The History of Sexuality
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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 guides under: Research by Subject → History
→ Gender Studies

Find Background Information

Encyclopedia of European Social History ... REF HN373 .E63 2001
Encyclopedia of Homosexuality REF HQ76.25 .E53 1990
Encyclopedia of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender History in America (online)
Gay Histories and Cultures REF HQ75.13 .G37 2000
Lesbian Histories and Cultures REF HQ75.5 .L4395 2000 (Also online)
Men and Masculinities: A Social, Cultural & 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, a speech, a law, a record of a
government agency, 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, videos, 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 materials 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 ...
abortion and interviews
abortion and “united states” and sources
sanger and correspondence
sex? and (england or britain) and sources

Also browse subject headings and look for these special subject terms.

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

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

(gay? or homosexual?) and speeches

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.

kinsey alfred
sanger margaret

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

Planned Parenthood Federation of America

C. Limit by date

In Advanced Search, search QCAT by topic and limit your results to find materials published during the time period about which you are writing. Beside Date enter the desired date range. You can also sort results by publication date (earliest to most recent).

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. Boston Mass 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 last 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 1802-1995.

**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:

**Canadian Periodical Index**: 1920 - 1998 (REF AI3.C2)

**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)

**Some Contemporary Journals**

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

Harpers, 1850 -
Life, 1951-1972 print; 1936-1950 microfilm
Maclean’s, 1921- print; 1905- microfilm
The Nation, 1865-one month ago; 1891- 1965 & current, print; 1966- microfilm
New Republic, 1914 -
New Yorker, 1925 -
Newsweek, 1947- microfilm; 1990 -
Saturday Evening Post, 1931 -
Saturday Night, 1887- microfilm
Time, 1923 -
Some Medical Journals

Journal of Hygiene, 1901-
Journal of Infectious Diseases, 1904-
Public Health, 1888-
Public Health Magazine, 1875-1877
Public Health Papers and Reports, 1873-1907
Sanitary Journal, 1874-1883

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” "birth control" history site:edu [search using Google]
“primary sources” sexuality history site:ac.uk

Primary source materials and related websites can be freely reached on the web as well as the links below that lead you to websites for which the Library pays.

Access the following via Databases:

British and Irish Women’s Letters and Diaries
Defining Gender, 1450-1910
Empire Online
In the First Person: an Index to Letters, Diaries, Oral Histories and Personal Narratives
Oral History Online
North American Women’s Letters and Diaries
Women and Social Movements in the United States, 1600-2000
A selection of freely available websites:

Amdocs: Documents for the Study of American History  www.vlib.us/amdocs/
A directory of primary documents on the Web, beginning with 1491 to the present.
Includes inaugural addresses, diary extracts, treaties, letters, speeches...

American Memory  memory.loc.gov/ammem/
Massive collection of digitized historical documents.

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

History Matters  historymatters.gmu.edu/
Contains 1,000 primary documents in text, image, and audio that emphasize the experiences of "ordinary" Americans throughout U.S. history.

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

History of the Health Sciences World Wide Web Links  www.mla-hhss.org/histlink.htm

Internet Women's History Sourcebook  www.fordham.edu/halsall/women/womensbook.html

Making of America  quod.lib.umich.edu/m/moagrp/
A digital library of primary sources in American social history from the antebellum period through reconstruction.

Margaret Sanger Papers Project  www.nyu.edu/projects/sanger/


SEXBIBLIO : Bibliography of the History of Western Sexuality  www.univie.ac.at/Wirtschaftsgeschichte/Sexbibl/about.html
Contains about 25,300 titles of the non-belletristic primary and secondary literature of the history of sexuality in Europe, the U.S. and Canada from 1700 to 2007.

Women Working, 1800–1930  ocp.hul.harvard.edu/ww/
A unique, virtual collection, comprising over 650,000 individual pages from more than 3,100 books and trade catalogs, 900 archives and manuscript items, and 1,400 photographs.
Find Secondary Sources

1. Books

To find books on your topic in QCAT, 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 birth control in america, try

"birth control" and america

Look at relevant titles and check the assigned subject headings to search for additional materials or to provide more keyword terms.

("birth control" or "human reproduction" or abortion ) and "united states" and history

Search by Subject

- Abortion--Law and legislation--United States--History
- Gays--United States--History
- Prostitution--History
- Sex customs--United States--History
- Sexual ethics--United States--History--19th century
- Sexually transmitted diseases--Canada--History
- Transsexuals
- United States--Armed Forces--Gays
- United States--Social life and customs--19th century

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:

→ **America History and Life**
→ **Historical Abstracts**
Also Useful:  
- Humanities and Social Sciences Index Retrospective: 1907 - 1984
- Academic Search Complete
- Gender Studies Database
- PsycInfo
- Sociological Abstracts

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

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 Databases.

**Some Journal Titles of Interest**

- Gender and Society
- Journal of the History of Sexuality
- Genders
- Men and Masculinities
- Journal of Gender Studies
- Sexualities
- Journal of Homosexuality

**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.

**Search Other Library Catalogues**

If you don't find what you need in QCAT and Summon, try searching other library catalogues, using Worldcat. Worldcat is a database of library catalogues around the world. It can help you identify materials in other libraries, which you may then request through Interlibrary Loan. To access, click on **Find Information** and then on **Other Library Catalogues**.

**Request an Interlibrary Loan**

Use interlibrary loan (ILL) to obtain loans or copies of items that Queen's libraries do not own. Click **RACER** on the library homepage. For more information, consult the brochure: **RACER, Our Interlibrary Loan System**.
Search the Web

Check our Search the Web guide at: library.queensu.ca/research/guide/search-web

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.
...searches a variety of academic publishers, professional societies, preprint repositories and universities, as well as scholarly articles available across the web.

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.

Evaluate Websites

Anyone can create a webpage so it is particularly important to analyze and assess information that you find on the Web before using it in a research paper. Go to our Evaluating Web Sources page for a checklist of points to consider when analyzing a webpage:
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.

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