

# RESEARCHING CONTEMPORARY ARTISTS in the Gund Library

*Quick tips for finding information on artists, artists groups,  
photographers, craftspeople, designers, architects, and design firms*

## Finding books & exhibition catalogs

Use the library's [online catalog](http://catalog.case.edu) (<http://catalog.case.edu>) to search the person's name (last name first), artist group's, or firm's name as a SUBJECT to find books and one-person exhibition catalogs. To find books written by them, search their name as an AUTHOR. You might find additional books and exhibition catalogs if you search the name as a KEYWORD.

Check the library's [CONTEMPORARY ARTISTS INDEX](http://gate3.cia.edu/cia/index.php) (<http://gate3.cia.edu/cia/index.php>) which lists over 20,000 artists, artists groups, photographers, craftspeople, designers, and design firms whose work appears in group exhibition catalogs added to the library since 1991. Many group exhibition catalogs provide biographical information.

*Can't find anything? Are the items you want unavailable?* Check the [OhioLINK central catalog](http://olc1.ohiolink.edu/search) (<http://olc1.ohiolink.edu/search>) and request books be sent to the Gund Library for your use.

## Finding periodical articles

Search the person's name (last name first), artist group's, or firm's name using these online indexes. Each index covers slightly different publications, so use more than one index.

[Art Full Text](#) covers art from prehistory to the present; indexes articles as well as reproductions published since 1984 in international art periodicals; provides abstracts; and includes some full text articles. When searching this database, you can also search **Biography Reference Bank** at the same time. A link to this is found on the library's web page. For information about off-campus access, ask the library staff. This is also available through OhioLINK; this version goes back to 1929 and the interface is different. To access OhioLINK databases from off campus, you will need to have set up a PIN account. For more information about off-campus access, ask the library staff for help.

[ArtBibliographies Modern](#), [DAR: Design Abstracts Retrospective](#), [design and applied arts index](#), and [Design PROFILES](#) (which are searched together) cover the modern and contemporary period; index international art, craft, and design periodicals, some books, and some websites and exhibition catalogs; and include abstracts. Links to these resources are found on the library's web page. You can search selected databases or all at the same time.

## What about images?

In addition to the digital images resources listed in this guide and those you find searching the web and using [Artcyclopedia](#) and [ArtNet](#), try looking in [ARTstor](#). Videos and DVDS are listed in the library's [online catalog](#) and easily found using the [special browse feature](#) (<http://catalog.case.edu/forms/videosearch.aspx>)

## More places to check

[Oxford Art Online](#) includes Grove Dictionary of Art Online plus other Oxford University Press publications

[Artcyclopedia](#) ([www.artcyclopedia.com](http://www.artcyclopedia.com)) a guide to art and art sites on the Internet

[ArtNet](#) ([www.artnet.com](http://www.artnet.com)) an art market commercial site with information and images

[AskART](#) an online database of art images, artist biographies & bibliographies, Auction & sale records, and exhibitions; off-campus access to the non-subscriber Internet version of this site is much more limited.

[Biography Reference Bank](#) includes biographical information and bibliographies

[Rhizome: Art and Technology](#) online community and discussion forum about new media and artists who are involved in emerging artistic practices that engage technology

## You may also want to look at these Gund Library reference books:

*American Photographers: An Illustrated Who's Who Among Leading Contemporary Americans.* Gen. Ref. TR 139 .K73 1989

*Contemporary American Women Sculptors.* Gen. Ref. NB 212 .W37 1985

*Contemporary Architects.* Gen. Ref. NA 680 .C625

*Contemporary Artists.* Gen. Ref. N 6490 .C6567

*Contemporary British Artists With Photographs.* Gen. Ref. N 6768 .C66

*Contemporary Designers.* Gen. Ref. NK 1390 .C66

*Contemporary Latin American Artists.* Gen. Ref. N 6502.5 .C66 1993

*Contemporary Native American Artists.* Gen. Ref. N 6538 .A4 R4 1995

*Contemporary Photographers.* Gen. Ref. TR 139 .C66

*Contemporary Women Artists.* Gen. Ref. N 43 .C66 1999

*Dictionary of Contemporary American Artists.* Gen. Ref. N 6512 .C8 1994

*Dictionary of International Contemporary Artists.* Gen. Ref. N 6490 .D5 1995

*Moving Targets 2: A User's Guide to British Art Now.* Gen. Ref. N 6768 .B82 2000

*North American Women Artists of the Twentieth Century.* Gen. Ref. N 43 .N67 1995

*Prestel Dictionary of Art and Artists in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.* Gen. Ref. N 6490 .P73 2000

*St. James Guide to Black Artists.* Gen. Ref. N 40 .S78 1997

*St. James Guide to Native North American Artists.* Gen. Ref. E 98 .A7 S8 1998

*Twentieth Century Artists on Art: An Index to Writings, Statements, and Interviews by Artists, Architects, and Designers.* Gen. Ref. N 6490 .W7 R59 1996

*Vitamin D: New Perspectives in Drawing.* Gen. Ref. NC 95 .V57 2005

*Vitamin P: New Perspective in Painting.* Gen. Ref. N 6490 .V57 2002

*Who's Who in Graphic Design.* Gen. Ref. NC 999.2 .W56 1994

*Who's Who In American Art.* Gen. Ref. N 6536 .W5

*World Artists, 1980-1990.* Gen. Ref. N 6489 .M37 1991

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