GNDS 120: Women, Gender, Difference
Research Resources

Library Homepage http://library.queensu.ca

Stauffer Library Homepage http://library.queensu.ca/stauffer/

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 if
prompted.

Research by Subject – Gender Studies:
http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/womens-and-gender-studies
A selective but comprehensive guide to the core library resources for Gender Studies.
Academic Resources for Background Information

Specialized encyclopedias, handbooks and companions are useful resources for:

• obtaining background information on a topic
• clarifying concepts
• providing relevant keywords that can be used when doing your research
• providing bibliographies of recommended readings on your topic

The Reference Collection on the main floor of Stauffer Library contains a core collection of academic encyclopedias, dictionaries, handbooks and companions for the humanities and social sciences. Additional reference works are available online.

The Gender Studies Subject Guide contains a list of recommended encyclopedias (some of which are listed below): [http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/womens-and-gender-studies/dictionaries-encyclopedias](http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/womens-and-gender-studies/dictionaries-encyclopedias)

**A Concise Companion to Feminist Theory** (2003) (online)

**A Companion to Gender Studies** (2005) (online)
Also available in print

**A Companion to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies** (online)

**Encyclopedia of Gender and Society**
Stauffer Reference REF HQ1115 .E54 2009 (2 volumes)

**Encyclopedia of Sex and Gender: Men and Women in the World’s Cultures Topics and Cultures**

**Gay Histories and Cultures: An Encyclopedia**
Stauffer Reference REF HQ75.13 .G37 2000

**glbtq (an encyclopedia of gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, transgender and queer culture)**

**International Encyclopedia of Men and Masculinities**
Stauffer Reference HQ1090 I58 2007

**Lesbian Histories and Cultures: An Encyclopedia** (online)
Stauffer Reference REF HQ75.5 .L4395 2000 (print)

**Routledge International Encyclopedia of Women: Global Women’s Issues and Knowledge**
Stauffer Reference REF HQ1115 .R69 2000 (4 volumes)

**Routledge International Encyclopedia of Queer Culture**
Stauffer Reference REF HQ76.96.R68 2006

**Routledge Companion to Feminism and Postfeminism** (2005) (online)
Stauffer Reference REF HQ1115.R68 2001t

**Women’s Movement Today: An Encyclopedia of Third-wave Feminism**
Stauffer Reference REF HQ1115.W644 2006 (2 volumes)
Finding Books: QCAT Library Catalogue

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.

Search by **Author**: last name first name
Search by **Title**: omit initial articles (the, a, an, le, la…)
Search by **Journal (Periodical) Title**: eg Gender and Society
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) with “Boolean operators.” Boolean operators are used to indicate the relationship(s) between words/concepts. They are: **and**, **or**, **not**, **“a phrase”**.

Consult the *Finding Books and More* handout for more information about using QCAT

Electronic Books

Most of the library’s electronic books are listed in QCAT and Summon, but you may also search the e-book packages directly. Three useful interdisciplinary e-book packages to which the Library subscribes are:

**Canadian Electronic Library** [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3356](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3356)
Full-text access to a large collection of scholarly e-books published by leading Canadian publishers as well as by international academic publishers.

**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.

**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
Videos (DVDs, VHS, Streaming Online)

In QCAT, perform a keyword or keyword Boolean search on your topic and limit results to Videos/DVDs/streaming video.

Finding Articles: Indexes and Databases

Search indexes and databases to find articles on your topic in scholarly journals, popular magazines and newspapers. The library subscribes to over 680 article indexes and databases and over 80,000 electronic journals and newspapers.

Databases are accessible from the library homepage and from library subject guides:

Discipline Specific Article Indexes and Databases

Each academic discipline has its own specialized article indexes and databases, which index the core literature of that discipline (and often relevant topics from related-disciplines). Library subject guides list core and related recommended article databases for each discipline:
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 such as **Academic Search Complete** index a greater number of publications than discipline-specific databases, and they allow you to search across the disciplines.

**Gender and Women’s Studies:**

**Gender Studies Database:** [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3186](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3186)

Indexes scholarly and popular journals covering gender-engaged scholarship. Publication coverage is from 1972 to present.

**LGBTLife 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.

**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.

**TIP:** Due to the interdisciplinary nature of Gender Studies, you may also find relevant articles using the article indexes and databases of other disciplines – such as Education, Film & Media Studies, History, Political Studies, Religious Studies and Sociology.

**Race/Ethnicity**

**Alternative Press Index** [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/5129](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/5129) *(2 user access limit)*

“The Index is international and interdisciplinary, spanning the social sciences and humanities, with its central focus on the practice and theory of socialism, national liberation, labor, indigenous peoples, gays/lesbians, feminism, ecology, democracy, and anarchism.”
Ethnic Newswatch http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3642
An interdisciplinary 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.

