A Research Guide for SCW 251
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CU Library Catalog -
Use the catalog to find books, articles, DVDs, and videos in the Concordia Library and Summit catalogs.. Use the options on the left of the results screen to narrow the choices on your list.

Before you start searching, sign in using the link in the upper right corner of the screen. Use your Blackboard login.

- Search by Keyword on your topic.
  e.g. service delivery AND social work
  e.g. social welfare history
  e.g. welfare reform and social work history United States

- Search by Author for works by your pioneer/reformer
  e.g. Ida Wells Barnett
  e.g. Bradley Buell

- Search by Subject on your topic using the advanced search option.
  e.g. Amelia Earhart
  e.g. trends in social work
  e.g. social services rural United States
  e.g. social service children United States AND disabilities

Note: Electronic books are identified by “access online.” To view them, click on the Access Online link then the link to the ebook collection (e.g. ebrary Academic Complete).

Find Articles about Your … tab

Option 1:
SocIndex, ProQuest Central
Search by keywords. Consider combinations of concepts (name, reform Act, location, social issue).

- Helpful for locating articles they wrote as well as information about them.
- Remember to search on variations of the person’s name if the woman was married.
- Use the date range to find articles about community life during that person’s era.
  e.g. Frances Perkins
  e.g. Sophonisba Preston OR Sophonisba Preston Breckinridge

JSTOR for articles about and for articles written in the era of your pioneer/reformer
  e.g. orphanages AND United States note: set the dates to 1920/01/01 to 1930/12/31
  e.g. Bradley Buell

Internet searches: Search by name. Choose sites from reputable organizations e.g. historical societies.

Option 2:
SocIndex, ProQuest Central
Search by keywords: consider concepts and trends to use as search words.

  e.g. demographic change AND impact
  e.g. ethic* AND challenges AND “social work”

Search by subject or use subject links from an article that fits your topic. (e.g. community life)

JSTOR for scholarly articles on all topics in social work, Use modify Search to make your list more specific by adding additional terms or concepts.
  e.g. evidence-based practice AND social work AND managed care

LexisNexis for articles from U.S. and international newspapers
Option 2 continued

Use Tracking Trends, Evidence-based Practice, and Professional Ethics tabs to gather information on your issue.
Use the same search techniques as you used in the initial part of your assignment.

If your work requires additional information on populations, use
Data & Statistics tab for Demographics: information about: income, education, number of children, etc.
  Census Reporter http://censusreporter.org/ for most current information from American Community Survey.
  U.S. Census Bureau http://factfinder2.census.gov for data and statistics on populations. Information goes from national to the local level. Has tools to create individual tables and thematic maps.
  Zanran search engine: http://www.zanran.com/q/ for data formatted in graphs, charts & tables
  Portland Maps: http://www.portlandmaps.com for local information on households, crimes, percentage of populations for particular target groups

  Search tip: When searching for statistics, use the word data instead of statistics
  e.g. data AND foster children (for statistics on foster child care)

Use the Laws & Regulations tab to locate & track laws at both the federal and state levels; includes links for finding reports and advocacy and think tank organizations for viewpoints and analysis of the legislation.

For current news about the people and issues you are researching, use links on the Find a Connector tab for local and national network and newspaper stories. Also includes links to some Internet search engines for additional possibilities.

Looking for a specific Journal or Newspaper? Use the Library Catalog
Use this search to find a particular journal title or an article from a citation.
  ➢ e.g. a journal title: Social Work
  ➢ Search: New Directions For Child & Adolescent Development

If you’re not finding what you need for this project, ask your librarian

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- Phone: Call the Library at 503.280.8507
- Text: 503.406.3055
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