



## Resources for Film Criticism

Use this mix of books and web-based resources to find movie reviews and scholarly critiques of films

### SELECTED REFERENCE BOOKS

Film Review Index v.1 1882-1949: REF PN 1995 .F5 1986 v.1

Film Review Index v. 2 1950-1985: REF PN 1995 .F5 1986 v.2

VideoHound's Independent Film Guide: REF PN 1998 .S84 1999

Silent Films, 1877—1996: REF PN 1995.75 .K57 1999

Encyclopedia of Film Noir: REF PN1995.9 .F54 M39 2007

### *Subject Headings in the Online Catalog*

- Film criticism
- Motion pictures
- Motion pictures—Reviews—Indexes
- Motion pictures — Periodicals

### DATABASES

Access databases by clicking the *Electronic Resources* link on the Jackson Library homepage. If you are off campus you'll need to authenticate using your last name and L number.

#### Instructions for finding movie reviews using the database Custom Newspapers:

**Step 1:** Type the name of the film in quotes in the Basic Search box and then click on the blue search button.

**Step 2:** Narrow your results by "Document Type" by using the drop down menu in the yellow box on the left hand side of the page.

**Step 3:** Select the heading "Movie Review."  
A list of movie reviews for your film will appear.

Instructions for finding movie reviews using the database Lexis-Nexis:

**Step 1:** Click on the tab in the top left corner labeled "Sources."

**Step 2:** Under publication type click on the folder icon labeled "News."

**Step 3:** In the right hand corner of the screen there will be a blue search box labeled "More Sources." Type the words "Movie Reviews" in that box and click "GO."

**Step 4:** Midway down the page you you'll see a heading labeled "Movie Reviews." Click the box directly next to it.

**Step 5:** Click on the red button labeled "OK, Continue." A search screen will appear.

**Step 6:** Choose the "Natural Language" search option.

**Step 7:** Type the name of the film you are researching in quotes in this search box and click on the red search button.

A list of movie reviews for your film will appear. You can browse through them or narrow your results further on this screen.

Use databases such as Academic Search Premier and Expanded Academic ASAP to find scholarly articles about the film you are researching. When searching for articles you'll want to limit your results to articles from "peer-reviewed" journals. As part of your search strategy, try combining the name of the film with other terms, such as the name of a director, writer, producer, actor or other person prominently associated with the movie.