Introduction to Library Services, Resources, and Research Methods

Anthropology Proseminar

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Agenda:

- Identify key McGill library resources and services and learn how to access them
- Explore our library catalogue, and discover relevant reference sources on your research topic
- Overview of search strategies to search in article databases like Anthropology Plus
- Know about the American Anthropological Association (AAA) citation style and other citation resources
- Quick scholarly publishing update
- Software, workshops, etc...
How do you start your research?
It used to be lonely at the top.

**ACCESS.**

[Image: mcgill.ca/library/orientation]

McGill Library. Everything you need.
Access

- No need to be on campus to access e-resources including: databases, e-journals, e-books, etc.
- All you need is an internet connection and your McGill email and password
EZ Proxy

Accessing Online Resources:
http://www.mcgill.ca/library/services/connect
Joie de livre.

Collections.

mcgill.ca/library/orientation
Use your ID card to sign in to your library account: renew items online, check for overdue fines, see what you have borrowed, change your Library PIN, request items out to other users.

Borrowing and renewals for graduate students:
- 4 month loan period
- unlimited renewals
- maximum number of items is 80

Request a scan

Borrow in person from *participating* Canadian universities with a BCI card

If we don’t have it, we’ll get it for you from anywhere in Canada or the world through Interlibrary Loan.
A great place to start your research

Humanities & social sciences

Subject guides

- African studies
- Anthropology and archaeology
- Bible Studies
- Classics
- Communication and media studies
- East Asian Studies
- Economics
- Environmental studies
- Feminist theory
- Film
- Geography (human)
**Searching the literature (Before going online)**

1. Formulate a clear question
2. Identify concepts and search term(s) that represent each concept
3. Use OR to combine terms that represent the same concept
4. Use AND to combine terms that represent different concepts
5. Select databases/resources to search
Boolean Operators

**AND**

("stone tools" AND China)

Narrows a search

All the words must appear in the bibliographic record

**OR**

(Tradition OR Ritual)

Expands a search

The bibliographic record contains either word / concept or both

**NOT**

(Ceremony NOT Marriage)

Narrows a search

Requires the presence of a keyword / concept, but NOT the other in the bibliographic record
Truncation

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ethn*  ->  ethnic
ethnics
ethnology
ethnological
ethnographic
cultur*
anthrop*
More Advanced Search Techniques

- **Quotation marks**
  - Use for phrase searching
  - Example: “independence movements”

- **Parentheses**
  - Allows you to control the order that your terms are searched in:
  - (Separatism OR Sovereignty) AND (Quebec OR “French Canadian”)

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# Keyword vs. Subject Heading

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<th>Keyword</th>
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<td>“natural language”</td>
<td>“controlled vocabulary”</td>
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<td>Database will search <strong>multiple fields</strong></td>
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<td>May not be the <strong>focus</strong> of the article</td>
<td>Process involves humans, so results will be <strong>more relevant</strong></td>
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<td>Does not take the <strong>meaning</strong> of the word into account</td>
<td><strong>Meaning</strong> of the word is considered ex. mouse (rodent) vs. mouse (computer mouse)</td>
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<td>Can yield <strong>irrelevant</strong> results</td>
<td><strong>Standard list</strong> of terms defines related synonyms</td>
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<td>Necessary if database does not have a controlled vocabulary, or if subject heading does not exist for your term</td>
<td>Different in each database</td>
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You decide you are interested in locating literature on human ecology and the Ancient Andes.

(“human ecology” or “ecological anthropology” or “environmental geography”) AND (andes or andean)
Reference tools: Encyclopedias, Dictionaries, and Handbooks

General:

- Encyclopedia Britannica online, Wikipedia, Encyclopedia of Anthropology, Encyclopedia of Religion, etc...

Specific:

- Concise dictionary of social and cultural anthropology, Encyclopedia of Medical Anthropology: Health and Illness in the World's Cultures, Dictionary of Buddhism, etc...

Reference materials (Thousands of reference sources)

What is a Library Catalogue?

Tells us what the library owns & where to find it
Useful Article Databases for Anthropology and Archaeology Research

- **Anthropology Plus** is an extensive index of bibliographic materials covering the fields of anthropology, archaeology, and related interdisciplinary research.

- **Anthrosource** contains the full-text of over 30 journals published through the American Anthropological Association.

