

# THE H. W. WILSON FOUNDATION

## Press Release

H. W. Wilson Foundation announces a cooperative effort with EBSCO and the Congregational Library and Archives to digitize ***American Doctoral Dissertations 1933-1955™***, originally published by the H. W. Wilson Company.

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*American Doctoral Dissertations 1933-1955* includes approximately 100,000 dissertations from 1933 through 1955. This print index was compiled annually by the H.W. Wilson Company for the National Research Council and The American Council of Learned Societies by the Association of Research Libraries. The content in *American Doctoral Dissertations 1933-1955* represents the only comprehensive record of dissertations accepted by U.S. universities during that period of time.

H. W. Wilson Foundation President, Harold Regan, says offering an online database of these records will allow universities to reclaim bibliographic control of U.S. dissertations. “*American Doctoral Dissertations 1933-1955* is the only searchable index available of dissertations published during the 1930s to 1950s. This is a great place to start to expose this important content, which we believe will be of great assistance to information professionals.”

EBSCO Senior Vice President of Business Development, Mark Herrick says by digitizing the database and making it available for free, EBSCO is providing a new way to access scholarly writing for a vital time period in American history. “*American Doctoral Dissertations 1933-1955* pulls together dissertations in a single freely database, making it simple for people to find this previously hidden valuable content.”

EBSCO has made the database freely available to researchers on the open Web worldwide at [www.OpenDissertations.com](http://www.OpenDissertations.com). The database is searchable by fields that include dissertation title, author and school.

EBSCO is hosting *American Doctoral Dissertations 1933-1955* on the EBSCOhost® platform and the content is available via *EBSCO Discovery Service™*. The [EBSCO Support Site](#) contains information to help librarians learn more about adding the database to their EBSCOhost profiles.

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## **About the Congregational Library & Archives**

Founded in 1853, the Congregational Library and Archives serves professional scholars, graduate students, and genealogists who use the resources of our historical collections. Its digital collections including Colonial-era church records and manuscripts are accessible through its website to anyone.

<http://www.congregationallibrary.org/>

## **About the H.W. Wilson Foundation**

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