Library Resources Workshop:
Women’s Studies 580N:
Gender, Race & Knowledge

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Introduction

- Quality of your paper depends on:
  - a topic you choose [you have already have it]
  - 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
What resources are appropriate to cite in a research paper?

- **No.1**: Scholarly monographs and/or scholarly articles published in peer-reviewed journals

- **No.2**: Reference materials (encyclopedias, dictionaries, etc.) are good source to get a “big picture” and to learn about your topic
How to choose a resource

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

Example 1: a paper on *Malcolm X* that examines his relationship to the *Middle East* and how his travel to *Saudi Arabia* and *Egypt* impacted his thinking

**Keywords:** [Stop words are as a noise; the best keywords are unique]
- “Malcolm X” – unique name
- “Middle East” – region and cultural entity
- “Saudi Arabia”, “Egypt” – geographic names

**Search:** Use quotations for exact term; use Boolean operators, especially “and”; use synonyms to improve result
- “Malcolm X” and “Middle East”
- “Malcolm X” and “Saudi Arabia”
- “Malcolm X” and Islam
Exercise 1: Read your Topic—Select Keywords—Construct Search (cont’)

Example 2: a paper on the representation of Muslim women in Western feminist discourse

Keywords: wild cards * ? (read Help)

- “Muslim women”, West*, feminis*

Search: Muslim and women and West* and feminis*

Example 3: a paper on the way Middle Eastern anthropology has dovetailed with "Orientalism" as it has been defined and analyzed by Edward Said

Keywords: Edward Said, Orientalism, Middle Eastern anthropology

Search: Edward Said --search as Author and/or Subject

Orientalism – search as Subject, and/or Keyword
Academic Resources to Choose

1. Authors, names, terms, concepts, subjects, sources recommended by your instructor
2. The best scholarly monographs and articles (look at Google Scholar for the most sited)
3. Respectful publishers (universities, scholarly publishing houses, research centers)
4. Sources recommended by reference books: encyclopedias, indexes & bibliographies, periodicals abstracts (online & printed)

Example: Feminist Theory Website includes a list of Women’s Studies Professors and bibliography of their works
Where to Look to Find Literature

- 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: find printed & electronic books (ebooks you can read online)
- 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
Women’s Studies Library Webpage:

http://library.wichita.edu/socsci/women.html

Includes following sections:
Printed Reference Resources (links to catalogs)
Electronic Reference Books (link to full text)
Electronic Journals (link to all, groups, and individual electronic journals)
Major and Specialized Internet Resources
Women’s Studies Programs (links provided)
Google Scholar (citation and full text scholarly literature)
Google Book (full text of old books and some pages of copyrighted books)

You need to have myWSU ID and Password to access some electronic journals & databases from home and on campus
Library Catalog has all you need
http://libcat.wichita.edu

To find electronic books use search: “keyword anywhere”

Type: keyword and NetLibrary

Ex.: “Malcolm X” and NetLibrary (2)
Ex.: “Muslim Women” and NetLibrary (6)
Ex.: “Middle Eastern anthropology” and NetLibrary
Library Catalog has all you need (cont’)
http://libcat.wichita.edu

- To find printed books use:
  - **Title search** if you know EXACT title
  - **Title keyword search** if you know a couple of words in your title
  - **Subject browsing** if you want to explore your topic or find the topic
  - **Call Number search**: Women Studies range of numbers: HQ1101 -- HQ2044
    HQ1413.A-Z – Individual Feminists
Find Books in a WSU Library Catalog: 
http://libcat.wichita.edu

**Subject Search** to Use Narrow your Topic

- Islamic countries Foreign public opinion, European.
- Middle East study and teaching (7 titles)
- Muslim women—Attitudes
- Feminism—Arab countries
- Orientalism (6 titles)
- Feminist criticism (92 titles)
- Women’s studies
Library of Congress Catalog

- Find author:
  - Gordon, Deborah A., 1956-
  - Said, Edward W.

- Find resources searching by subject(s):
  - Islam—Public opinion (32 titles)
  - Islam—Public opinion--History (3 titles)
  - United States--Foreign public opinion, Muslim.
  - United States--Foreign public opinion, Arab (10 titles)
  - Iran--Foreign public opinion, American (2)
Find Articles in eDatabases

First Search:

- CWI, Ebooks results for: (kw: muslim and kw: women) and kw: western. Records found: 56
  By database: CWI (46) Ebooks (10)

- CWI, Ebooks results for: (kw: muslim and kw: women) and kw: orientalism. Records found: 12
  By database: CWI (12) Ebooks (0)
Find scholarly literature in Google Scholar & Google Books

- [http://scholar.google.com](http://scholar.google.com)
- [http://books.google.com](http://books.google.com)

You can read old books in Google

You can find new books too, but they protected by copyright so Google gives you read some pages, table of content and index
Exercise 2: Use Your Search—Find Literature

Search following sites for Muslim and women and West and feminism

- Google Scholar [exclude word “and” from your search]
- Google Books [exclude word “and” from your search]
- CWI database [exclude word “women”]
- WSU Catalog [exclude word “feminism”]
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://www.iaresearchguide.com/styleguides.html](http://www.iaresearchguide.com/styleguides.html)
- [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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