- **eHRAF World Cultures** (Human Relations Area Files) contains ethnographic collections covering all aspects of cultural and social life. A great research tool for cross-cultural research, comparative and global studies, studying individual cultures, and exploring human diversity in the recent past and present.

- **eHRAF Archaeology** focuses on in-depth descriptive documents of archaeological traditions from around the world.

- **Web of Science – Social Sciences Citation Index**
Useful Article Databases for Anthropology and Archaeology Research

- **SocIndex with Full Text** is the most comprehensive of the available sociology databases. Also, indexes journals on Socio-Cultural Anthropology, Ethnic & Racial Studies, as well as other subject areas related to Anthropology.

- **Sociological Abstracts** An authoritative and well-indexed database for locating articles in the field of sociology. Also indexes journals dealing with culture and social structure, family and marriage, race and ethnicity, as well as other subject areas related to Anthropology.

- **ATLA Religion Database** is the premier index to journal articles, book reviews, and collections of essays in all fields of religion.

- **Medline** database is widely recognized as the premier source for bibliographic and abstract coverage of biomedical literature.

- **PsycINFO** is the primary database for psychology. It covers the professional and academic literature in psychology and related disciplines.
Top Online Resources - Locating Images

ıyor Art Museum Image Gallery (EBSCO)
Art images and related multimedia from the collections of distinguished museums around the world (e.g. Louvre, Prado, Hermitage, British Museum, etc.); can be searched alone or in conjunction with other EBSCO journal indexes.

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This digital library features an easy-to-use interface enabling students, faculty, and instructors to select from a wealth of digital images. The charter collection includes over 300,000 representations of architecture, painting, sculpture, and photography from many major museums, including The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston and George Eastman House, to name a few.

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 Getty Search Gateway
The Getty has made available over 4,600 high-resolution images of the Museum’s collection free to use, modify, and publish for any purpose. These images are in the public domain.

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浓浓浓Oxford Art Online
The access point for Grove Art Online and other Oxford art reference resources. May limit to images only.

资产负债表 Réunion des musées nationaux
A collection of images from the national and regional museums of France, including the Louvre, Orsay, Pompidou and the Picasso Museum.

资产负债表 Timeline of Art History, Metropolitan Museum of Art
The Timeline of Art History is a chronological, geographical, and thematic exploration of the history of art from around the world, as illustrated by the Metropolitan Museum of Art’s collection. Provides theme specific searches, as well as general browsing.
Useful film databases

- Kanopy
- Films on Demand
eScholarship@McGill

- a digital repository which stores and showcases the publications and theses of McGill University faculty and students
- includes full text documents of research articles, electronic theses, working papers, conference papers, books and research reports
- maintained by the Library, which deposits digital research in the repository and manages the archiving of content over time
Open Access Publishing

Open Access is the free, immediate, online availability of research articles, coupled with the rights to use these articles fully in the digital environment.

SPARC, Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition
http://www.sparc.arl.org
Know your (copy)rights

- Some publishers will require you to transfer copyright
  - In some cases this will mean you can no longer teach using your publications, or even build off of it for further research

- Some tools to help you keep the rights you need
  - SPARC author addendum
    (SPARC = Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition)
  - SHERPA/RoMEO
  - Your librarian/library
    - Jane Burpee jane.burpee@mcgill.ca
      Coordinator, Data Curation & Scholarly Communications
    - Alex Kohn alexandra.kohn@mcgill.ca
      Head, Copyright Office
    - Scholarly Communications Librarian
      Coming soon!
McGill Library Citation guides and Software
http://www.mcgill.ca/library/services/citation

Publishing Style Guide of American Anthropological Association(AAA)
http://www.aaanet.org/publications/guidelines.cfm

Citing Sources in Chicago Manual of Style 16th Edition
- The Online Writing Lab (OWL) at Purdue University
https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/717/01/
Citation management software

- Import references from library catalogue and databases
- Store, organize, and format your references
- Create bibliographies with Microsoft Word
MyResearch graduate seminar series

**MyResearch Module 1: EndNote Essentials** to use EndNote: a powerful citation management program that will change the way you do research

**MyResearch Module 2: Graduate Research Tool Kit**
Understand and locate different types of information produced at each stage of the research cycle

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Learn advanced search strategies and techniques to make the best use of specialized resources for your discipline

**MyResearch Module 4: Getting Your Research Out**
Learn about issues and trends in scholarly publishing, and gain a better understanding of citation analysis tools and metrics
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