

**HNRS 298-03, -04, -05**  
**RESEARCH & EXHIBITION**  
Spring 2014

**Startup Bibliography & Mentor Introduction**

Week of January 27

**Startup Bibliography**

Review the courses that you are taking or have taken and choose one, preferably in your major and most definitely in an area of interest, that will serve as the “content companion” for Research & Exhibition. With this course as a starting point, assemble an initial bibliography of relevant sources and references: certainly include the texts or other materials for that course, but feel free to compile a few more.

Submit this collection as a “startup” bibliography; you may use any format and application/tool with which you are familiar. For each entry/citation, supply the following:

- Reference data (i.e., author, title, edition, publisher, year, etc.)
- A brief description or summary of the source

The purpose of this exercise is to begin defining the scope and boundaries of your research area... we have to start *somewhere* after all. We will explore tools to help manage and grow this bibliography, as well as what should go into final content and presentation, later in the semester.

**Mentor Introduction**

To accompany your chosen subject matter, select a faculty member who can serve as a research mentor or consultant. Under most circumstances, this will be the instructor for your selected “companion course,” but if appropriate you can choose to engage someone else.

Inform this faculty member that you are taking this Research & Exhibition course and have chosen his or her course or area of interest as a basis for possible research or creative work. Make sure that they are OK with serving as a consultant/mentor for our work. Their involvement in this course will vary, but at a minimum they should be willing to answer questions or give advice occasionally. Most faculty members will be fine with this (that’s why we do what we do after all!), but if there are any questions, feel free to have them contact me.

Look up this faculty member’s background and curriculum vitae (CV), and write up a brief introduction to this scholar in your own words. Make sure to include at least:

- Formal education/training
- Relevant work experience
- Significant publications and/or work
- Relevant grants or awards, if any
- Area(s) of interest

Most of this information can be found in a recent CV or website, but make sure to rewrite this information in your own words, particularly to tailor this information to your own emphasis or interests.