Sex and Race in the History of Medicine
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Consider Resources

Primary Resources: diaries, letters, speeches, newspaper articles, documents, photos
Secondary Resources: books, journal articles (scholarly vs. popular), theses, the Web

Check subject guide under: Research by Subject → History

Find Background Information

Dictionary of the History of Medicine REF WZ13 .S443d 1999 (Bracken Library)
Encyclopedia of European Social History ... REF HN373 .E63 2001
Encyclopedia of Women and Gender REF HQ1115 .E43 2001
Men and Masculinities: A Social, Cultural and Historical Encyclopedia REF HQ109.3 .M436 2004

Find Primary Sources

For information about primary sources, go to: Research by Subject → Primary Sources

There is an abundance of primary source material in Stauffer Library. The form will vary from
topic to topic. It may be a diary, correspondence, letters, newspaper accounts, a law, a debate in
Parliament, editorials, a photo, etc. from the period of study, as well as electronic, microfilm, and
printed collections of these documents published at a later date.

1. Use QCAT

Search QCAT to find books, government documents and the location of newspaper and journal
titles. To find individual newspaper and journal articles, see Indexes below.

A. Search by Subject or Keyword

You can locate items in the library by searching QCAT by doing a keyword Boolean search and then
adding one of the special subject terms to your search: correspondence, diaries, interviews,
pamphlets, personal narratives, sources....

nazi and (medical or medicine) and sources
eugenics and correspondence
Also browse subject headings and looking for these special subject terms.

- Feminism--History--Sources
- Women--United States--History--Sources
- Women--United States--Social conditions--Sources

Collections of primary sources often have the word documents in the title.

- hysteria and documents

B. Look up Historical Figures, Organizations, and Agencies...

If you know of a person involved in the event or from the time period, look under that person's name as an author (or subject) for memoirs, diaries, and correspondence.

- Osler William
- Sanger Margaret

Look up groups or organizations as an author (or subject).

- Canadian Medical Association
- Society for the Social History of Medicine

2. Use Journal and Newspaper Indexes Covering the Time Period

Newspapers are a good source of primary information. Stauffer Library has a number of newspapers from this time period.

To find out what newspapers the Library has, search QCAT by newspaper title or search by subject heading, e.g. London England Newspapers

We have access to the following full text electronic newspapers via Databases.

- **Globe and Mail**: 1844 – excluding last 3-4 years
- **Toronto Star**: 1892 – excluding last 4 years
- **The Times Digital Archive**: 1785 - 1985 [coverage of The Times of London]
- **New York Times**: 1851 - excluding latest 2 years

Journals published at the time are another type of primary source. To locate 19th and 20th century journal literature, consult the following indexes:

- **British Periodicals**
  - Time period: 1680s – 1930s

- **19th Century Masterfile**
  - Provides indexing to nineteenth century periodicals, books, newspapers, and government documents. The main index is *Poole's Index to Periodical Literature* (1802-1906).
Periodicals Archive Online
   An archive of hundreds of digitized journals published in the arts, humanities, and social sciences from 1802 to 1995.

The Wellesley Index to Victorian Periodicals
   An invaluable bibliographic reference work of major 19th century British periodicals published during the years, 1824 to 1900.

Also consider:

Humanities and Social Sciences Index Retrospective: 1907 - 1984 (Online)
Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature: 1900 - present (REF AI3.R2)
PAIS: 1915 - present (Online)
Medline: 1950 - present (In print at Bracken Library as Index Medicus from 1879-2000)

Also try:

PubMed Central
   Digitized 19th and 20th century medical journals, such as the Annals of Surgery (1885-) and the Journal of Anatomy (1866-).

In the First Person: an Index to Letters, Diaries, Oral Histories and Personal Narratives
   An archive of social memory, indexing close to 4,000 collections of personal narratives in English around the world.

Medical Journals

Queen's Libraries have a number of 19th and early 20th century medical journals, which are available by searching the journal title in QCAT. Unless noted, all the following journals are available online through various publishers' packages.

