GNDS 326: Gender, Diaspora and the Arts
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.

Convenient tabs for frequently accessed resources

Subject guides containing recommended research resources for academic disciplines and resources by format

Sign in to the web proxy service to connect to online subscription resources from off-campus
Research Tools: Background Information

Blackwell Reference Online [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/7711](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/7711)
Contains over 425 reference books published by Blackwell.

Encyclopedia of Diasporas: Immigrant and Refugee Cultures around the World
[https://qcat.library.queensu.ca/vwebv/holdingsInfo?bibId=3368249](https://qcat.library.queensu.ca/vwebv/holdingsInfo?bibId=3368249)

Sage Reference Online Encyclopedias [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/7636](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/7636)
A multidisciplinary collection of online encyclopedias published by Sage.

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.

![Summon search box](image)

**Figure 1: Screen capture of the Summon search box on the library homepage**

After performing a search, use the facets along the left-hand side to refine or limit your search results:

![Facets](image)

To learn more about Summon, consult the Summon FAQ page:
[http://library.queensu.ca/summon](http://library.queensu.ca/summon)
Books

Search for books from the library homepage (library.queensu.ca) using either Summon or QCAT:

QCAT contains the books (including many of our electronic books), videos and government documents owned by Queen’s Library.

Tips for searching QCAT:

Omit initial articles when searching for a book’s title (a, an, the, der, le etc.)

Two of the best ways to find books on your topic are with a keyword search (which works like Google, automatically anding each word you include in your search) or a keyword Boolean search, which allows you to control your search results by combining various words and phrases (using AND and OR) and excluding unwanted concepts (using NOT). Use quotation marks for phrases:

Examples of Keyword Boolean searches:

“arab diaspora”
“arab diaspora” and Canada
“arab diaspora” and “United States”

Examples of Subject Headings:

Arab Canadians
Arabs – Migrations - History

As you locate relevant titles, record the call numbers so you can locate the books in the Library and check the assigned subject headings to search for additional materials.

E-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
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.

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**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 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 article databases for each discipline.** The following library subject guides are particularly relevant to GNDS 326 (**choose Article Indexes/Databases from the appropriate subject guide***):

- **Film and Media:** [http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/film-media](http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/film-media)
- **Geography:** [http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/geography](http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/geography)
- **Gender Studies:** [http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/womens-and-gender-studies](http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/womens-and-gender-studies)
- **History:** [http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/history](http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/history)
- **English Literature:** [http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/english](http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/english)
- **Music:** [http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/music](http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/music)
- **Political Studies:** [http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/political-studies](http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/political-studies)
- **Sociology:** [http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/sociology](http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/sociology)

**Accessing Indexes and Databases**

From the **Databases Tab** on the library homepage, enter the name of the database you wish to search (if known), or browse databases by subject:

![Screenshot of the Databases tab on the library homepage](image.png)

*Figure 4: Screen capture of the Databases tab on the library homepage*
In addition to the film, geography, gender studies, literature, music, political studies and sociology article databases which can be found within the links above, there are multidisciplinary databases which may also be useful in the course of your research. In particular:

**Ethnic Newswatch**: [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3642](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3642)
An interdisciplinary, bilingual (English and Spanish) and comprehensive full text database of newspapers, magazines and journals from ethnic, minority and native presses.

Enter search terms in the search boxes and select Arab/Middle Eastern from the Ethnic group list:

![ProQuest Ethnic Newswatch Advanced Search](image)

**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.

**Left Index** [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2809](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 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 Get It @ Queen’s 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.
**Academic Search Engines**

**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).

**Summon** [http://library.queensu.ca/summon](http://library.queensu.ca/summon)

Searches across most, but not all, of the library’s electronic resources (catalogue, article indexes, databases, electronic book and journal collections); each citation includes a link to either the online version of the item or a link to a record that indicates where a paper (or microfilm) version is located within Queen’s Library.

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**Journals**

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).

Alternatively, search for the name of the journal from the **Journals A-Z** tab on the library homepage:

![Journals A-Z tab](image)

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**Newspapers**

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) for more information.

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**Websites**

Not all sources on the Web are equally valuable or reliable. Individual sites are not screened or standardized in any way to determine if the information they provide is accurate or useful. Critically evaluating the information you find is central to successful academic research. For evaluation criteria, see the Library’s guide to Evaluating Web Sources [http://library.queensu.ca/inforef/tutorials/qcat/evalint.htm](http://library.queensu.ca/inforef/tutorials/qcat/evalint.htm).
Citing Sources

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

Purdue Online Writing Lab (OWL) Guide to MLA Style:  http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/

RefWorks

RefWorks Online Citation Manager is available to all Queen’s students, staff and faculty. See http://library.queensu.ca/help/refworks for more information.

Online Tutorials for learning RefWorks: http://refworks.scholarsportal.info/tutorial/

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; Saturday/Sunday, 1pm-4pm

Contacting Sylvia Andrychuk, Gender Studies Liaison Librarian andrychs@queensu.ca