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“Obsession, Culture, and Disability: How OCD Can Help Us Understand Disability Studies in a Biocultural Context”

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-----PUBLICATIONS BY LENNARD J. DAVIS: A SELECTED LIST-----

[The Most Recent Titles Are Listed First]

Davis, Lennard J. *In Academe, Once a Star, Always a Star. Chronicle of Higher Education.* June 26, 2009. Volume 55. Issue 40. Page 32.

ALL UMCP Libraries

**Academic Search Premier Database
Contains Complete Article
Through Research Port**

The author shares his thoughts on what it takes to become famous in an academic environment. Notes that academe is one of the few environments where individuals can become famous and remain famous throughout their academic careers. Also, Davis offers insights into ways that individuals can possibly lose their noteworthy status during their college or university careers, such as allowing their ideas to become obsolete.

Davis, Lennard J. *Where Did I Put My 'Foucault'?* Chronicle of Higher Education. June 6, 2008. Volume 55. Issue 39. Pages B22-B23.

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**Academic Search Premier Database
Contains Complete Article
Through Research Port**

Commentary on how age can impact academics and scholars. Discusses how short-term memory loss due to age, influences communication between professors and students. In addition, argues that cultural references employed by some teachers are meaningless to young students. Reports that American colleges and universities have no mandatory retirement age for professors.

Davis, Lennard J. *Obsession: A History*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2008.

McKeldin Library

**Stacks RC 533 .D38 2008
(Reserve Desk)**

Chronicles the history of obsessive behavior in the United States, from social, religious, medical, and psychiatric perspectives. Examines the methods used by doctors to treat obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD).

Davis, Lennard J. *Deafness and the Riddle of Identity*. Chronicle of Higher Education. January 12, 2007. Volume 53. Issue 19. Pages B5-B8.

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**Academic Search Premier Database
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Within the context of protests at Gallaudet University, in Washington, D.C., the author explores what deafness means in the twenty-first century. Argues that the concept of deafness has transitioned from a physical handicap definition to a sociological or culture based concept. Discusses the shortcomings of the new definition.

Davis, Lennard J. *The Value of Teaching From a Racist Classic*. Chronicle of Higher Education. May 19, 2006. Volume 52. Issue 37. Pages 89-92.

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**Academic Search Premier Database
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Examines the significance of reading racist or sexist works. Uses Joseph Conrad's book *Heart of Darkness* as a starting point for the discussion. Addresses noteworthy goals such as freedom of the press and the debate over censorship.

Davis, Lennard J. *Life, Death, and Biocultural Literacy*. Chronicle of Higher Education. January 6, 2006. Volume 52. Issue 18. Pages B9-B10.

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**Academic Search Premier Database
Contains Complete Article
Through Research Port**

Argues that most people are ignorant about issues pertaining to life and death. Suggest the utilization of bioethics to address contemporary concerns surrounding life and death. Recommends we adopt a broader view that connects medical and ethical issues with history and culture.

Davis, Lennard J. *Bending Over Backwards: Disability, Dismodernism, and Other Difficult Positions*. New York: New York University Press, 2002.

McKeldin Library

**Stacks HV 1553 .D38 2002
(Currently Circulating)**

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(See previous page for citation).

Examines the various ways disability and deafness affects important aspects of our identity, laws, literature, cultural icons, and citizenship. Discusses the issues surrounding the relationship between disability and normality in view of postmodern theory and political activism.

Davis, Lennard J. *The Sonnets: A Novel*. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2001.

McKeldin Library

**Stacks PS 3554 .A935 S66 2001
(Reserve Desk)**

A satirical novel about a forty-year old Columbia University English professor, who finds his life paralleling the plot of Shakespeare's sonnets.

Davis, Lennard J. *My Sense of Silence: Memoirs of a Childhood with Deafness*. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2000.

McKeldin Library

**Stacks HQ 759.912 .D38 2000
(Reserve Desk)**

Davis recalls his experiences of growing up as a hearing child of deaf parents. The author discusses his numerous challenges in communicating successfully with his disabled parents.

Davis, Lennard J., Editor. *Shall I Say a Kiss? : The Courtship Letters of a Deaf Couple, 1936-1938*. Washington, D.C.: Gallaudet University Press, 1999.

McKeldin Library

**Stacks HV 2534 .D38 A3 1999
(Reserve Desk)**

The author shares with readers, the romantic correspondence between his parents from 1936 to 1938. Describes the soon to be newlyweds in America as working-class, Jewish, British, and deaf.

Davis, Lennard J., Editor. *The Disability Studies Reader*. New York: Routledge, 1997.

McKeldin Library

**Stacks HV 1568 .D5696 1997
(Currently Circulating)
2006 Paperback Revised Edition
Not Held by UMCP Libraries**

A comprehensive collection of writings on disability studies. The publication contains works by experts in cultural studies, sociology, biology, the visual arts, literary criticism, pedagogy, and postcolonial studies.

Davis, Lennard J. *Enforcing Normalcy: Disability, Deafness, and the Body*. London; New York: Verso, 1995.