American Journal of Medicine, 1946-
American Journal of the Medical Sciences, 1827-
Annals of Internal Medicine, 1927-
Archives of Internal Medicine, 1908-1950: 1960- [1908-2008 in print]
Boston Medical and Surgical Journal, 1828-1928
British Medical Journal, 1857-
Bulletin of the New York Academy of Medicine, 1925-1997
The Canada Lancet, a Monthly Journal of Medical and Surgical Science, 1870-1917 [in print]
Canadian Medical Association Journal, 1911-
Canadian Practitioner, 1883-98
Eugenics Review, 1909-1968
Journal of Hygiene, 1901-1986
Journal of Infectious Diseases, 1904-
Journal of the American Medical Association, 1883- [in print; online from 1960-]
The Lancet, 1823-
Medicine, 1922-
Montreal Medical Journal, 1888-1910
New England Journal of Medicine, 1828-
Public Health, 1888-
Public Health Magazine, 1875-1877
Public Health Papers and Reports, 1873-1907
Quarterly Journal of Medicine, 1907-1994  [in print]
Queen's Medical Quarterly, 1903-1909  [in print]
Sanitary Journal, 1874-1883
Southern Medical Journal, 1908-
Ulster Medical Journal, 1932-
L’Union médicale du Canada, 1872-1900
The Upper Canada Journal of Medical, Surgical and Physical Science, 1851-1854
Women and Health, 1997-

History of Medicine Journal Subscriptions:

Bulletin of the History of Medicine, 1939-
History of Psychiatry, 1990-
Medical History, 1957-
Social History of Medicine, 1996-  [1989-2007 in print]

We only have recent journals dealing with women's health. To find these journals, search QCAT by subject:

- Gynecology Periodicals
- Women's Health Periodicals
- Women Health and hygiene Periodicals
- Women Health and hygiene United States periodicals

3. Use Government Documents

Publications generated by a government body, public records, reports and statistics are excellent sources of primary materials. Government Documents reference assistance is available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 2-4 p.m. or by appointment. You can reach Jeff Moon by email at moonj@queensu.ca.

4. Search the Center for Research Libraries

For information about CRL and how to borrow resources, go to:

Research by Subject → Center for Research Libraries

This rich resource library holds over 4 million books, journals, newspapers and other primary source materials from all over the world.

Search the CRL catalog for relevant materials: catalog.crl.edu/
5. Search the Web

Search the web for primary source collections:

- “primary sources” hysteria women site:edu [search using Google]
- “primary sources” sexuality history site:ac.uk

Some primary source materials and related websites:

**American Social Hygiene Posters, ca.1910-1970**  special.lib.umn.edu/swha/IMAGES/home.html

**Anatomia, 1522–1867**  link.library.utoronto.ca/anatomia/application/index.cfm

This collection features approximately 4500 full page plates and other significant illustrations of human anatomy selected from the Jason A. Hannah and Academy of Medicine collections in the history of medicine at the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library, University of Toronto.

**EINet – History of Medicine**  www.einet.net/directory/34574/History.htm

**History of Diseases**  www.mla-hhss.org/histdis.htm

**History of the Body**  www.stanford.edu/class/history13/earlysciencelab/body/body.html

An online illustrated introduction to historical conceptions of various parts of the body from the Classical to early modern period, created at Stanford University.

**Image Archive on the American Eugenics Movements**  www.eugenicsarchive.org/eugenics/

**Images from the History of Medicine**


There are nearly 60 000 scans of images in this database from the collection of the History of Medicine Division of the National Library of Medicine.


**Wellcome Images**  images.wellcome.ac.uk/

The Wellcome Trust Medical Photographic Library is the world’s leading source of images on the history of medicine, modern biomedical science and clinical medicine, with over 180 000 historical and contemporary images.

