PERMANENT LINKS TO ARTICLES ONLINE

People often think that they can just capture the link to an article in a database by copying the URL at the top of the web page, such as this one for an article in JSTOR:

http://www.jstor.org/stable/4495383?&Search=yes&searchText=georgia&searchText=carrollton&list=hide&searchUri=%2Faction%2FdoAdvancedSearch%3Fq0%3Dcarrollton%26f0%3Dall%26c1%3DAND%26q1%3Dgeorgia%26f1%3Dall%26acc%3Don%26wc%3Don%26fc%3Doff%26Search%3DSearch%26sd%3D%26ed%3D%26la%3D%26pt%3D%26isbn%3D&prevSearch=&item=2&ttl=2351&returnArticleService=showFullText&resultItemClick=true

That is actually a link to a search result, what we call a dynamic link—and it is usually only good for the few moments you are on that page; sending such a link to a friend will not get them anything.

What you need is the permalink or stable URL—which is provided along with the article information, but sometimes you have to really search for it.

Examples:

- JSTOR: the stable URL can be found in very small print at the top of the Article Summary.
- EBSCO databases: after you click on the title of an article to bring up the description, look over on the
far right side to find the Permalink for the article. Click on it, and you will see it at the top of the next page.

- **Project Muse:** once you have found an article you want and click on the title, you actually CAN copy the URL up at the top of your web browser.
- **Every database is different,** so if you aren’t sure you’ve found the permanent link to your article, call 678-839-6495 (Library Reference) for assistance.

**VERY IMPORTANT:** If you want any of these type of links to work off-campus, you must add the Library’s proxy server link in front of the permanent URL for the article—otherwise, your links will only work on-campus!

The proxy server link is: [http://ts.isil.westga.edu/login?url=](http://ts.isil.westga.edu/login?url=)
It must be inserted directly in front of the article URL, with no spaces between it and the article URL, or it won’t work.