**Multidisciplinary Databases:**

Academic Search Complete http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3404
A multi-disciplinary index (with abstracts) to more than 10,000 publications including peer-reviewed journals, popular magazines, conference proceedings, monographs and reports.

CBCA Complete http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2741
Comprehensive database covering scholarly journal articles, trade publications, magazines and more. Includes selective full text titles, covering current events, business, science, the arts, and academic information produced in Canada. Includes news wire feeds and broadcast transcripts (CanWest, CTV, Fifth Estate, The National).

Google Scholar 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).

Summon http://library.queensu.ca/summon
Searches across most, but not all, of the library’s electronic resources (library catalogue, article indexes, databases, electronic book and journal collections). After executing your search, use the facets located along the left hand side of the search results screen to refine/narrow your search results:
Searching the Gender Studies Database

Enter the name of the database < Gender Studies > in the search box found under the Databases tab on the library homepage:

Enter your search terms in the boxes provided (notice the AND between each box) and select a field if so desired:

Click search and refine the search results with the facets along the left hand side of the screen if necessary:

Locating the Full Text of an Article

If the full text of the article is not available in the database, click the Get it @ Queen’s button to determine the article’s availability.
Manage Your Research

Save a copy of each article that you want to use. You can also add each potentially useful citation to a folder and then email the folder contents (i.e., the citations) to yourself:

From “Folder View” select all the article citations that you want to keep track of and then choose print or email:

Finding a Known Article or Specific Journal

The Library subscribes to hundreds of journals relevant to the field of gender studies. Individual journal titles (but not the articles published within them) are listed in QCAT. When you know the title of a journal you are looking for (such as when you have a citation to a specific journal article), perform a journal title search in QCAT to determine its availability and location (either in print, on the 2nd floor of Stauffer library, or online) or search the journal title from the Journals A-Z tab on the library homepage:


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.
Major new indexes and full text news resources at Queen’s Library include:

**Canadian Newsstand** [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2810](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2810)
Full text of 21 Canadian daily newspapers (some have a 2 day embargo period)

**CBCA Complete** [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2741](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2741)
Comprehensive database covering scholarly journal articles, trade publications, magazines and more. Includes selective full text titles, covering current events, business, science, the arts, and academic information produced in Canada. Includes news wire feeds and broadcast transcripts (CanWest, CTV, Fifth Estate, The National).

**Eureka.cc** [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/6359](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/6359)
Selected Canadian French and English newspapers, Canadian Press, and CBC, CTV radio and television transcripts.

**Factiva** [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2812](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2812) *(5 user access limit)*
Provides access to more than 28,000 sources from 157 countries in 23 languages, including more than 600 continuously updated newswires. Select SOURCE – MEDIA to limit search to broadcast transcripts from ABC News, CBS News, CNN, CTV, FOX and NBC.

**AllAfrica.com** [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3340](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3340)
Covers over 100 African news organizations and AllAfrica’s own reporting team and provides documents and releases from over 200 NGOs, governments and international institutions. Updated daily.

For more recommendations, please consult the library’s **Newspapers Subject Guide** at [http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/news-resources](http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/news-resources).

**Free News Resources**

Yahoo News [http://ca.yahoo.com/](http://ca.yahoo.com/) - select News option above search box

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**Websites**

Not all sources on the Web are equally valuable or reliable. Unlike peer reviewed journal articles, individual websites are not screened in any way to determine if the information they provide is accurate. Critically evaluating the information you find is central to successful academic research. Consider the following evaluation criteria:

- **Accuracy**: The reliability of the information
- **Authority**: The source of the information
- **Currency**: The timeliness of the information
- **Purpose**: The possible bias present in the information
- **Relevance**: The depth and importance of the information
The following websites may be of particular interest to students in Gender Studies (also see the Websites section of the Gender Studies Subject Guide):


**Gender Inn** [http://www.uni-koeln.de/phil-fak/englisch/datenbank/e_index.htm](http://www.uni-koeln.de/phil-fak/englisch/datenbank/e_index.htm)

**Intute: Women’s Studies** [http://www.intute.ac.uk/womensstudies/](http://www.intute.ac.uk/womensstudies/)


**Voice of the Shuttle: Gender and Sexuality Studies** [http://vos.ucsb.edu/browse.asp?id=2711](http://vos.ucsb.edu/browse.asp?id=2711)


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**Citing Sources**

Queen’s Library Guide to Citation and Style Guides: [http://library.queensu.ca/help/cite-sources](http://library.queensu.ca/help/cite-sources)

RefWorks Online Citation Manager is 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.

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**Getting help**

If you are having difficulties with your research please ASK for help by:

- Visiting the Stauffer Library Research Help Desk
  Monday-Friday, 11am-5pm

- Contacting the Gender Studies liaison librarian: Sylvia Andrychuk [andrychs@queensu.ca](mailto:andrychs@queensu.ca)

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