

SOMMERVOGEL ARCHIVE: Explanations of the field by Dr. Michael Donahue

A few words about the fields:

Authors: Names are separated by semi-colons; there is no ampersand (&) before the last name. I prefer to give the full names of all authors, and do so when I can.

Year: When a date is hyphenated (1975-1976), as is done by journals like *Omega: Journal of Death and Dying*, it "sorts" as a higher number than "single" dates.

Article: The title in its original language is given first; translations of the title into English appear in brackets. Title of theses and dissertations appear in this field.

Addl page info: "Additional page information" shows "additional pages" when the pagination is non-continuous, and "supplement" when that is the case. This simplifies sorting tasks.

Book length: Only for (a few) books, not anthologies.

doi / ISBN: This is also a new field. When available, I give the "digital object identifier" which serves as the ISBN for articles on the internet. In theory, it is an identifier which will be attached to the article, come what may with URL formats. ISBN are listed infrequently.

ProQuest: the identifier for dissertations and theses in the ProQuest database.

Type of Degree: Completed only for dissertations and theses.

Both *Language* and *Type of Source* are drop-down lists, helpful if , for example, you want to restrict the search to English-language journal articles.

Series, subtitles: The series to which a book belongs is placed here, even in those cases in which APA format would require it to begin the title of the book. Lengthy subtitles, or the original source of published proceedings are also placed here.

Notes: primarily contains errata

Summary: In about 6,000 fields, the name (Blasi) appears here; these are summaries provided by Anthony Blasi who allowed me to incorporate his earlier work on a similar project into this one. Other summaries are attributed to other authors, or to the publisher's catalogs.

Other sources: In general, the oldest source (e.g., an article) is presented as the record in the archive and later sources (e.g., anthologies) are listed here.

Topic: Also a drop-down list. Helpful, but far from complete; only about a third of the entries have topics, and the topic list is far from exhaustive. Check this list before starting your search to see if your topic is available. At least 100 articles on a given topic had to be in the archive before a topic name was produced; otherwise it is simpler to just search *Articles* or *Source*.

Contents: As in table of. There are only 250 of these, so far.