LRC Research Training

Corrections & Sentencing Fall 2023

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What we will cover

- Specialized resources for researching sentencing and related topics
- Locating materials (print and electronic, law and non-law)
- Note-taking tools and citation managers

Selected Materials on Sentencing

Guides & Treatises

Federal

- United States Sentencing Commission: Federal Sentencing Guidelines Manual (<u>HeinOnline</u>)
- Federal Sentencing Law and Practice (<u>Westlaw</u>)
- Law of Sentencing (<u>Westlaw</u>)

California

- Rutter Group: California Three Strikes Sentencing (<u>Westlaw</u>)
- Rutter Group: Sentencing California Crimes (<u>Westlaw</u>)
- California Criminal Sentencing Enhancements (<u>CEB</u>)
- Felony Sentencing Handbook (<u>CEB</u>)



Websites: General

- FSU College of Law: <u>Sentencing Law</u> <u>Research Guide</u>
- United States Sentencing Commission; includes subpages for sentencing data and research reports
- Cato Institute: <u>Criminal Justice and Law</u> Enforcement
- The Sentencing Project
- Sentencing Law & Policy blog

Websites: Data & Staistics

- U.S. Department of Justice: <u>Bureau of</u> <u>Justice Statistics</u>
- University at Albany: <u>Sourcebook of</u>
 Criminal Justice Statistics
- National Archive of Criminal Justice Data
- National Center for State Courts: <u>Court</u>
 <u>Statistics Project</u>
- National Criminal Justice Reference Service

Locating Materials: Books



USD Library Catalog (LRC and Copley)

USD's online catalog find items located in both the LRC and in the Copley Library collections.

- 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 <u>USD's online catalog</u> from LRC's homepage



San Diego Circuit

- USD is a member of a library consortium, the San Diego Circuit.
- Borrow materials from SDSU, UCSD, Cal State
 San Marcos, & the San Diego County & City Libraries.
- Greatly increases the universe of materials that are accessible to you!
- Delivered to LRC in 24–48 hrs.—pickup at Circulation desk
- Access: You can link to the Circuit catalog through the USD catalog (click on the hyperlinked Circuit logo) or go to: http://circuit.sdsu.edu

Interlibrary Loan (ILL)

- If you can't find an item at USD or through the Circuit, we may be able to get it through interlibrary-loaned from another library
- Check WorldCat and make a request on the LRC's website or come ask a reference librarian
- Delivered to LRC anywhere from 3 days to 3 weeks—make your request early!

Locating Materials: Scholarly Articles

Law Articles

- Lexis
- Westlaw
- HeinOnline
- Google Scholar
 - Make sure Google Scholar is connected to USD when searching off campus; ask a reference librarian for details.
- Unpublished or forthcoming
 - o SSRN
 - o **Bepress**



Articles from Other Disciplines

Major interdisciplinary databases to consider:

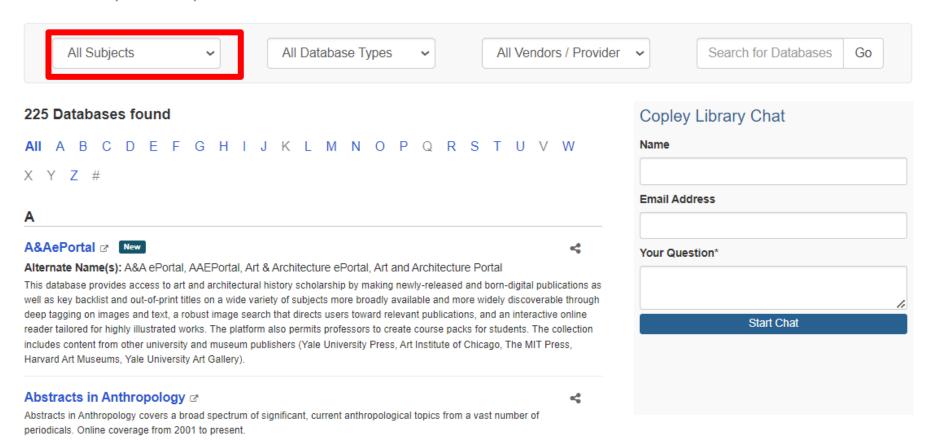
- Google Scholar
- Academic Search Premier
- JSTOR
- Sage Premier Journals
- Web of Science

Copley Library Databases

Copley Library / Research Guides / A-Z Databases

A-Z Databases

Find the best library databases for your research.





Note-Taking Tools & Citation Managers

Note-taking apps





PowerNotes







Document AND citation management









Typical features include:

- Free or premium upgrade
- Web, client, mobile apps
- PDF storage & annotation
- Cloud & local storage
- Web content capture
- Citation style ("bibliographic utility")

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ChatGPT is not good at research!

- Generative AI tools use large language models (LLMs) to simulate conversations.
- LLMs are trained on the internet but are not a search engine by themselves.
- LLMs predict what each word of a response should be based on training.
 - Hallucinations
 - Training limited in time
 - Inherent bias from training sources
 - LRC Guide to ChatGPT & Other Generative Al Tools for USD Law Students



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Zoom appointments by request In-person

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