Research Resources for Graduate Students in Gender Studies
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Queen’s University Library Homepage: http://library.queensu.ca

Connect from Off-Campus http://proxy.queensu.ca/
Access to the Library’s electronic subscriptions (e-books, e-journals, indexes and databases) is restricted to current Queen’s students, faculty and staff. When connecting from off-campus, sign in with your NetID.

Research by Subject – Gender Studies: http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/womens-and-gender-studies
A selective guide to key information resources for Gender Studies.

Services for Graduate Students: http://library.queensu.ca/services/grads

Figure 1: Library Homepage library.queensu.ca
Queen’s Library Collections

There are six campus libraries in five physical locations http://library.queensu.ca/library/overview:

Stauffer Library (Business, Humanities and Social Science, Art Collection) – houses the majority of the gender studies collection
Maps, Data, Government Information Centre (Stauffer library, lower level)

Bracken Health Sciences Library
Education Library
Lederman Law Library
Engineering and Science (Douglas Library)
W.D. Jordan Special Collections and Music Library (Douglas Library)

Purchase Suggestions

The Library welcomes your suggestions for new book purchases. Requests can be sent to your liaison librarian (Sylvia Andrychuk) at andrychs@queensu.ca or to Dr. Jane Tolmie, Departmental Library Representative tolmiej@queensu.ca.

Research Tools: Summon

Search across the library catalogue and many of our electronic resources, all from one search box. Summon contains everything found in the traditional QCAT Library Catalogue, plus millions of full-text articles available from the Library. Can be a useful search tool for interdisciplinary topics – use the subject facets available within Summon to narrow down your search results.

The Graduate Study Room is located on the 3rd Floor of Stauffer Library. Stauffer Library also offers a limited number of study carrels for graduate students – ask at the Circulation Desk.

Figure 2: The Summon search box on the library homepage http://library.queensu.ca/summon
Research Tools: Library Catalogue (QCAT)

Search the library catalogue (QCAT) to find materials (such as books, videos, journals, newspapers and government documents) available, in print and online, at Queen’s University Library. Individual articles are not listed in QCAT.

- Search by **Author**: last name first name
- Search by **Title**: omit initial articles (the, a, an, le, la...)
- Search by **Journal (Periodical) Title**: e.g. signs
- Search by **Keyword** (“and” is automatically placed between words)
- Search by **Keyword Boolean**:

To narrow the scope of your search you can join together your search terms (keywords) using special sets of predefined words, known as “Boolean operators.” Boolean operators are used to indicate the relationship(s) between words/concepts. They are: [and, or, not, “a phrase”]. In addition, there are special characters (such as “?” for truncating) that allow you to perform more sophisticated searches.

Tips for searching the library catalogue, QCAT, can be found in the Help section of QCAT. Various “how-to” guides and video tutorials are also available: [http://library.queensu.ca/help/guides](http://library.queensu.ca/help/guides)

Research Tools: Reference Materials

When seeking authoritative background information consult specialized dictionaries, handbooks, encyclopedias and companions. Reference works are listed in QCAT and Summon and selected reference works in Gender Studies are listed on the Gender Studies library research guide [http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/gender-studies](http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/gender-studies).

Below are some recommended electronic reference tools particularly strong in the humanities and social sciences:

**Blackwell Reference Online** [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/7711](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/7711)
Companions, handbooks, dictionaries and guides from across the social sciences and humanities.
Oxford Bibliographies Online [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/8660](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/8660)
OBO lists books, journals, primary documents, web resources, and multimedia in various discipline-based subject modules. Can also be cross searched for gender-related topics.

Oxford Handbooks Online [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/10566](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/10566)
Consists of review essays that evaluate the current thinking on a field or topic, and make an original argument about the future direction of the debate.

**Research Tools: Article Indexes and Databases**

Search indexes and databases to find journal articles, citations to books, theses, conference proceedings and more. The library subscribes to over 650 article indexes and databases and over 80,000 electronic journals and newspapers.

