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A selective but comprehensive guide to the core library resources for Gender and Women’s Studies.
Academic Resources for Background Information

The Reference Collection on the main floor of Stauffer Library contains a core collection of academic encyclopedias, dictionaries, handbooks and companions for the humanities and social sciences.

Specialized encyclopedias are useful resources for:
- obtaining background information on a topic
- clarifying concepts
- providing relevant keywords that can be used when doing your research
- providing bibliographies of recommended readings on your topic

More gender and women’s studies encyclopedias are listed on the subject guide: http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/womens-and-gender-studies/dictionaries-encyclopedias

The following encyclopedias are particularly useful for Gender and Women’s Studies:

**Dictionary of Feminist Theory**
Stauffer Reference REF HQ1115 .H86 1995t

**Encyclopedia of Gender and Society**
Stauffer Reference REF HQ1115 .E54 2009 (2 volumes)

**Encyclopedia of Sex and Gender: Men and Women in the World's Cultures Topics and Cultures**

**Gay Histories and Cultures: An Encyclopedia**
Stauffer Reference HQ75.13 .G37 2000

glb tq (an encyclopedia of gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, transgender and queer culture)

**The Greenwood Encyclopedia of Women’s Issues Worldwide**
Stauffer Reference REF HQ1115 .G74 2003 (6 volumes)

**International Encyclopedia of Men and Masculinities**
Stauffer Reference HQ1090 I58 2007

**Lesbian Histories and Cultures: An Encyclopedia** (online)
Print: Stauffer Reference REF HQ75.5 .L4395 2000

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

**Routledge International Encyclopedia of Women: Global Women's Issues and Knowledge**
Stauffer Reference REF HQ1115 .R69 2000 (4 volumes)

**Routledge International Encyclopedia of Queer Culture**
Stauffer Reference REF HQ76.96.R68 2006

**Routledge Companion to Feminism and Postfeminism** (2005) ebook
Stauffer Reference REF HQ1115.R68 2001t
Women’s Movement Today: An Encyclopedia of Third-wave Feminism
Stauffer Reference REF HQ1115.W644 2006 (2 volumes)

Books

Find Books
Search QCAT Library Catalogue for books, e-books, journals, music, and more

Search QCAT, the Library catalogue, to locate books (including electronic books), videos and government documents owned by Queen’s Library. QCAT does not contain articles, but does list the journals, magazines and newspapers to which Queen’s Library subscribes. To find newspaper and journal articles, consult the Indexes and Databases section of this guide.

Tips for searching QCAT

QCAT search tips can be found by scrolling down the main catalogue screen. You can also consult the Finding Books and More handout: http://library.queensu.ca/inforef/handouts/findingbooks.pdf

Two of the best ways to find books on your topic are with a keyword search (which works like Google, automatically anding each word you include in your search) or a keyword Boolean search, which allows you to control your search results by combining various words and phrases and excluding unwanted concepts. For a keyword Boolean search, think of the words that best describe your topic and then connect them with the Boolean operators AND OR NOT. Quotation marks must be used for phrases.

As you locate relevant titles, record the call numbers so you can locate the books in the Library and check the assigned subject headings to search for additional materials.

The following subject headings will be of interest:

- feminism
- feminism – Canada (note that you can search for feminism – any country)
- feminist theory
- gender identity
- homosexuality
- queer theory
- mass media and women
- minority women
- sex customs
- transsexuals
- women – social conditions
- women – Canada – social conditions
- young women – social conditions
E-Books

Electronic books are listed in QCAT, but you may also search them directly. Three useful interdisciplinary e-book packages to which the Library subscribes are:

**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

Videos (DVDs and VHS)

In QCAT, perform a keyword or keyword Boolean search and limit results to Videos/DVDs/streaming video. There are also two multimedia viewing stations on the main floor of Stauffer Library and headsets are available from the Circulation Desk.

Articles

Search indexes and databases to find articles in scholarly journals, popular magazines and newspapers.

How can you tell the difference between popular and scholarly literature?

