

Finding Research Materials on U.S. Women's History

Searching Tips

- To find general sources, check **Ignacio**, the library's catalog, under subject headings beginning with **Women United States History**
- Search for more specific topics by entering in the topic itself as subject or keyword and note any relevant subheadings. For example, a subject search on **midwifery** will show you that there are titles listed under the subject heading of **midwifery history** as well.
- **Keyword** is the most flexible approach which usually produces the largest retrieval. A keyword search searches the title, author, subject headings, and abstract if available.

In some databases, you must use a single word, an exact phrase, or **and** between multiple words. **Example:** midwifery **and** feminism

In other databases (including Ignacio), the database automatically inserts an implicit and between multiple words and you do not have to type these.

If in doubt or you get a zero result, try both approaches.

- **Truncation:** In using either approach, carefully consider the power and usefulness of truncation to expand your retrieval. Truncation builds upon the root of a word to retrieve all variations based on it.

Example: feminis* = feminism, feminist, feminists

Reference Sources

The following list is a selection of reference sources on U.S. Women's History in Gleeson Library. Reference sources often provide background information on your topic and sometimes provide leads to resources as well as key terminology and concepts related to your topic

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4. Taeuber, Cynthia C., ed. Statistical Handbook on Women in America. Phoenix, AZ: Oryx Press, 1996. **Ref HQ1420 .T34 1996**.
5. Stein, Marc. LGBT, Encyclopedia of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender History in America. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 2003. **Ref HQ 76.3 .U5 E53 2003**.
6. Gale Virtual Reference Library
<http://www.usfca.edu/library/databases/gvrl.html>
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BIOGRAPHIES

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WOMEN'S CHRONOLOGIES

9. Brakeman, Lynne, ed. Chronology of Women Worldwide: People, Places, and Events That Changed Women's History. Detroit: Gale, 1996. **Ref HQ1121 .C617 1997**.
10. Traeger, James. The Women's Chronology: A Year-by-Year Record, from Prehistory to the Present. New York: Henry Holt and Company, 1994. **Ref HQ1122 .T73 1994**.
11. Weatherford, Doris. Milestones: A Chronology of American Women's History. New York: Facts on File, 1997. **Ref HQ1410 .W434 1997**.

GENERAL CHRONOLOGIES

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14. Annual Register. London : Longmans, 1965- . **Ref and Ref Annex D 2 . A61**
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17. Harrison, Cynthia Ellen. Women in American History: A Bibliography. Santa Barbara, CA: American Bibliographical Center---Clio Press, 1979. **Ref A 7962 .H37**.

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18. Women Studies Abstracts. Rush, CO: Rush Publishing, 1972-. **Ref HQ18880 .W65**.

19. Women's Studies Index. Boston, Mass: G.K. Hall & Co., 1991-. **Ref HQ1180 .W66**.

20. Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature 1890- **Ref AI 3 R78**.

ONLINE DATABASES

www.usfca.edu/library/research/womens.html

America: History & Life - Abstracts of journal articles, book/media reviews, & dissertations

Contemporary Women's Issues - Includes some full-text reports, alternative journals, newsletters

Research Library (ProQuest) - Full-text articles, abstracts & citations, covering many subjects

InfoTrac OneFile - Full-text articles, abstracts & citations covering many subjects

JSTOR - A searchable retrospective archival full-text collection of over 100 journals in such subject areas as history, African-American and Asian studies, ecology, economics, education, mathematics, philosophy, political science, population studies, and sociology. JSTOR does not include the latest 5 years of any journal, but often includes back issues from several decades past.

Project Muse - Current full text collection of over 100 quality journal titles from some 30 scholarly publishers covering the fields of history, literature and criticism, the visual and performing arts, cultural studies, education, political science, gender studies, economics, and many others.

New York Times Historical (1851-2001) - Full page and article images (pdf) of the New York times, with searchable full text.

Sociological Abstracts - Abstracts of journal articles, dissertations, and conference papers in sociology and related disciplines.

AltPress Watch – Full-text articles from 170 newspaper, magazine, and journal titles of the alternative and independent press

AltPress Index – Includes citations from nearly 300 alternative, radical, and left periodicals, newspapers and magazines.

Ethnic NewsWatch – Full-text articles from over 230 newspapers, magazines, and journals of the ethnic, minority, and native press.

Essay and General Literature Index -- Essays and articles contained in collections of essays and other works published in the United States, Great Britain and Canada.

WEB SITES

University of Maryland-Baltimore County. Women's Issues Resource Sites

<http://research.umbc.edu/~korenman/wmst/links.html>

Association of College & Research Libraries. *WSSLINKS: Women and Gender Studies Web Sites*

<http://libr.org/wss/WSSLinks/index.html>

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