Creating Alerts in EBSCO databases

Atla Religion Database
Old Testament Abstracts
New Testament Abstracts

Would you like to know when a particular scholar publishes a new journal article, or when somebody publishes a journal article on a particular topic, or when a scholarly journal publishes a new issue?

EBSCO Alerts is the tool for you.

You can request that EBSCO automatically run a particular search every month and send the results to you by email. This allows you to keep up with the latest scholarship.

- 1. Do a search in one of the EBSCO databases. This is the search which you want run automatically every month.
- 2. Click on Save Searches / Alerts
- 3. In order to use this service, you have to log in. If this is your first time, click on Create a new Account.
- 3. Once you are logged in to your account, click on the radio button next to GAlert.
- 4. Since these databases are only updated quarterly, choose "Once a month" for frequency and "Six months" for the article publication limit.
- 5. Usually a brief record provides you with sufficient information about the articles.
- 6. You can ask EBSCO to send you an email which includes a list of the articles, or an email with a link to a search result list.
- 7. Once you have set up your alert, it will run for one year. If you want it to continue longer, you will have to set up a new alert.

Searching for articles from a particular journal:

- 1. Click on Indexes.
- 2. In the Browse an Index: box, select "Journal Title".
- 3. In the Browse for: box, type the first part of the journal title you want.
- 4. Click on Browse.
- 5. Click on the box next to the title you want.
- 6. Click on Add.
- 7. Click on Search at the top of the page.
- 8. The search result list shows the most recent articles from the journal. You can now click on Save Searches / Alerts to save this search as an alert.

Searching for articles by a particular author:

Follow the steps above for a journal search, but choose "Author" in the **Browse an Index:** box. Make sure that you type the author's *last* name first.

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