Library Resources Workshop:
Women’s Studies 387Q:
Women in Society: Cultural Images

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Introduction

- Quality of your paper depends on:
  - a topic you choose
  - resources you use [we will talk about it more today]

- Why do you need to use library resources?
  - A library owns, license & borrow for you the authoritative scholarly materials written by experts, educators, writers, scientists & scholars
  - An academic library is a trustful source of information
Resources to Use

- **Class reading** is a major source of ideas, authors, terms, and concepts
- The **best scholarly monographs and articles** (*look at the number of citations in Google Scholar*)
- **Respectful publishers** (*universities, scholarly publishing houses, research centers*)
- **Reference books**: encyclopedias, indexes & bibliographies, periodicals abstracts (online & printed)
How to choose a resource

- Your topic will help you to choose a resource
- Write down your topic, title, research question or statement, a short summary or abstract
- Select important terms, unique names of people, places, groups, organizations as keywords and key phrases
Group Exercise 1: Read your Topic—Select Keywords – Build your Search

- **Read** your research statement
- **Select** keywords
  - Ex.1: Does being a slave prohibit being seen as feminine? Kw: SLAVE FEMININE
  - Ex.2: Cultural images of women
- **Analyze** selected keywords: do they names or terms? Do these name/terms unique?
  - Ex.: Aristotle vs Smith (unique and common personal names as keywords)
  - Ex.: “Muslim Asian Woman” (a three word term)
  - Ex.: “New momism” (unique term)
Group Exercise 1: Read your Topic—
Select Keywords – Build your Search

- Search Technique:
- use “and” to search two and more keywords:
  - Ex: slave and feminine
- use **quotes** to search exact phrase:
  - Ex.: “Muslim Asian women”
- Use **question mark** to include word variants
  - Ex.: slave and femini? (will search feminine, feminism, and feminist)
  - Muslim and Asian and wom?n (will search woman and women)
What to Search? Major Resources

- The WSU Libraries Women’s Studies Webpage: a list of major Women’s Studies resources (all online resources accessible from this page)
- The University online catalog: books, journals, videos, gov.docs (electronic books & documents you can read online): advantage: subject searches
- eDatabases: find articles and read them online
- Library Women’s Studies collection on the shelves: A very good choice of printed books and journals
- Electronic reference books: access from the Women’s Studies website
- Google Scholar is a good starting point for article and research monographs: advantage: shows how many people cite the source; show related articles
Women’s Studies Library Webpage:
http://library.wichita.edu/socsci/women.html

- Include links to major reference resources: printed and electronic: databases, journals and digitized special collections
- Also Include Library workshop handouts (.pdf)

You need to have myWSU ID and Password to access some electronic journals & databases
Exercise 2: Use Your Search—Find Literature in the Library Catalog

- [http://libcat.wichita.edu](http://libcat.wichita.edu)
- To find books search catalog using: “keyword anywhere” search

**Search:**
- Ex.: “women and culture and image” [33 titles]
- Ex.: “women and cultur? and image” [45 titles]
- Ex.: “[Women in culture and society](http://libcat.wichita.edu)” [series 53 titles]
Exercise 2: Use Your Search—Find Literature in the Library Catalog (cont’)

Retrieve a record, look at Subjects

Ex.: You found Title: Writing the feminine: women in Arab sources / edited by Manuela Marín and Randi Deguilhem.

The record has several Subjects:

- Muslim women --History.
- Women in Islam.
- Women --Legal status, laws, etc. (Islamic law)
- Arabic literature --History and criticism.

Click: Women in Islam to retrieve all resources on this topic. BROWSE SUBJECTS INDEX IN CATALOG
Exercise 2: Use Your Search—Find Literature in the Library Catalog (cont’)

- Our catalog includes links to Amazon.com
- Check Amazon.com For: Book Reviews, Cover Images, etc. (Commercial site not endorsed by WSU)
- Check Amazon to read inside the book if available; reviews and reader’s comments
- Look also at “key phrases” links (can give you more ideas how to develop your topic)
Google Scholar is an excellent source for review paper because it includes citations and related articles.

Ex.: Search Women in Islam

[BOOK] Women and Islam: an historical and theological enquiry
F Mernissi - 1991 - Blackwell
Cited by 39 - Related Articles - Web Search - Library Search

BOOK] Women and gender in Islam
Cited by 149 - Related Articles - Web Search
Use Your Search—Find Literature in the eDatabases

- Library subscribes over 155 databases
- [http://library.wichita.edu/colldev/databases/womensdb.htm](http://library.wichita.edu/colldev/databases/womensdb.htm) (Women’s Studies databases)
- Search CWI (Contemporary Women’s Issue) for “Women in Islam”: 197 titles
- Search Signs for “Women in Islam”: 38 titles
Search Technique: CWI

- WICHITA STATE UNIV  CWI Basic Search
- Enter search terms in one or more boxes and click on Search.
- **Home**  **Databases**  **Searching**  **Staff View**  |  **My Account**  |  **Options**  |  **Comments**  |  **Exit**  |  **Hide tips**  |  **Basic Search**  |  **Advanced Search**  |  **Expert Search**  |  **Previous Searches**

Intro
News
Help Current database: **CWI**

- **Search in database:**  (Updated: 2006-11-13)
- Contemporary Women's Issues (health and human rights)
  Keyword  Author  Book Title

- **English**  |  **Español**  |  **Français**  |  _  |  _  |  _  |  _  |  _  |  _  |  **Options**  |  Comments  |  **Exit**  © 1992-2006 OCLC
How to Cite Library Resources

Some helpful links:

- [http://www.uah.edu/library/turnitin/studentsourcecite.htm](http://www.uah.edu/library/turnitin/studentsourcecite.htm)
- [http://garnet.fsu.edu/~phensel/citation.html](http://garnet.fsu.edu/~phensel/citation.html)
- [http://library.wichita.edu/reference/virtref.html#citation](http://library.wichita.edu/reference/virtref.html#citation)
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