Each academic discipline has its own specialized article indexes, which index the core literature of that discipline (and often relevant topics from related-disciplines). Library subject guides list core and related recommended databases for each discipline: [http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/womens-and-gender-studies/article-indexes](http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/womens-and-gender-studies/article-indexes)

The **Gender Studies Database** is the largest discipline-specific database in Gender Studies.

Multidisciplinary databases index a greater number of publications than discipline-specific databases, and they allow you to search across the disciplines. **Academic Search Complete** is one such example.

**Summon** is the largest of our library databases and searches across the library catalogue and many of our electronic resources, all from one search box.

**Accessing Indexes and Databases**

You can access article indexes and databases from the Gender Studies Research Guide: [http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/womens-and-gender-studies/article-indexes](http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/womens-and-gender-studies/article-indexes), or, use the **Databases Tab** on the library homepage, where you can enter the name of the database you wish to search, or browse databases by subject (via More Database Options):
Due to its interdisciplinary nature, there are many indexes and databases relevant to the study of gender and women’s studies.

**Gender and Women’s Studies:**

**Gender Studies Database:** [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3186](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3186)
Combined Women’s Studies International database with the Men’s Studies database. Indexes scholarly and popular journals covering gender-engaged scholarship. Publication coverage is from 1972 to present.

**LGBT Life with Full Text** [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3126](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3126)
Comprehensive index (with abstracts and links to full-text) to articles, books and reference works relating to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender issues. Publication coverage is from 1953 to present.

Given the scope of Gender Studies, and depending on your research topic, you will want to consult the subject databases in other relevant disciplines such as Aboriginal Studies, Art, Global Development Studies, History, Literature, Political Studies, Sociology, and so on. Use the Subject Guides on the library homepage [http://library.queensu.ca/research/subjects](http://library.queensu.ca/research/subjects) to locate other useful resources.

**Multidisciplinary Databases:**

**Academic Search Complete** [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3404](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3404)
A multidisciplinary index (with abstracts) to more than 10,900 publications including peer-reviewed journals, popular magazines, conference proceedings, monographs and reports.

**Google Scholar** [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2998](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2998)
Use the Google search engine to locate articles from a wide variety of academic publishers, professional societies, preprint repositories and universities, as well as scholarly articles published on the "open" web. By searching Google Scholar through the Queen’s web proxy (using the link provided above) the “Get it at Queen’s” citation linker is activated (which allows you to click through to the Library’s subscriptions). To activate importing to the RefWorks citation database, click on “Settings”. In “Library Links” ensure Queen’s University Library is selected and in “Bibliography Manager”, choose RefWorks. Save Preferences.
Indexes to Non-Mainstream Publications

Alternative Press Index http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/5129
Interdisciplinary index to alternative, radical and left periodicals, newspapers and magazines.

An interdisciplinary, bilingual (English and Spanish) and comprehensive full text database of newspapers, magazines and journals from ethnic, minority and native presses.

Left Index http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2809
An index to the diverse literature of the left, with emphasis on political, economic, social and culturally engaged scholarship inside and outside academia.

Strategies for Effective Database Searching:

- Start your search with the obvious keywords or search terms. Also think of synonyms, alternate spellings, other terms or phrases to express the same concepts.
- Each database has different syntax requirements. Consult the “Help” or “Search Tips” section to get the most out of your searches.
- Most research databases have direct links to full-text if we subscribe to the journal. Use Getit@Queens to follow links to the text of an article or to QCAT (library catalogue). In QCAT use the “Journal Title Exact” option to check if Queen’s Library subscribes to the publication.
- Print, save or email your search results and articles.
- Import your citations to RefWorks to manage your research results.

Citation Indexes

Citation indexes allow you to trace the evolution of an idea from one author’s paper backward using its bibliography and forward (to determine who is citing whom) using cited reference searching. Consult the Library guide to conducting a cited reference search: Cited Reference Searching in the Social Sciences and Humanities for details.

