2016 US dollars. Based on...

[book] International legal responsibility and reparations for transatlantic slavery
N Wittmann - 2012 - taylorfrancis.com
No other group has ever been subjected to attacks as serious to their physical and mental integrity over a comparable period of time as the Africans deported to the Americas and their descendants (Plumelle-UrIBE 2004: 194), yet still no reparation whatsoever has ever been...

Commentary—Reparations as a Development Strategy: The CARICOM Reparations Commission
VP Franklin - Journal of African American History, 2013 - journals.uchicago.edu
... The contemporary global movement to demand reparations from the Western industrialized nations for slavery and the international slave trade began with the First Pan-African Congress on Reparations held in Abuja, Nigeria, in April 1993, sponsored by the wealthy Nigerian...

[PDF] World Conference against Racism: New Avenues for Slavery Reparations
ME Lyons - Yadv. J. Transnet Ltd, 2002 - HeinOnline
... debate among many countries and have demonstrated the growing intolerance for ongoing slavery, adding force to the reparations movement on the international law front. Legislatively, Representative John Conyers continues to endorse HR 40, and both the state of California...

Slavery as piracy: the legal case for reparations for the slave trade
G Van Bueren - The political economy of new slavery, 2004 - Springer
... international laws cited in support of a slavery reparations claim are twentieth-century developments drafted and adopted after the cessation of the majority of slavery... and the slave
Non-law academic journals at USD
Sociology

Academic Search Premier

This multi-disciplinary database provides full text for more than 4,600 journals, including full text for nearly 3,900 peer-reviewed titles. PDF backfiles to 1975 or further are available for well over one hundred journals, and searchable cited references are provided for more than 1,000 titles.

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African American Experience

Electronic research tool for African American history and culture from one of the most respected publishers in the field. The two primary goals: to provide rock-solid information from authorities in the field, and to allow African Americans to speak for themselves through a wealth of primary sources. Drawing on over 400 volumes, and designed under the guidance of leading librarians, this collection offers perspectives on the black experience from...
• Multidisciplinary database, more than 4,600 journals dating back to 1975
FINDING PRIMARY SOURCES
Primary Sources: Eyewitness and Survivor accounts

- ProQuest History Vault (LRC subscription)
  - [NAACP Legal Department Files, 1956-1965](guide)
  - [Nazi Looted Art and Assets: Restitution Process 1942-1998](guide)
  - [Papers of the U.S. Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians](guide)
- United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
  - [Online exhibitions](#)
- [Simon-Skjodt Center for the Prevention of Genocide](#)
  - [Country case studies](#) (many include eyewitness/survivor testimony)
  - Reports and Resources
- [Voices from the Rwanda Tribunal](#)
- Not finding what you need? Ask a reference librarian!
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## Learn About Genocide and Mass Atrocities

[Link](https://www.ushmm.org/genocide-prevention/simon-skjodt-center)

## Country Case Studies

Find information on historical cases of genocide and other atrocities.

## Reports and Resources

- Reports by Date
- Reports by Topic
- Reports by Country
- Pursuing Justice for Mass Atrocities
- Fundamentals of Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention
- Genocide Prevention Task Force Report

## About the Simon-Skjodt Center for the Prevention of Genocide

[Link](https://www.ushmm.org/genocide-prevention/simon-skjodt-center)

## Announcements and Recent Analysis

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## Take Action

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Finding Primary Sources: Cases

- International Criminal Tribunals
  - International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda
  - International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia
  - International Military Tribunal for Germany (Nuremberg Trial Collection)

- International materials on Westlaw and Lexis

- Bluebook Rule 21 (International Materials)
  - Includes international human rights cases and international criminal tribunals
  - Consult this rule if you are unsure of the meaning of a case citation you find
Legacy website of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda

Since the ICTR’s closure on 31 December 2015, the Mechanism maintains this website as part of its mission to preserve and promote the legacy of the UN International Criminal Tribunals. Visit the Mechanism’s website.

20 Years Challenging Impunity

In the direct aftermath of the Genocide in Rwanda and during the subsequent 20 years, the ICTR has been at the forefront of the global fight against impunity, prosecuting those considered most responsible for the gravest crimes committed in 1994. As the Tribunal approaches the end of its mandate, its legacy lays the foundation for a new era in international criminal justice.

https://unictr.irmct.org/
International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia
1993 ♦ 2017

The International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) was a United Nations court of law that dealt with war crimes that took place during the conflicts in the Balkans in the 1990s. During its mandate, which lasted from 1993 - 2017, it irreversibly changed the landscape of international humanitarian law, provided victims an opportunity to voice the horrors they witnessed and experienced, and proved that those suspected of bearing the greatest responsibility for atrocities committed during armed conflicts can be called to account.

This website stands as a monument to those accomplishments, and provides access to the wealth of resources that the Tribunal produced over the years.

https://www.icty.org/
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NOTE-TAKING TOOLS & TECHNIQUES
Why good note-taking is important

• Bolster your argument
• Avoid inadvertent plagiarism
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What to look for

• Reference manager
• Citation support
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• A tool that fits your research style
• You do not have to use an app—can create your own system using folders
Tools for organizing sources

- Evernote
- Google Drive
- Microsoft OneNote
- Dropbox
- PowerNotes
Note-taking tips

If you cut & paste text from another source to look at later, immediately mark it as copied text & include citation info.
Research log

- Keep a log of where you’ve searched and what search terms you used (not just what you found)
- This will save you time later
Citing the best source

• Don’t rely on Source A to tell you what Source B says – go back to the original
  • Don’t cite Scholar A to tell your reader what Scholar B argued
  • Don’t cite a book or an article to tell your reader what a case held
  • Don’t cite a case to tell you what the statute says
Summarizing & paraphrasing

• Try to do it without looking at the source material
• Not enough to change a few words around, or substitute synonyms
• You have to rewrite the material using your own words

"If you can't explain it simply, you don't understand it well enough."

Albert Einstein
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