GSWS 312: Immigrant Women and Transnational Migration

Library Workshop

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Objectives

- Develop a search strategy for your topic
- Use a database to find scholarly articles
- Use the Catalogue Search to find books
- Find podcasts
Who might publish

- Scholars
- Government
- Associations
- News Media
- Non-governmental organizations (NGOs)
- Other
Brainstorming

- Ask questions about your topic
- Identify key terms that describe your research concepts
- Identify synonyms & related words for each key concept
- Combine different sets of keywords
Employment of visible minorities in Canada

Concept 1: employment OR jobs OR work

Concept 2: visible minorities OR women of color
               OR immigrants OR race OR ethnicity
               OR [name of a visible minority group]

Concept 3: Canada OR British Columbia OR BC
**Boolean logic (OR, AND)**

In this search, the results list will contain citations that have at least one word from each of the three concepts

**Concept 1:** (employment OR jobs OR work)

**AND**

**Concept 2:** (visible minorities OR women of color OR immigrants OR race OR ethnicity OR [name of a visible minority group])

**AND**

**Concept 3:** (Canada OR British Columbia OR BC)
Truncation & Phrase searching

Use asterisk (*) to search for variations of a word

- **employ** will find: employer(s), employment, employer(s)

- Use quotation marks “_ _ _” to search for phrases
  - “visible minorit*”, “women of color”
Using truncation and quotation marks

Concept 1: employ* OR job* OR work*

Concept 2: “visible minorit*” OR “women of color” OR immigrant* OR race OR ethnic* OR [name of a visible minority group]

Concept 3: Canad* OR “British Columbia” OR BC

Other concepts:
(wage* OR pay OR benefit*)
(discriminat* OR racis*)
(underemploy* OR “devaluation of credential*”)
Exercise (4 mins)

- Write down your research topic
- Write down **some questions** about your topic
- **Underline keywords** that describe your key concepts
- **Write down synonyms** (or related words) for each key concept
Databases for scholarly articles

- **Women's Studies International** Key database for issues related to women or gender.

- **Academic Search Premier** -- Covers many GSWS journals. "Limit" search results to "academic" or "scholarly" sources.

- **CBCA Complete** - covers scholarly journals, magazines, and newspapers. Limit results to "scholarly" or "academic".

- **ProQuest Sociology Collection** - International literature in sociology. Searches multiple databases including: Applied Social Science Index, ProQuest Sociology Database, Social Services Abstracts, and Sociological Abstracts.
Catalogue Search - find books, articles, reports, films and more


- When using the one-line search box, the “Basic search”, the Boolean operators (OR, AND) must be in capital letters

- When using the “Advanced” search (link is on the right hand-side of the default, one-line search box), enter the terms for each concept on a separate line, joined by a capital “OR”
Find “Grey” Literature

- Government agencies
- Advocacy groups
- Non-governmental organizations (NGOs)
- Industry, trade or professional organizations

**Using Google custom searches for grey literature**

- NGO search engine
  - China (grasslands OR rangelands OR pasture)

- IGO search engine
  - China (grasslands OR rangelands OR pasture)
Evaluate Information

- Is the author a recognized expert in the area?
- Does the information seem credible based on other sources that you've read?
- Who is the intended audience for this resource?
- How recently was this resource published or last updated?
- Are the author's sources clearly cited (are there references or a bibliography)?
Cite Sources

• **Citation & Style Guides** (APA, MLA, Chicago, etc.)

• Citation Management Software
  • Zotero
    http://www.lib.sfu.ca/find/research-tools/citation-software
  • For help, email
    citation-managers@sfu.ca

• **Understanding and avoiding plagiarism**
  http://www.lib.sfu.ca/help/academic-integrity/plagiarism-tutorial
"Mine" the bibliography

Check the bibliography of relevant sources to find additional citations.

To see if the library owns a particular journal or a book:

- Search for journal name using the A-Z journal list
- Search for the title of the book using the “Browse by title” link in Catalogue Search
SFU Inter-Library Loans Service (ILL)

- If full-text of an article is *not* within a database,
  - Click on the “Get@SFU” icon to find the full-text or to initiate an Inter-Library Loans request (free to you)

Alternatively, use the form, below, to request something through ILL service.

- **Citation Finder/ILL Tab** (just above search box in Catalogue Search)
  - To initiate an ILL request, “Sign-in” using your SFU Computing ID and SFU Password
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