Google Scholar and discipline-specific databases provide links to cited references within their databases; the databases listed below specialize in cited reference searching:

Arts and Humanities Citation Index: http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2697
Social Sciences Citation Index: http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2927

Research Tools: Electronic Books
Most of the library’s electronic books are listed in QCAT and Summon, but you may also search the ebook packages directly: http://library.queensu.ca/research/ebooks/. Please note that when
searching e-book collections directly you may encounter titles in the collection to which Queen’s does not have access. You can request a print copy of the title through interlibrary loan (RACER).

Collections of note include:

**ebrary** [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/5298](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/5298)
Search and browse access to the full-text of books from scholarly publishers.

**eDuke Books Scholarly Collection** [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/7969](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/7969)
Humanities and social sciences books published by Duke University Press (mostly recently published, some backlist).

**MyiLibrary** [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3422](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3422)
Cover-to-cover search and browse access to the full-text of books from various academic publishers.

**Scholars Portal Books** [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/8746](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/8746)
Large multidisciplinary collection of ebooks from various publishers.

**University Press Scholarship Online** [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/10327](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/10327)

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### Research Tools: Research Methods

The subject heading in QCAT for books on conducting research is research - methodology. To locate books specifically on research methods involved in women's studies, the subject heading is: women - research – methodology

The library also subscribes to a specialized full text research methods database:

**Sage Research Methods Online** [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/8416](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/8416)

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### Research Tools: Queen’s Library Journal Collections

The Library subscribes to hundreds of journals relevant to the field of gender studies. Individual journal titles are listed in QCAT. When you know the title of a journal you are looking for, perform a journal title search in QCAT to determine its location (either in print, on the 2nd floor of Stauffer library, or online).

A shortcut to the journal title search in QCAT is available on the **Journals A-Z** tab on the library homepage:
Current Awareness

Alerting, current awareness or table of contents services are designed to assist researchers in keeping up-to-date with current literature in a discipline. A number of databases and electronic journals provide automated alerting services based on your search profile or search strategy. Depending on the service, you may receive emailed tables of contents of your chosen journals, or a list of individual article citations.

Images and Multimedia

Resources for Images: [http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/finding-images](http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/finding-images)
Guide includes library subscription databases such as ARTStor as well as freely available image banks.

Multimedia (Online Videos)

The library subscribes to several databases of online (streaming) videos, including:

- Curio.ca (Canadian, news, documentaries)
- Films on Demand (organized thematically, contains videos from Films for the Humanities)
- NFB.ca (Canadian, documentaries)
- Coming soon – Criterion on Demand (feature films)

A list of all subscription databases containing online video content is available at [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/t/852](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/t/852).

Multimedia (DVDs/VHS/Streaming Online)

In QCAT, perform a keyword or keyword Boolean search on your topic and limit results to Videos/DVDs/Streaming video. In Summon, use the **Content Type** facet to locate video recordings. The multimedia collection in Stauffer is located on the main floor, behind the Reference Collection.
Primary Sources and E-Text Collections

The Library subscribes to a considerable number of specialized digital primary source collections. A complete list of collections for the humanities and social sciences can be found at: http://library.queensu.ca/inforef/ebooks.htm

Subscriptions include:

**British and Irish Women’s Letters and Diaries**
http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3084
The experiences of approximately 500 women, as revealed in over 100,000 pages of diaries and letters spanning more than 300 years.

**Black Thought and Culture**
http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3083
Contains the full text of almost 800 sources, including the non-fiction published works of leading African Americans as well as interviews, journal articles, letters and other material.

**Defining Gender**
http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3957
Collection of original source material from British and European archives to support study and analysis of gender, leisure and consumer culture. Includes manuscripts, printed works and illustrations organized into 5 thematic areas: Conduct and Politeness; Domesticity and the Family; Consumption and Leisure; Education and Sensibility; and The Body.

**North American Women’s Letters and Diaries**
http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3091
The experiences of approximately 1,300 women, as revealed in over 150,000 pages of diaries and letters from colonial times to 1950.

**Social Theory**
http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3378
Full-text e-book collection of influential writings representing the most important trends of sociological thought. Included in the more than 150,000 pages of searchable content are works by such theorists as Jane Addams, Simone de Beauvoir, Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Stuart Hall, Michel Foucault, Jean Baudrillard and many more. Time coverage: 18th century – present.