**Wellcome Witnesses to Twentieth Century Medicine**

www.ucl.ac.uk/~ucgalay/histmed/publications/wellcome-witnesses/index.html
Find Secondary Sources

1. Books

To find books on your topic, think of the words that best describe your topic and then connect them with Boolean operators: AND, OR, NOT.

For a selection of books on feminism and eugenics, try

   feminism and eugenics

Select useful titles and look at the subject headings assigned. Use the subject headings to provide more keyword ideas or as individual searches themselves.

   ("sex preselection" or eugenics) and (feminism or feminist)

Search by Subject

History of Medicine, 18th Cent.--Great Britain    Eugenics--Germany--History
United States--Social life and customs--20th century    Gynecology--History
Great Britain--Social conditions--19th century    Hysteria

2. E-Books

The library subscribes to a number of e-book packages. Packages that are of interest to history students are: ACLS Humanities E-Book, Canadian Electronic Library, MyiLibrary, Blackwell Reference Online, Cambridge Histories Online, and e-Duke Books Scholarly Collection (via ebrary).

Records for some of these e-books are in QCAT but one should directly go to these e-book packages and search them. Access is via Databases.

3. Articles

Use the following electronic journal databases to find scholarly articles:

   → Historical Abstracts
   → America History and Life

Also Useful:  Humanities and Social Sciences Index Retrospective: 1907 - 1984
               Sociological Abstracts
               Academic Search Complete
               PsycInfo

To search indexes, click the tab Databases and enter title of the database.

Search Historical Abstracts

Historical Abstracts covers the history of the world from 1450 to the present. It indexes articles from approximately 2000 journals, selected books and dissertations.

   Search: female hysteria
   Modify search: (women or female) and hysteria
To find out if Queen's subscribes to the journal, click **Get It! @ Queen's** if PDF not readily available.

Queen's Library subscribes to about 90,000 full text e-journals via various publishers' packages. Search QCAT or Journals A to Z to find specific titles.

One collection that is of particular interest to history students is **JSTOR**, a digitized collection of articles from key periodicals (about 247 history titles are indexed), excluding the most current 2 to 5 years of a title. Access JSTOR via the link, Databases.

4. **Summon**

With Summon, you can easily search, discover and access information on any topic from the Queen's Library collections - print and electronic books, single articles to entire e-journals, newspapers, theses and more. You can limit your results to peer-reviewed materials, to filter by year and format, narrow by additional subject terms and then save, print or email references.

Summon is a good starting point to find material for your research but if you are doing higher level research, you will want to search relevant subject specific databases.

5. **Book Reviews**

In order to locate book reviews, you need to have the following information: Author, Full Title of the book and the Year in which the book was first published.

Check out the Book Reviews section of the History subject guide, and the Book Reviews subject guide for a selection of book review indexes.

Research by Subject → History → Book Reviews

→ Book Reviews

**TIPS:** Try Book Review Index Plus and America History and Life for reviews. Also try finding book reviews in Summon.

**Search Other Library Catalogues**

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www.google.ca/advanced_search?hl=en

...offers a variety of ways to structure a more precise search and improve the efficiency of your search results.

books.google.ca/

...searches for books on your topic. In many cases, a limited preview of the book is available - you can then search QCAT, the library catalogue to see if Queen's owns a copy. In other instances, the complete book is available in digital form from Google Books.

scholar.google.ca/

...searches for scholarly materials including journal articles, theses, books, preprints, abstracts and technical reports from broad areas of research.

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TIP: By searching Google Scholar through the Queen's Library website the "Get It! @ Queen's" citation linker is activated (which allows you to click through to the Library's subscriptions). To import citations into RefWorks choose Scholar Preferences, then Bibliography Manager. Select RefWorks. Save Preferences.

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How-to & Help → How-To Guides → Finding ... → Web: Evaluate

Cite Sources

Check our Citation and Style Guides page at: How-to & Help → How to Cite Sources

Chicago is the preferred style of documentation in history. Check QCAT for print copies in the library system.

Since there are many different citation styles, always check with your instructors to determine which style is expected for your courses.