McKeldin Library

**Stacks HV 1568 .D39 1995
(Currently Circulating)**

Explores the cultural perceptions by people of Western Europe and the United States regarding people with disabilities. Discusses various concepts that have emerged around the term "normal" during the past 250 years.

Davis, Lennard J. and M. Bella Mirabella, Editors. *Left Politics and the Literary Profession*. New York: Columbia University Press, 1990.

McKeldin Library

**Stacks PS 78 .L35 1990
(Reserve Desk)**

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(See previous page for citation).

A collection of essays that explores American radical politics through the study and teaching of literature. Focuses on the literature by leftists, feminists, blacks, Chicanos and other populations.

Davis, Lennard J. *Resisting Novels: Ideology and Fiction*. New York: Methuen, 1987.
McKeldin Library

**Stacks PN 3353 .D38 1987
(Reserve Desk)**

Explores the impact novels have on its readers and how works of fiction have changed our culture in not so beneficial ways. Notes that novel readers often accept fictional works as reality, rather than ideology that can potentially harm.

Davis, Lennard J. *Factual Fictions: The Origins of the English Novel*. New York: Columbia University Press, 1983.
McKeldin Library

**Stacks PR 851 .D3 1983
(Currently Circulating)**

Chronicles the development of the English novel in the late seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries. Notes that the English novel was born from a blend of history, ideology, news, societal laws, and culture.

-----SELECTED WEBSITES-----

ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Counseling Center Disability Support Service

<http://www.counseling.umd.edu/DSS>

Established in 1976, the Disability Support Service (DSS) of the Counseling Center provides and coordinates direct services for students, faculty, staff, and campus visitors with disabilities. Also, DSS educates the academic community on the needs of people with disabilities, as well as provide disabled individuals with the skills to become effective advocates for themselves within the University community.

Disability Studies

<http://www.lib.umd.edu/guides/disability.html>

This guide will assist researchers seeking to identify print and electronic resources for the study of disabilities and people with disabilities. Coverage includes education, social history and policy, health and medicine, and more. The guide was prepared by Timothy, Hackman, subject area specialist for Linguistics, English Language and Literature.

President's Commission on Disability Issues

<http://president.umd.edu/PCDI>

The President's Commission on Disability Issues (PCDI) was established in 1986. PCDI advises the University President on matters to improve the quality of life for students and employees with disabilities. The Commission seeks to enhance and strengthen campus opportunities and support services for individuals with disabilities. In addition, PCDI work towards identifying and recommending removal of any remaining barriers, as it relates to accessibility to campus buildings and facilities.

Project Biocultures

<http://www.biocultures.org/index2.php>

Lennard J. Davis is Director of Project Biocultures at the University of Illinois in Chicago. The Project promotes research, discussion, and conferences on evolving trends in biocultures, which includes the cultures of disability

studies, the medical sciences, social sciences, area studies, culture studies, biotechnology, the humanities, and the economic and global communities.

Special Education Resources in the University Libraries

<http://lib.umd.edu/guides/edsp.html>

This guide provides information on electronic and print resources useful for research in special education. The publication includes material found in the University of Maryland, College Park Libraries. Among the many resources are databases, internet resources, directories, dictionaries, encyclopedias, and handbooks. Karen Patterson, who is Education Librarian for the University of Maryland at College Park, prepared the Special Education guide.

University Libraries Information & Services for People with Disabilities

<http://www.lib.umd.edu/PUBSERV/disabilities.html>

Staff of the University Libraries is happy to provide research assistance and services for patrons with disabilities. An Adaptive Technology Lab for persons with visual impairments is located on the first floor of McKeldin Library. This guide describes the various services provided by the University Libraries to individuals with disabilities. The publication provides helpful information on retrieving, checking out, and renewing library materials. Also, the guide discusses access to parking lots, entrances (i.e. location of ramps, automatic doors, and elevators), restrooms, public and campus telephones, as well as provides the phone numbers of the University Libraries.

-----CINEMA ABOUT PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES-----

SELECTED FILMS

[The Most Recent Titles Are Listed First]

***Body & Soul.* (2008). DVD Videodisc, (40 minutes). Color.**

UMCP Hornbake Library

Nonprint Media Services Desk

HV 1569.3 W65 B63 2008

(Non-Circulating)

A film about the over thirty year friendship between Diana Braun, who has Down Syndrome, and Kathy Conour, who has cerebral palsy. Describes the two individuals as roommates and political activists.

***The Key of G.* (2007). DVD Videodisc, (59 minutes). Color.**

UMCP Hornbake Library

Nonprint Media Services Desk

HV 1552.3 .K49 2007

(Non-Circulating)

Describes the experiences of Gannet Hosa-Betonte (known as 'G' by friends), a twenty-two year old man with severe disabilities, as he moves from his mother's home to a San Francisco apartment with three musicians and artists.

