

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

Continuum Complete International Encyclopedia of Sexuality REF HQ21 .I68 2004

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)

International Encyclopedia of Marriage and Family REF HQ9 .E52 2003

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/

People with a History: an Online Guide to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans* History
www.fordham.edu/halsall/pwh/index.html

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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