**Underground and Independent Comics**
http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/8356
The first ever scholarly, primary source database focusing on adult comic books and graphic novels.
Vogue Archive [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/10431](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/10431)
A unique record of American and international fashion, culture and society from the dawn of the modern era to the present day. Coverage is from 1892 – present.

Women and Social Movements in the United States
[http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3093](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3093)
Covers a wide range of primary and secondary documents, a dictionary of social movements and organizations, a chronology of U.S. women’s history, as well as images and links to other websites.

News Resources

Queen’s Library subscribes to local, regional, national and international news databases. These databases provide significant date coverage (unlike the free news sites on the web) and allow for a variety of search capabilities ideal for academic-level research. Consult the guide to major news indexes and full-text news resources at Queen’s Library [http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/news-resources](http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/news-resources).

Maps, Data & Government Information

Government Information [http://library.queensu.ca/gov](http://library.queensu.ca/gov)
Library holdings emphasize Canadian, American, United Kingdom and international documents, with smaller collections for Commonwealth and other foreign countries. The Library is an official depository for publications of the Government of Canada, the Province of Ontario, the European Union, and the United Nations.

Data [http://library.queensu.ca/data](http://library.queensu.ca/data)
Data is frequently acquired in electronic format and made available through the services of the Social Sciences Data Centre within the Documents area in Stauffer Library. Data resources of note include: Statistics Canada, polling data from the Canadian Opinion Research Archive, and US and International data from the International Consortium for Political and Social Science Research.

The Map Library, Government Documents and the Social Sciences Data Centre are located on the Lower Level of Stauffer Library.

Dissertations and Theses

Guide to Finding Theses and Dissertations
[http://library.queensu.ca/research/format/finding-theses](http://library.queensu.ca/research/format/finding-theses)

Information about Electronic Theses and Dissertations at Queen’s
[http://library.queensu.ca/webir/e-theses/sgs-index.html](http://library.queensu.ca/webir/e-theses/sgs-index.html)

*Prepare and Write a Thesis at Queen’s*
[http://library.queensu.ca/help/theses](http://library.queensu.ca/help/theses)
Citing and Managing Your Sources

Citation and Style Guides [http://library.queensu.ca/help/cite-sources](http://library.queensu.ca/help/cite-sources)

RefWorks is an online citation manager available to all Queen’s students, staff and faculty. See [http://library.queensu.ca/help/refworks](http://library.queensu.ca/help/refworks) for more information and to create your account.

Borrowing Privileges, Interlibrary Loan and Other Library Catalogues

Graduate Student Borrowing Privileges
- various loan periods including term loan (subject to recall)
- may borrow an unlimited number of books, subject to recall
- inter university borrowing privileges [http://library.queensu.ca/services/borrowing/reciprocal](http://library.queensu.ca/services/borrowing/reciprocal)

For books and articles not owned by Queen’s Library, request items through Interlibrary Loans (RACER): [http://library.queensu.ca/services/interlibrary](http://library.queensu.ca/services/interlibrary)

Searching library collections beyond Queen’s? A list of other library catalogues can be found here: [http://library.queensu.ca/services/interlibrary](http://library.queensu.ca/services/interlibrary)

WorldCat (short for World Catalogue) [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2918](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2918) and Google Book Search ([http://books.google.com/](http://books.google.com/)) are excellent tools for discovering other books on your topic. Request item(s) through RACER.

Queen’s University Library is also a member of the Center for Research Libraries [http://www.crl.edu/](http://www.crl.edu/). The CRL catalogue is located at [http://catalog.crl.edu/](http://catalog.crl.edu/). CRL materials can be requested through RACER (on the RACER request form, note that the item is at CRL).

Getting Help

Research Help
Stauffer Library Research Help Desk [http://library.queensu.ca/inforef/hours/index.html](http://library.queensu.ca/inforef/hours/index.html)

I am also available by appointment:
Sylvia Andrychuk, Gender Studies Liaison Librarian, andrychs@queensu.ca