Watch this tutorial [http://library.queensu.ca/qlc/video/Scholarly_Articles/Scholarly_Articles.htm](http://library.queensu.ca/qlc/video/Scholarly_Articles/Scholarly_Articles.htm) or consult this guide: [http://library.queensu.ca/inforef/tutorials/qcat/geval.htm](http://library.queensu.ca/inforef/tutorials/qcat/geval.htm)

Indexes and Databases

The following indexes and databases provide access to articles (including scholarly /academic and popular) and in many cases link to the full journal article.
Connecting from off-campus? You will be prompted to enter your NetID and password when you click on a link to the database. You can also sign in to the Queen's web proxy server prior to beginning your library research at: https://login.proxy.queensu.ca/login

**Gender and Women’s Studies:**

**Gender Studies Database:** [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3186](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3186)
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.

**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.

**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.

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**Journals**

The Library subscribes to hundreds of journals relevant to the field of gender and women’s studies. Individual journal titles are listed in QCAT. When you know the title of a journal you are looking for, perform a journal title search in QCAT to determine its location (either in print, on the 2nd floor of Stauffer library, or online).

The following journals will be of particular interest (Click the link to go to the journal record in QCAT):

- **Atlantis: A Women’s Studies Journal** (print)
- **Camera Obscura: Feminism, Culture and Media Studies** (online)
- **Canadian Women’s Studies** (online)
- **Feminist Review** (online)
- **Feminist Theory** (online)
- **Feminist Studies** (online)
- **Frontiers: A Journal of Women Studies** (online)
- **Gender** (online)
- **Gender & Society** (online)
- **Gender Issues** (online)
- **Herizons** (online)
- **Journal of Gender Studies** (online)
- **Journal of International Women’s Studies** (online)
- **Race, Gender & Class** (online)
- **Sexualities** (online)
- **Signs** (online)
- **Women’s Studies** (online)
- **Women’s Studies International Forum** (online)
- **Women’s Studies Journal** (online)

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**Newspapers**

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) to access the right news database for you.

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**Websites**
Not all sources on the Web are equally valuable or reliable. Individual sites are not screened or standardized in any way to determine if the information they provide is accurate or useful. Critically evaluating the information you find is central to successful academic research. For evaluation criteria, see the Library’s guide to Evaluating Web Sources http://library.queensu.ca/inforef/tutorials/qcat/evalint.htm.

The following websites are of particular interest to Gender & Women’s Studies (also see Websites section of the Gender & Women’s Studies Subject Guide):


Gender Inn http://www.uni-koeln.de/phil-fak/englisch/datenbank/e_index.htm

Intute: Women’s Studies http://www.intute.ac.uk/womensstudies/


Resources for Feminist Research Internet Resources http://www.oise.utoronto.ca/rfr/pages/internet.html

Voice of the Shuttle: Gender and Sexuality Studies http://vos.ucsb.edu/browse.asp?id=2711

Window on the World: Women’s Organizations
From the journal Development (Development (2009) 52, 258–269), a selective list of women’s organizations from the Association for Women’s Rights in Development Forum (http://www.awid.org/)
http://www.palgrave-journals.com/development/journal/v52/n2/full/dev200916a.html

WSSLLinks: Women and Gender Studies Web Sites http://libr.org/wss/wsslinks/
Alternative Media

The Alternative Resource Library in Grey House (51 Bader Lane) has a circulating zine collection. See http://opirgkingston.org/library/ for more information.

Zine Websites

The bibliography of Turbo Chicks: Talking Young Feminism lists a selection of webzines. The following may also be of interest:

Grrrl Zine Network: http://grrrлезines.net/
The Queer Zine Archive Project http://www.qzap.org/
Street Librarian Zine page: http://www.geocities.com/SoHo/Cafe/7423/zines.html
Zine Library: http://zinelibrary.info/library
Zine World: http://www.undergroundpress.org/about-zine-world/

Citing Sources

Queen’s Library Guide to Citation and Style Guides:
http://library.queensu.ca/help/cite-sources

RefWorks

RefWorks Online Citation Manager is available to all Queen’s students, staff and faculty. See http://library.queensu.ca/help/refworks for more information.

Online Tutorials for learning RefWorks: http://refworks.scholarsportal.info/tutorial/

Getting help

If you are having difficulties with your research please ASK for help by:

Visiting the Stauffer Library Research Assistance Desk
Monday-Friday, 10am-5pm; Saturday/Sunday, 1pm-4pm
OR
Contacting Sylvia Andrychuk, Gender and Women’s Studies Liaison Librarian andrychs@queensu.ca

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