Apps for Studying

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Ever get tired of studying the old way?

We all do.
Ever get tired of carrying all this stuff?

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There is a better way. In the Cloud.

She looks happy, doesn’t she?
Benefits of Using “The Cloud”

Mobile studying and review – without the hassle of finding and carrying notes.

**Step 1:** Enter information on any of multiple devices.

**Step 2:** View information across devices.

**Step 3:** Repeat.

**Step 4:** Keep repeating.

**Step 5:** Graduate.
What will this workshop cover?

• How to use the ATLA database in the EBSCO app
• How to use the JSTOR app
• How to use the Bluefire Reader app for BU library ebooks

Bonus material:
• Other categories of apps that could help you research and study
• Overview of some highly-rated apps available within each category...

Installation, trouble-shooting, and batteries... not included!
ATLA on the EBSCO app

- Is **FREE**.
- Is available for iOS or Android
- Accesses the same ATLA database information you would get on a computer browser.
- Allows you to read and save full-text articles to your device.
1. Download the EBSCOApp

Downloadable from:
• iTunes App Store
• Google Play
1. On your computer (not your mobile device), sign in to the ATLA database through our E-Resources page. *This is in order to authenticate as a BU student.*

2. “Choose databases” above search bar. Select all. Click “OK.” *This is to make all 6 available to you.*

If you access through ATLA, this will include:

- ATLA Religion Index with Serials
- ATLA Catholic Periodical Index with Serials
- New Testament Abstracts
- Old Testament Abstracts
- PsycINFO
- Religion and Philosophy Index
3. Authenticate the App
...at the beginning of use and every 9 months.

• While still in the ATLA database, click on “iPhone and Android Apps” at the bottom of the page.

• Enter your email address (that is accessible on your mobile device) and wait for an authentication email from EBSCO.

• Use your mobile device to open that email and click on the link.

• You’re all set!
4. Open the app and try a few searches

Welcome to EBSCOhost
courtesy of BOSTON UNIV

My Recent Searches
My Saved Searches
My Saved Articles
Help
Legal

Search here!

Constructing Latino Pentecostal communities: a response to the McDonaldization process
Publication Date: January 1, 2014

Authors
Estrada-Carrasquillo, Wilmer

Source
Journal of Latin American Theology

Subjects

This is an example of how each article will appear
Note: PDF is available
5. Adjust settings for advanced searching
6. Save your Searches!

Remember: the “Settings” tab gives you some advanced search options

- SO "Assemblies of God Heritage"
- SO "Journal of Latin American Theology"
- SO "Journal of Pentecostal Theology"
- SO "Pneuma: The Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies"
7. Save and read your article!

You can also save PDFs to your device and open them within the Adobe Reader App.
8. Email your article!
The JSTOR app

• Is **FREE**.
• Is available for Android only 😞
• Accesses the same JSTOR database information you would get on a computer browser.
• Allows you to download and read full-text articles on your device.
1. Download the JSTOR Browser App

Downloadable from:
• Google Play

If you download and access on BU’s 802.1 wireless connection, it appears to automatically recognize you.

Otherwise, choose “log-in with institution,” choose Boston University, and use your BU Kerberos username and password.
2. Try a few searches!
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Search here

Then, scroll down to refine the results
2. Open the app and try a few searches

This is an example of how each article will appear. You will need to scroll down a bit to see more info.
4. Download and read your article!
5. Save your article’s citation information

You can also save lists of your favorite articles.
Tips for Mobile Searching in ATLA and JSTOR

• Focus on short keywords and phrases
• Use “” quotation marks whenever possible
• Use filters whenever you can, at the beginning of your search
• Save everything you can (searches, articles) to avoid redoing things later!

With small screens, efficiency is key!
The BlueFire Reader app

• Is **FREE**.
• Is available for IOS and Android.
• Allows you to read the “Proquest Ebook Central” (formerly “Ebrary”) e-books in our library catalog.
1. Download the Bluefire Reader App

Downloadable from:
• Google Play
• iTunes
2. Create a Free Adobe ID and Authorize
3. Take a look at what is available

User guide

You can also buy ebooks for your personal entertainment with “Feedbooks”
4. Search ebooks in the BU catalog on your browser. Download!
5. Select your device, download Bluefire, download the Epub format, and choose how many days.
6. Open the ebook in Bluefire and read it!
7. When you finish, delete!
Those were the library apps.

Now, let’s look at other Apps you might find helpful!
Things We Used To Do the Hard Way:

1. Search databases.
2. Read books.
3. Photocopy pages.
4. Take and store notes.
5. Write flashcards.
6. Write papers.
Things We Can Do the EASY Way:

1. Search databases. Database searching apps
5. Write flashcards. Flashcard apps.
6. Write papers. Office and Google Apps.
Some Apps in Each Category

Yes, there is an app for that…
1. Database Searching Apps

✓ EBSCO App, including:
  - ATLA Religion Database
  - Religion and Philosophy Collection
  - ATLA Catholic Literature and Periodical Index
  - New Testament Abstracts
  - Old Testament Abstracts

✓ JSTOR Browser
  (Android only 😊)
2. Book Reading Apps

BU Libraries Ebooks:
✓ Bluefire Reader
✓ EBSCOHost Books

Other Ebooks:
✓ Kindle App
  ▪ Amazon.com
✓ Google Play Books
  ▪ Android only 😞
✓ Overdrive
  ▪ Many public libraries - Free (borrowed) ebooks!
3. PDF-Creating Apps: Scanning

✓ Tiny Scanner
✓ Cam-Scanner Phone PDF Creator

...and many more, with equally generic names. Be careful! Read ratings and reviews.
3. PDF-Creating Apps: Converting

- Doc to PDF Converter
- PDF Converter Pro
  - **CON**: $1.99 and in-app purchases after a set number of conversions.

Again, there are many more, with equally generic names. Be careful! Read ratings and reviews.
But don’t forget...

Adobe Acrobat Reader App

✓ Free!
✓ Android and iOS

Another important reason:
Professors often upload syllabi as PDFs. (Blackboard has an app too!)
4. Note-Taking Apps

- Google Keep: 15 GB
- Evernote: 60MB
- Microsoft OneNote: 7 GB
5. Flashcard Apps

**IOS and Android:**
- Quizlet
- Cram
- StudyBlue

**IPad:**
- Evernote Peek
6. Paper Writing Apps

- **Microsoft Office Apps**
  - Word, Excel, Powerpoint
  - Saves to One Drive – 7 GB incl.

- **Google Apps for Work**
  - Docs, Sheets, Slides
  - Saves to Google Drive – 15 GB FREE
What apps would you add to this workshop?

- Let’s add them here for future STH-ers.
Thanks for attending!

For questions or comments, please contact:
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Hope this helped!
<3 STH Library