***Through Deaf Eyes.* (2007). DVD Videodisc, (117 minutes). Color with black and white sequences.**

UMCP Hornbake Library

Nonprint Media Services Desk

HV 2530 .T57 2007

(Non-Circulating)

An exploration of deaf life in America over the past 200 years. Examines what it means to be deaf through the stories of well-known and ordinary people.

***ADHD & LD: Powerful Teaching Strategies and Accommodations.* (2004).**

VHS Videocassette, (53 minutes). Color.

UMCP Shady Grove Library

Reference LC 4713.2 .A34 2004

(Non-Circulating)

Demonstrates successful and proven teaching techniques for students with ADHD and/or learning disabilities that are positive, practical, and educationally sound for use in regular classrooms.

***Autism is a World.* (2004). DVD Videodisc, (40 minutes). Color.**

UMCP Hornbake Library

Nonprint Media Services Desk

RC553.A88 A98 2004

(Non-Circulating)

A documentary about Sue Rubin, who is autistic. Sue was diagnosed and treated as mentally retarded until the age of 13, when she began to communicate using a keyboard. Now she is a junior in college.

***The Americans with Disabilities Act.* (2003). VHS Videocassette, (12 minutes). Color.**

UMCP Shady Grove Library

Reference Desk

KF480.A32 A37 2003

(Non-Circulating)

Larry Paradis, Executive Director of Disability Rights Advocates, explains the importance of litigation in pressuring companies and communities to comply with the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act. Examines are such legal actions actually undermining support for the ADA?

***Kiss My Wheels.* (2002). VHS Videocassette, (57 minutes). Color.**

UMCP Hornbake Library

Nonprint Media Services Desk

GV 886.5 .K57 2002

(Non-Circulating)

A film that follows the Zia Hot Shots, a nationally ranked junior wheelchair basketball team. Follows the team through a season of training and tournament competition.

Special Note: Films@UM is a digital collection of videos that cover a variety of topics. The University of Maryland Libraries at College Park provides remote access (on and off-campus) to this film collection. Anyone with internet access and a PC may view the films while on campus. You must be affiliated with the University in order to view the collection from off-campus. Visit http://www.lib.umd.edu/digital/help_video.jsp for details.

-----CONDUCTING RESEARCH-----

ABOUT PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

[Selected Databases Through Research Port]

Databases listed here are accessible through the University Libraries' Research Port, <http://researchport.umd.edu>. The electronic files can be searched on and off campus by University of Maryland, College Park students, faculty, and staff. Due to licensing agreements, the general public may access the databases on campus only.

Academic Search Premier

Contains full-text articles on a variety of topics, from popular magazines, scholarly journals, and newspapers.

Biological & Medical Sciences

Online access to literature in biomedicine, biotechnology, zoology, ecology, and some aspects of agriculture and veterinary science.

CQ Researcher

Full-text database that provides comprehensive analysis of a wide range of contemporary topics. Includes history and background information, as well as relevant pro & con arguments, and bibliographies.

Education Resource Complete

A comprehensive listing of the world's largest and most complete collection of full-text education journals.

ERIC

Contains information from over 1000 education and education-related journals and non-journal materials. Includes the full-text of more than 2,200 ERIC Digests (short reports on topics of current interest in education).

Family & Society Studies Worldwide

International coverage of family studies, including resources on people with disabilities. Provides access to more than 700,000 citations and abstracts to professional journals, books, book chapters, conference papers, theses, dissertations, and unpublished material.

Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts (LLBA)

Electronic access to speech and language-related resources, including information on disabilities, and people with disabilities.

Medline (EBSCO)

Provides summaries and indexing to approximately 4,600 biomedical journals published in the United States and 70 foreign countries. Subject coverage of the medical fields, including nursing, dentistry, psychiatry, pre-clinical sciences, medical education, health care planning and administration of services, and veterinary medicine.

MLA International Bibliography

Indexes journals, books, essay collections, bibliographies, dissertations, and proceedings published worldwide in the fields of literary criticism, language, linguistics, rhetoric, and folklore. Includes literature related to disabilities.

PAIS International

Worldwide coverage of public affairs and public policy topics, including disability-related social and public policy. Contains references to journal articles, books, government documents, research reports, conference reports and more.

PsycINFO

The most comprehensive access to resources in psychology and related fields, with more than 1.7 million citations and abstracts of journal articles, book chapters and books, technical reports, and dissertations.

Social Sciences Citation Index

Online access to citations of over 17,000 journals covering 50 disciplines, including anthropology, linguistics, sociology, public health, psychology, political science, economics, history, urban studies, and more. Provides cited reference searching.

SocIndex

Electronic access to sociology literature and other social sciences related research. Contains abstracts, indexing, and full-text to books, journal articles, and conference papers.

WorldCat

Worldwide library catalog of books, sound recordings, visual images, internet sites, and other materials.

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REMINDER:

For an online version of this annotated list, visit the following websites:

**Office of the Associate Provost for Equity and Diversity, University of Maryland
<http://www.provost.umd.edu/diversity/provostsconversations.html>**

**University Libraries' Diversity Team Webpage
http://www.lib.umd.edu/groups/diversity/newsevent09_10.html**