

### Finding Scholarly Journal Articles:

Start by Subject from the Library Web Site and choose **ART**. Click on the Articles tab and select **ART INDEX**. The vendor for this index is HW Wilson – “WilsonWeb”.

Notice that we are simultaneously searching two databases – **ART INDEX (1985-current)** and **ART RETROSPECTIVE (1929-1984)** in the advanced search mode.

Regardless of vendor, databases frequently offer similar features:

- Boolean searching
- Limiters: date, scholarly or peer-reviewed resources are examples
- Thesaurus or list of subject headings
  - Linked subject headings
- Default keyword search – in this case branded as “All-Smart Search”
- “Article Linker” to all Libraries’ resources – here called “Check Availability”

Art Index also has features that recognize unique aspects of the subject area

- Indexing /search fields
  - “Artist and Work”; “Materials and Technique”
    - View the full record to see the relevant indexing
  - Illustrations in articles are indexed by title

Peer-reviewed tagging is assigned to all citations for journal sources considered to be peer-reviewed

Identifying an appropriate scholarly article:

- Elimination by using Boolean “not” for specific indexed fields
  - E.g. NOT Document type “exhibit”
- Assess the article based on full record
  - Is it in a journal tagged “peer-reviewed”?
  - Is the article length of substance?
  - Does the physical description indicate that there is a bibliography?
  - Do the subject headings clearly indicate that the article supports your research topic?

Using My WilsonWeb – personal account that allows you to save search strategies for later use; search results; create and save notes on searching experience. (See guide linked on Course page of Library Guide for class)

- Also have option to e-mail citations

Article Linker/Check Availability – for available access or to request Inter library loan

“Cite” option from full record