

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 guides under: **How-to & Help** → **Research by Subject** → **History**

Find Background Information

Companion Encyclopedia of the History of Medicine REF WZ13 .E565 1993 (Bracken Library)

Dictionary of the History of Medicine REF WZ13 .S443d 1999 (Bracken Library)

Encyclopedia of European Social History ... REF HN373 .E63 2001

Encyclopedia of American Cultural & Intellectual History REF E169.1 .E624 2001

Encyclopedia of the Victorian Era REF DA550 .E527 2004

Encyclopedia of Women and Gender REF HQ1115 .E43 2001

Men and Masculinities: A Social, Cultural & Historical Encyclopedia REF HQ109.3 .M436 2004

Find Primary Sources

For information about primary sources, go to:

How-to & Help → **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 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 the link, **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

Periodicals published at the time are another type of primary source. To locate 19th and 20th century periodical 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).

The Wellesley Index to Victorian Periodicals

Online at the Research Stations (Open Humanities and Social Sciences folder on desktop)

An invaluable bibliographic reference work of major 19th century British periodicals, supplying citations only from 45 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)

Also try:

PubMed Central (<http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/>) has digitized a number of 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

<http://www.inthefirstperson.com/firp/index.shtml>

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 - [in print]

Archives of Internal Medicine, 1908 - [in print]

Boston Medical and Surgical Journal, 1828-1928 [in print]

British Medical Journal, 1857

Bulletin of the Academy of Medicine, Toronto, 1927-1980 [in print]

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, 1883-89

Eugenics Review (available from CRL via Interlibrary Loan)

Journal of Hygiene, 1903-1986

Journal of Infectious Diseases., 1904 - [in print; online from 1997]

Journal of the American Medical Association, 1883 - [in print; online from 1993]

The Lancet, 1823-

Medicine, 1922-

Montreal Medical Journal, 1888-1910

New England Journal of Medicine, 1868 - [in print; online from 1993]
New York Medical Journal., 1883-1909 [in print]
Public Health, 1888 -
Public Health Magazine, 1875-1877
Public health papers and reports, 1873-1907
Quarterly Journal of Medicine, 1907 - [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, 1993

History of Medicine Journal Subscriptions:

Bulletin of the History of Medicine, 1939 -
History of Psychiatry, 1995 - (online from 1999-)
Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences, 1946 - (online from 1996-)
Medical History, 1957 -
Social History of Medicine, 1989 - (online from 1996-)

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 to Friday, 2-4 p.m. or by appointment.

4. 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:

History of the Body

<http://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.

National Library of Medicine - History of Medicine

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/index.html>

Images from the History of Medicine

http://www.ihm.nlm.nih.gov/cgi-bin/gw_44_3/chameleon?skin.nlm&lng=en

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.

MedHist: The Guide to History of Medicine Resources on the Internet

<http://www.intute.ac.uk/healthandlifesciences/medhist/>

Anatomia, 1522-1867

<http://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.

American Social Hygiene Posters, ca.1910-1970

<http://special.lib.umn.edu/swha/IMAGES/home.html>

History of Diseases

<http://www.mla-hhss.org/histdis.htm>

Wellcome Witnesses to Twentieth Century Medicine

http://www.ucl.ac.uk/histmed/publications/wellcome_witnesses_c20th_med

Wellcome Images

<http://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. This site has over 160 000 historical and contemporary images.

EINet - History of Medicine

<http://www.einet.net/directory/34574/History.htm>

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
United States--Social life and customs--20th century
Great Britain--Social conditions--19th century

Eugenics--Germany--History
Gynecology--History
Hysteria

2. E-Books

The library subscribes to a number of e-book packages. Three packages that are of interest to history students are: *ALCS Humanities E-Books*, *Canadian Electronic Library*, and *MyiLibrary*.

Records for these e-books should be in QCAT but one can directly go to these e-books packages and search them. Access is via Databases.

3. Articles

Use the following electronic journal databases to find scholarly articles:

- *Historical Abstracts*: 1954 - present
- *America History and Life*, 1954 - present

Also Useful: *Humanities and Social Sciences Index Retrospective*: 1907 - 1984
 Sociological Abstracts: 1974 - present
 Academic Search Complete: coverage varies, some from 1865-
 PsycInfo: 1806-

To search indexes, click **Databases** under the heading, **Find Information**.

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 on **Get It! @ Queen's**.

Queen's Library subscribes to about 49,000 full text e-journals via various publishers' packages. Search QCAT to find them. One collection that is of particular interest to history students is JSTOR, a digitized collection of articles from key periodicals (about 110 history titles are indexed), excluding the most current 2 to 5 years of a title. **JSTOR** → <http://www.jstor.org>

Search Other Library Catalogues

If you don't find what you need in QCAT, 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**.

Find 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 subject guide, Finding Book Reviews for a selection of book review indexes.

How-to & Help → **Research by Subject** → **Book Reviews**

TIP: Try Book Review Index Plus and America History and Life for reviews.

Request an Interlibrary Loan

Use interlibrary loan (ILL) to obtain loans or copies of items that Queen's libraries do not own. Under Services, click **Borrowing From Other Libraries**, and then **RACER**. For more information, consult the brochure: *RACER, Our Interlibrary Loan System*.

Search the Web

1. Check the following websites.

History of the Health Sciences World Wide Web Links

<http://www.mla-hhss.org/histlink.htm>

Image Archive on the American Eugenic Movements

<http://www.eugenicsarchive.org/eugenics/>

Internet History of Science Sourcebook

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/science/sciencesbook.html>

History of Medicine at Queen's

<http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/medicine-phase-1-history-medicine>

Osler Library of the History of Medicine - Online Resources

<http://www.mcgill.ca/osler-library/collections/links/>

Victorian Web <http://www.victorianweb.org>

Voice of the Shuttle <http://vos.ucsb.edu/>

2. Check subject directories, e.g. *INFOMINE*. For more, go to our Search the Web page at: <http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/search-web>
3. Use the advanced capabilities of *Google* for specific research topics or *Google Scholar* for fast precise searching in academic sources.



Google Advanced Search offers a variety of ways to structure a more precise search and to improve the efficiency of your search results. For academic sites, enter in the domain field, e.g.: .edu, .ac.uk, .mcgill.ca.



About Google Scholar

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

Scholar Preferences

Click on Scholar Preferences to view several preferences you can set. When searching from on-campus, the Library Links preference will already be set to allow for the Get It! @ Queen's service. When off-campus, search through the web proxy to activate Get It! @ Queen's.

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 web page:

Find Information → All Types → Websites → Evaluate Websites

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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