

# Ethics: a Library Pathfinder

*Ethics* is the branch of philosophy concerned with the nature of ultimate value and the standards by which human actions are judged right or wrong.\*

Here are some tools you can use if you have to write a research paper about ethics, or about the ethical aspects of a particular issue.

## 1. Books

The following books can be found in the Kendall Campus Library:

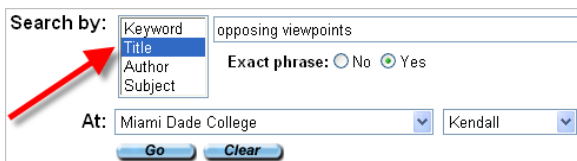
*Encyclopedia of Ethics* (call number: BJ63 .E46 1999)

*Encyclopedia of Applied Ethics* (call number: BJ63 .E44 1998)

You can use the **LINCC Catalog** to find more of the library's books about ethics, or about various topics that are often the subject of ethical debate (such as stem cell research, capital punishment, immigration, etc.).

To reach the **LINCC Catalog**, visit the library home page ([www.mdc.edu/kendall/library](http://www.mdc.edu/kendall/library)) and click *Find Books*.

**Don't yet have a topic?** One easy way to find books on a variety of ethical issues is to perform a **title** search for "Opposing Viewpoints." Each book in the *Opposing Viewpoints* series explores the different sides of a particular issue. Other series titles to search for include "Taking Sides" and "Current Controversies."



## 2. Articles

You can find magazine articles, journal articles, book excerpts, web links, and more in the **library databases**. Miami Dade College students have access to several databases that focus on ethical issues. These include: **Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center**, **Issues and Controversies**, **CQ Researcher** and **SIRS Researcher**.

In addition, **JSTOR** is an excellent database for finding articles on topics related to ethics and philosophy (such as cultural relativism, subjectivism, etc.).

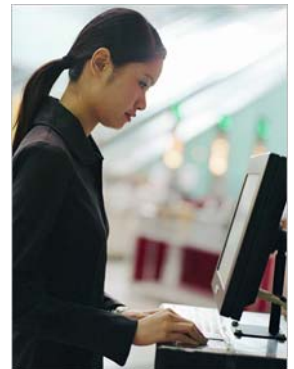
To connect to the databases:

1. Go to [www.mdc.edu/kendall/library](http://www.mdc.edu/kendall/library)
2. Click *Find Articles*
3. Click *LINCCWeb Databases*
4. Click *Search a Specific Database*
5. Log in with your **Borrower ID** (your MDC student number) and **PIN** (the last 4 digits of your MDC student number)
6. On the subject list, click *Social Sciences*
7. Select the desired database

## 3. Web Sites

The University of San Diego's *Ethics Updates* page ([ethics.sandiego.edu](http://ethics.sandiego.edu)) provides tutorials and other types of information on ethical theory and applied ethics.

For more links to reliable web sites on philosophy, ethics, and many other topics, search the *Internet Public Library* ([www.ipl.org](http://www.ipl.org)).



## 4. Animal Ethics Study Center

The Kendall Campus Library houses the **Animal Ethics Study Center**, which includes a special collection of books, videos, and periodicals on animal ethics. Visit the library to browse the collection, or perform a **subject** search in the LINCC Catalog for "Animal Rights" to retrieve a list of available materials.

## Need More Help?

Librarians are available to assist you at the Kendall Campus Library Reference and Information Services Desk on the second floor of building 2. Feel free to visit us, or call (305) 237-2077 or (305) 237-2292.

## One Last Word...

Now that you've found information on ethics, be sure to use this information ethically! Visit the library's Guides page ([www.mdc.edu/kendall/library/guides.asp](http://www.mdc.edu/kendall/library/guides.asp)) for links to web sites that will help you to avoid plagiarism and copyright infringement.