Research Resources for Graduate Students in Gender & Women’s Studies

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Getting Connected

Queen’s University Library Homepage: http://library.queensu.ca

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.

Research by Subject – Gender & Women’s Studies
http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/womens-and-gender-studies

Click How-to & Help for a variety of “how to” tutorials
Click the Find Books link to enter the catalogue, or perform a “quick search” from the homepage.
Click the Databases tab to search for databases by subject or when you know the name of the database you want to search.
Shortcuts to interdisciplinary databases such as Academic Search Complete and Google Scholar.
Click the Research by Subject link for a list of Research Guides by Discipline, including Gender & Women’s Studies and related disciplines.
Queen’s Library Collections

There are six campus libraries in five physical locations
http://library.queensu.ca/library/overview:

Stauffer Library (Business, Humanities and Social Science, Art Collection) – the majority of the gender and women’s studies collection
MADGIC – Maps, Data, Government Information Centre (Stauffer library, lower level)
Bracken Health Sciences Library
Lederman Law Library
Douglas Library (Science and Engineering)
Education Library
W.D. Jordan Special Collections and Music Library

Gender & Women’s Studies Collection Policy
http://library.queensu.ca/research/collections/womens-studies

The Graduate Study Room is located on the 3rd Floor of Stauffer Library. Stauffer Library also offers a limited number of study carrels for graduate students – ask at the Circulation Desk.

The Library also welcomes purchase suggestions for new books and other resources. Requests can be sent to me (Sylvia Andrychuk) at andrychs@queensu.ca or to Professor Katherine McKittrick, Departmental Library Representative k.mckttrick@queensu.ca

Library Catalogue (QCAT)

Search the library catalogue (QCAT) to find materials (such as books, videos, journals, newspapers and government documents) available, in print and online, at Queen’s University Library.

- Search by Author: last name first name
- Search by Title: Omit initial articles (the, a, an, le, la...)
- Search by Journal (Periodical) Title: eg Canadian journal of sociology
- Search by Keyword (“and” is automatically placed between words)
- Search by Keyword Boolean:

To narrow the scope of your search you can join together your search terms (keywords) using special sets of predefined words, known as “Boolean operators.” Boolean operators are used to indicate the relationship(s) between words/concepts. They are: [and, or, not, “a phrase”]. In addition, there are special characters (such as “?” for truncating) that allow you to perform more sophisticated searches.

Tips for searching the library catalogue, QCAT, can be found in QCAT. Various “how-to” guides and video tutorials are also available:
http://library.queensu.ca/helpguides

- Subject Headings

Library of Congress subject headings (and their corresponding call number ranges) are good to know for browsing the library’s collections by foot and when searching the catalogue. Subject
heading searches are more comprehensive than keyword searches; subject headings are hyperlinked in the item’s record QCAT.

Gender and Women’s Studies is classified primarily in “HQ” but there will be, of course, many other relevant call number ranges (such as “J” for Political Studies and “HM” for Sociology)

http://www.loc.gov/aba/cataloging/classification/lcco/lcco_h.pdf

Electronic Books

Many individual electronic books are available within e-book packages. To limit your QCAT search, choose *E-Books* from the drop-down menu. E-book collections can also be browsed and searched directly at [http://library.queensu.ca/research/ebooks/](http://library.queensu.ca/research/ebooks/).

Collections of note include:

**Canadian Electronic Library** [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3356](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

**Springer eBook Collection** [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3352](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3352)
Full text access to over 12,000 books published by Springer between 2005 and 2009. The collection consists of textbooks, monographs, reference works, handbooks, book series and encyclopedias.

Queen’s Library Journal Collections

Print and Electronic Journals

The Library subscribes to hundreds of journals relevant to gender and women’s studies. Search QCAT by journal title to determine if Queen’s Library has a subscription (either in print or online, or both). Print journals are housed on Floor 2 of Stauffer Library (current and bound collections).

Electronic Journals
- for a list of e-journals in Gender & Women’s Studies, consult: [http://library.queensu.ca/research/ejournals](http://library.queensu.ca/research/ejournals)
- to browse through publishers’ collections (Cambridge, Oxford, Sage, Taylor and Francis, for example) choose Browse e-Journal Collections
Alerting Services

Alerting, current awareness or table of contents services are designed to assist researchers in keeping up-to-date with current literature in a discipline. A number of databases and collections of electronic journals provide automated alerting services based on your search profile or search strategy. Depending on the service, it may provide you with tables of contents of your chosen journals, or a list of individual article citations, e-mailed directly to your e-mail account.

Article Indexes and Databases

Search indexes and databases to find journal articles, citations to books, theses, conference proceedings and more.

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.

Accessing Indexes and Databases

  OR
- from the library homepage, use FIND ARTICLES
- select the Databases tab
- enter the title of the database or select a subject from the drop-down list to find relevant databases

There are many indexes and databases relevant to the study of gender and women’s studies. Some databases to note are:

Gender and Women’s Studies:

Gender Studies Database: http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3186
Combines Women’s Studies International database with the Men’s Studies database. Indexes scholarly
and popular journals covering gender-engaged scholarship. Publication coverage is from 1972 to present.

**LGBTLife with Full Text** [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3126](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3126)
Comprehensive index (with abstracts and links to full-text) to articles, books and reference works relating to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender issues. Publication coverage is from 1953 to present.

**Sociological Abstracts** [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2787](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2787)
Comprehensive index to the international literature in sociology and related disciplines.

**Multidisciplinary Databases:**

**Academic Search Complete** [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3404](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3404)
A multi-disciplinary index (with abstracts) to more than 10,900 publications including peer-reviewed journals, popular magazines, conference proceedings, monographs and reports.

