WMNS 425: Contemporary Debates on Feminism and Islam
Recommended Research Resources

Library Homepage: [http://library.queensu.ca/](http://library.queensu.ca/)
Connect from Off-Campus: [https://login.proxy.queensu.ca/login](https://login.proxy.queensu.ca/login)

Resources for Background Information:

Specialized encyclopedias are useful resources for obtaining background information on a topic, clarifying concepts and providing relevant keywords that can be used when doing your research. The Reference Collection in Stauffer Library (main floor) contains a variety of encyclopedias in gender and Women’s Studies; the following are particularly relevant to the study of feminism and Islam.

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

Presents authoritative, comprehensive, and current data on a broad range of contemporary women’s issues in more than 130 countries around the world. Volume 4 is devoted to the Middle East and North Africa.

**Encyclopedia of Women & Islamic Cultures**
Stauffer Reference HQ1170 .E53 2003 (6 volumes)

“A unique collaboration of over 1000 scholars from around the world, the Encyclopedia of Women & Islamic Cultures crosses history, geographic borders and disciplines to create a ground-breaking reference work reflecting the very latest research on gender studies and the Islamic world.” This encyclopedia consists of six volumes (including an Index volume), published from 2003 to 2007.

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

“Featuring comprehensive global coverage of women's issues and concerns, from violence and sexuality to feminist theory. In over 900 signed A-Z entries from US and Europe, Asia, the Americas, Oceania, and the Middle East, the women who pioneered the field from its inception collaborate with the new scholars who are shaping the future of women's studies to create the new standard work for anyone who needs information on women-related subjects.”
Encyclopedia of Women and Religion in North America
Stauffer Library Reference BL458 .E52 2006 (3 Volumes)
see part 7 in volume 3

“The most comprehensive and up-to-date description and analysis of women and religion in North America. The encyclopedia is interreligious, interracial, and multicultural and is aimed at a broad general audience.”

Books

Search QCAT, the Library catalogue to locate books (including electronic books) owned by Queen’s Library. WorldCat [http://www.worldcat.org/](http://www.worldcat.org/) (short for World Catalogue) and Google Books [http://books.google.ca](http://books.google.ca) are also useful sources for locating books that you can borrow through interlibrary loan ([http://library.queensu.ca/services/interlibrary/racer](http://library.queensu.ca/services/interlibrary/racer) – (note that it can take 5 business days for the ILL books to arrive).

Useful Subject Headings include:

- women – *geographic region* (for example, women – Afghanistan)
- women – Middle East
- women – Arab countries
- feminism – *geographic region* (for example, feminism – Iran)
- feminism – Middle East
- feminism – Arab countries
- sex role – Middle East
- Muslim women
- women’s rights – *geographic region* (for example, women’s rights – Iran)
- women in Islam
- women’s rights – religious aspects

E-Books

Interested in exploring e-book collections? Two useful interdisciplinary e-book packages the Library has subscriptions to are MyiLibrary [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3422](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3422) and eBrary [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/5298](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/5298).

Videos (DVDs and VHS) In QCAT, limit search to Videos/DVDs. There are also two multimedia viewing stations in Stauffer Library (main floor, by the multimedia shelves).
**Article Indexes and Databases**

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](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. Date 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. Journals indexed include the Journal of International Women’s Studies, Columbia Journal of Gender & Law, Feminist Studies, Signs: Journal of Women in Culture & Society, Sex Roles, and GLBTQ Social Sciences.

**Islamic Studies:**

**Index Islamicus** [http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3333](http://library.queensu.ca/research/databases/record/3333)
Index to literature on Islam, the Middle East and the Muslim world. Material cited includes not only work written about the Middle East but also about Muslim areas of Asia and Africa, plus Muslim minorities elsewhere. Date coverage is from 1906 to the present.

**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. Publication coverage is from 1865 to present.

**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 interdiscipliary, bilingual (English and Spanish) and comprehensive full text database of newspapers, magazines and journals from ethnic, minority and native presses. Tip: limit your search by ETHNIC GROUP to Arab/Middle Eastern to retrieve articles published in Arab/Middle Eastern periodicals (such as The Arab American News and Azizah).

**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. Web portal
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.

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**Newspapers**

There are many sources for news in the Queen's Library. Here is a selective guide to major news indexes and full-text news resources: [http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/news-resources](http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/news-resources)

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**Images**

Consult the Finding Images Subject Guide: [http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/finding-images](http://library.queensu.ca/research/guide/finding-images)

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**Websites**

**Columbia University Library: Women in the Middle East**

**Intute Social Sciences: Women’s Studies**
[http://www.intute.ac.uk/socialsciences/womensstudies/](http://www.intute.ac.uk/socialsciences/womensstudies/)

**Islamic Networks Group**
[http://www.ing.org/](http://www.ing.org/)

**Karamah: Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights**
[http://www.karamah.org/home.htm](http://www.karamah.org/home.htm)

**UC Berkeley Library: Gender and Women’s Studies of the Middle East**
[http://globetrotter.berkeley.edu/GlobalGender/mideastpage.html](http://globetrotter.berkeley.edu/GlobalGender/mideastpage.html)

**Women in Islam**

**WSS Links: Women and Theology: Islam**
[http://people.mills.edu/ddickman/wsstheo.html#islam](http://people.mills.edu/ddickman/wsstheo.html#islam)

**Yale University Library: Women in the Middle East**
[http://www.library.yale.edu/neareast/women.html](http://www.library.yale.edu/neareast/women.html)

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**Zine Resources**

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Looking for zines on campus? The Alternative Resource Library in Grey House (51 Bader Lane) has a circulating zine collection. For more information, see: [http://opirgkingston.org/library/](http://opirgkingston.org/library/)

There will also be a book about zines on Course Reserve for WMNS425.
Zine Websites


Grrrl Zine Network: http://grrrlzines.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/

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, Women’s Studies Liaison Librarian andrychs@queensu.ca

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