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Databases worth a look



If you haven't tried [SCOPUS](#) or [Web of Science](#) yet, I highly recommend them. Both are multidisciplinary, primarily sciences, but each has a good component of Social Science coverage. In addition, both allow for citation searching – both back in time and forward in time so you and your students can follow a paper's content to the past and into the future and many times, the articles they point to will be full text. If not, ILL has gotten so easy a young chimp could do it.

Focus on: RSS - Journal TOCs

It's so 20th century to get your Journal table of contents updates through email. It fills up your inbox, you have to delete it, empty your trash, and there's only one issue to view at a time.

RSS feeds are a way to easily browse the latest articles in the journals you are most interested in. In case you aren't quite sure what rss is, here's a great [little video](#).

First you need to subscribe to a blog aggregator like [Google Reader](#) or [Bloglines](#). Use any email address to sign up, for Google you don't need a gmail address to have an account.

An easy way to get started is to go to the [Women's Studies Journals](#) page and click on the little **RSS**. On the top of the next page, it will ask if you want to subscribe to the feed using (then there's a list) so you choose whichever reader you chose. It will send you to another couple of pages where you just make a choice and finally put it into your reader. I categorize my feeds in folders just to make it easy. I have a folder called Journal TOC.

I use Google Reader and it is so easy and convenient. There are quite a few feeds of interest to Women's Studies which I can share of anyone is interested. Please don't hesitate to see me if you want to get set up really quickly. It's so much more convenient than email updates.

Request a Course Web site



Are your students using Google as their most definitive research resource for their important assignments? Do their eyes glaze over when you tell them to use library resources? Is the quality of the materials your students use diminishing the quality of their thinking?

Take a look at a pathfinder created for Molly Horan's [Gender in Global Perspective](#) semester project. Or a research guide created for [Gender in Everyday Life](#) for Margaret Robinson's class. These online guides are developed specifically to support the research needs of your assignments.

If you are expecting your students to do some quality research for your class, contact me a few weeks in advance and I can put together a guide to meet the requirements of the assignment. A library session can also be scheduled to give your students a jump start on their research and a clearer understanding from you on the expectations. Contact me.

Women's Studies Resources

THE starting point for all library research in Women's Studies. Includes Reference Books, search tools for monographs and journal articles, best Web sites, news sites, and help with citation management.

WS Journals list

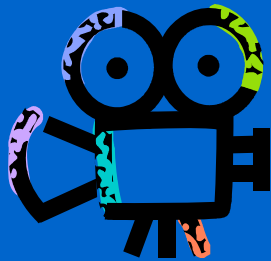
Link directly to our full text holdings of over 200 journals related to Women's Studies research.

Databases for WS

A short list of the best databases to use

Scholarly Collections on the Web

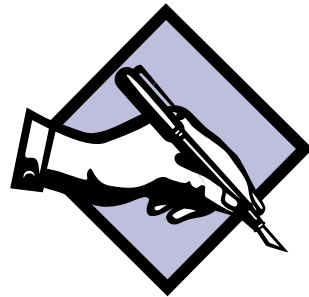
These are top notch Web research sites. More primary sources for your students.



"No person is your friend who demands your silence." –

Alice Walker

DigitalCommons@UConn



The Digital Commons is the repository for UConn's intellectual output. Women's Studies can create its own community and your research (journal articles, book chapters, conference papers and presentations, etc.) can be uploaded, permanently preserved, accessible, and viewable to all Web users. Many journals are very willing to allow you to post the penultimate edited version of articles in your Institutional repository.

[<http://digitalcommons.uconn.edu/>](http://digitalcommons.uconn.edu/)

As the Women's Studies Program moves forward with development of a Master's or PhD degree, displaying the richness, quality, and diversity of the research carried on by our own faculty and students would be a very strong endorsement of the need for advanced offerings.

Google indexes all items held in the Digital Commons so retrieval is easy and distribution is widespread. Also, if your work falls under several disciplines – say Women's Studies and Sociology – it can be posted to both communities.

For more information, check out the section in the Digital Commons for authors and your rights, especially pertaining to copyright.

<http://digitalcommons.uconn.edu/forauthors.html>

I will be happy to set up a meeting with Michael Bennett, our IR coordinator, for Women's Studies Faculty and affiliated Grad students to discuss your management of author's rights and possibilities for the future of a Women's Studies Community in the Digital Commons.

New Acquisitions: Videos

Divorce Iranian Style -- a film by Kim Longinotto & Ziba Mir-Hosseini. Looks inside an Iranian divorce court and shows how women are treated under Islamic law. 1 videodisc (80 min) Parts in Farsi with English subtitles.