**Alternative Press Index** [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/5129](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/5129)
Interdisciplinary index to alternative, radical and left periodicals, newspapers and magazines.

**Ethnic Newswatch/Ethnic Newswatch: A History** [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.

**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).

**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.

**Social Sciences @ Scholars Portal Search** [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3011](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3011)
Comprehensive coverage of literature published in the social sciences disciplines. This database allows you to simultaneously search over 40 social science article databases.

**Citation Indexes**

Besides major databases in each subject field, the following advanced research tools are particularly useful for graduate students:

Arts and Humanities Citation Index: [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2697](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2697)
Social Sciences Citation Index: [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2927](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2927)
Journal Citation Reports (JCR): [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2811](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/2811)
Primary Sources and E-Text Collections

The Library subscribes to a considerable number of specialized digital primary source collections. A complete list of collections for the humanities and social sciences can be found at: http://library.queensu.ca/inforef/ebooks.htm

The following will be of particular interest:

**British and Irish Women’s Letters and Diaries** [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3084](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3084)
The experiences of approximately 500 women, as revealed in over 100,000 pages of diaries and letters spanning more than 300 years.

**Black Thought and Culture** [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3083](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3083)
Contains the full text of almost 800 sources, including the non-fiction published works of leading African Americans as well as interviews, journal articles, letters and other material.

**Defining Gender** [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3957](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3957)
Collection of original source material from British and European archives to support study and analysis of gender, leisure and consumer culture. Includes manuscripts, printed works and illustrations organized into 5 thematic areas: Conduct and Politeness; Domesticity and the Family; Consumption and Leisure; Education and Sensibility; and The Body.

**Social Theory** [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3378](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3378)
Full-text e-book collection of influential writings representing the most important trends of sociological thought. Included in the more than 150,000 pages of searchable content are works by such theorists as Jane Addams, Simone de Beauvoir, Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Stuart Hall, Michel Foucault, Jean Baudrillard and many more. Time coverage: 18th century - present

**Women and Social Movements in the United States** [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3093](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3093)
Covers a wide range of primary and secondary documents, a dictionary of social movements and organizations, a chronology of U.S. women's history, as well as images and links to other websites.

News Resources

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).

Current Newspapers Databases include:

- AllAfrica.com
- Canadian Newsstand
- CBCA
- Eureka.cc
- Factiva
Historical Full Text Newspaper Databases include:

- Globe and Mail, coverage is from 1844 to within 3-4 years of current date
- Toronto Star: Pages of the Past, coverage is from 1892 excluding current 2-3 years
- New York Times, coverage is from 1851 excluding current 3-4 years.
- The Times (London), 1785-1985

Government Documents & Statistics

Government Documents
Government Documents Homepage: http://library.queensu.ca/webdoc/gov/

There are more than 1,000,000 print items in the government and international documents collection, in addition to the large sections of the collection available only in microform and electronic format. Our holdings emphasize Canadian, American, United Kingdom and international documents, with smaller collections for Commonwealth and other foreign countries. The Library is an official depository for publications of the Government of Canada, the Province of Ontario, the European Union, and the United Nations.

Social Science Data Centre
Social Science Data Centre Homepage: http://library.queensu.ca/webdoc/ssdc/

Data is frequently acquired in electronic format and made available through the services of the Social Sciences Data Centre within the Documents area in Stauffer Library. Data resources of note include: Statistics Canada (via the Depository Services Program and the Data Liberation Initiative), polling data from the Canadian Opinion Research Archive (housed in Stauffer Library), and US and International data from the International Consortium for Political and Social Science Research.

Government Documents and the Social Sciences Data Centre are located on the Lower Level of Stauffer Library.

Contact information: http://library.queensu.ca/phone/govdocs.htm

Dissertations and Theses

Guide to Finding Theses and Dissertations
http://library.queensu.ca/research/format/finding-theses

QSpace: Queen’s University Research and Learning Repository
https://qspace.library.queensu.ca/

Information about Electronic Theses and Dissertations at Queen’s
http://library.queensu.ca/webir/e-theses/sgs-index.html
Citing and Managing Your Sources

Citation and Style Guides [http://library.queensu.ca/help/cite-sources](http://library.queensu.ca/help/cite-sources)

![RefWorks](http://library.queensu.ca/help/citations)

RefWorks is an online citation manager available to all Queen’s students, staff and faculty. See [http://library.queensu.ca/help/refworks](http://library.queensu.ca/help/refworks) for more information and to create your account.

Tips on Importing/Exporting References from different databases (including QCAT): [http://library.queensu.ca/help/refworks/exportimport](http://library.queensu.ca/help/refworks/exportimport)


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**Borrowing Privileges, Interlibrary Loan and Other Library Catalogues**

Graduate Student Borrowing Privileges
- term loan but subject to recall
- may borrow up to 100 items
- inter university borrowing privileges [http://library.queensu.ca/services/borrowing/reciprocal](http://library.queensu.ca/services/borrowing/reciprocal)

Place requests for Interlibrary Loans through RACER: [http://library.queensu.ca/services/interlibrary](http://library.queensu.ca/services/interlibrary)

There is no fee for books; articles cost $3.00.

A list of other library catalogues can be found here: [http://library.queensu.ca/research/catalogues](http://library.queensu.ca/research/catalogues)

WorldCat (short for World Catalogue) and Google Book Search ([http://books.google.com/](http://books.google.com/)) are excellent tools for discovering other books on your topic. Request item(s) through RACER.

Queen’s University Library is also a member of the Center for Research Libraries [http://www.crl.edu/](http://www.crl.edu/). CRL materials can be requested through RACER (on the RACER request form, note that the item is at CRL). The CRL catalogue is located at [http://catalog.crl.edu/](http://catalog.crl.edu/).

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