In the name of love. What's motivating the thousands of Russian women who sign up with agencies to meet and marry American men? From the gray skies of St. Petersburg to sunny California ranches, we see the financial and emotional pros and cons of exporting one's heart. The film grapples with the tremendous economic challenges and difficult decisions facing Russian women today"--New Day Films website. 1 videodisc (5 min.)

Latina confessions : being Latina in the U.S. A documentary on what it means to be a Latina in the U.S. 1 videodisc (ca. 55 min.)

Mrs. President : women and political leadership in Iran --In the summer of 2001, 47 Iranian women neither affiliated with nor supported by any political party registered themselves as candidates for the presidential elections. Due to the Guardian Council's interpretation of a clause in the constitution, none of the women were allowed to run. This documentary presents the thoughts and opinions of six female candidates who agreed to be interviewed, along with the commentary of two female Iranian journalists who cover political developments for magazines in their country. 1 videodisc (47 min.) | Persian with English subtitles.

Neverperfect : a film by Regina Park--Most Asian women experience particular culture and social pressure to strive for extremely high standards of achievement and flawlessness. Among ethnic patients, the number of Asian-Americans seeking plastic

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and cosmetic surgery has risen 55% from 2004 to 2006. Along with other Asian American women seeking plastic surgery, this film follows the complex journey of one young Vietnamese-American woman's struggle with popular perceptions of beauty and body image in her decision to undergo cosmetic surgery. Traversing historical and contemporary notions of beauty, stereotypes and iconography within Asian and popular cultures, this film incorporates a rich selection of archival footage and commentary from numerous voices which ignites lively debate on the phenomena as they pertain to race and gender identity. 1 videodisc (64 min.)

Cruel and unusual -- a film by Janet Baus, Dan Hunt, Reid Williams.

A documentary about transgender women convicted and incarcerated in men's prisons in the United States. Interviews to lawyers and prison custodians reveal the level of violence these women have to face from the inmates, as well as from the authorities which do not recognize their condition as a medical disorder. 1 videodisc (65 min.)

Web Focus: Streaming Videos



Videos are great teaching tools for the Millennials. Below, you will find some great sources which aggregate many films, short and long, which should be easily accessed by students via the URL. Enhance your readings with visual material. If you have other sites which you use for videos, please send them to me.

Sites of interest:

<http://www.mediathatmattersfest.org/>

BROWSE FILMS BY ISSUE

- [criminal justice](#)
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INTERNET ARCHIVE MOVIE ARCHIVE (examples below)

<http://www.archive.org/details/movies>

Dorothy Fadiman: When Abortion Was Illegal: Untold Stories (1992)

http://www.archive.org/details/when_abortion_was_illegal

This Academy Award-nominated film features compelling first person accounts which reveal the physical, legal, and emotional consequences during the era when abortion was a criminal act. Remembrances include those of women who experienced illegal abortions, doctors who risked imprisonment and loss of their

licenses for providing illegal abortions, and individuals who broke the law by helping women find safe abortions.

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Open Mind: The Decline of Males (Recorded 9-22-99)

http://www.archive.org/details/openmind_ep1399

Open Mind episode 1399: The Decline of Males with Educator, Author Lionel Tiger, specialist in Anthropology

An Open Mind, Episode 886: Men, Women, And Violence (Recorded 1986-10-26)

http://www.archive.org/details/openmind_ep886

Guest: Catherine MacKinnon

Why is pornography supported?

Democracy Now! Wednesday, June 21, 2006

http://www.archive.org/details/dn2006-0621_vid

Stopping Violence Against Women: Eve Ensler and Kimberle Crenshaw on V-Day, Women in Prisons and Breaking the Silence (Interview begins around 12:35 time 59:05)

Free Videos online (a wide mix of content)

<http://www.ltconline.net/lukas/pages/videos.htm>

Frontline

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/view/>

Women's History on the Web

For National Women's History Month in March, I created a site with links to all kinds of great and useful free sites to learn about Women's History here and abroad. Here's the link: <http://www.lib.uconn.edu/online/research/bysubject/womstudies/womenhistory/>

If you have any additions, please send them to me.

Have a wonderful summer!

URLs not listed in text above:

SCOPUS: <http://rdl.lib.uconn.edu/databases/1086>

Web of Science: <http://rdl.lib.uconn.edu/databases/948>

RSS video: http://www.commoncraft.com/rss_plain_english

Google Reader: <http://www.google.com/reader/>

Bloglines: <http://www.bloglines.com>

Women's Studies Journals: <http://www.lib.uconn.edu/online/DigitalCollections/wsjournals.cfm>

WS124 Gender in Global Perspective:

<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/online/research/bysubject/womstudies/classes/ws124/>

WS105 Gender in Everyday Life:

<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/online/research/bysubject/womstudies/classes/ws105/>