

Resources for SOCI 222—"Social Psychology: A Sociological Approach"

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CHOOSING A TOPIC, FINDING BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Encyclopedia of Social Psychology. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2007. (e-book, 2 vols.)

The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Social Psychology. Oxford, UK: Blackwell, 1995. (e-book; also in print - Main Reference HM251 .B476 1995)

These two encyclopedias provide introductory articles on key topics in social psychology.

Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology. Malden, MA: Blackwell Pub., 2007. (e-book, 11 vols.)

A continuously updated online encyclopedia with extensive coverage in all areas of sociology.

Encyclopedia of Social Problems. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2008. (e-book, 2 vols.)

Topics covered include social change, deviance, family, health, urban issues, poverty, race and ethnic relations, class and economics, gender and sexual orientation, and much more.

Encyclopedia of Applied Psychology. Oxford: Elsevier Academic Press, 2004. (e-book; 3 vols., also in print - Main Reference BF636 .E52 2004)

Articles address the application of psychology to real-life situations (in education, sports, business, healthcare, inter-group relations, etc.)

Encyclopedia of Human Behavior. 2nd ed. Burlington: Elsevier Science, 2012. (e-book, 3 vols.)

Articles on the thoughts, feelings, and physiological functions behind human action and reaction.

The Corsini Encyclopedia of Psychology. 4th ed. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley, 2010.

Main Reference BF31 .E52 2010 (4 vols.)

Articles provide succinct summaries of topics in psychology and behavioral sciences.

More e-book encyclopedias:

Cultural Sociology of Divorce: An Encyclopedia, Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2013.

Encyclopedia of Diversity in Education, Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2012.

Encyclopedia of Group Processes & Intergroup Relations, Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2010.

Encyclopedia of Human Relationships, Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2009.

Encyclopedia of Identity, Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2010.

Encyclopedia of Interpersonal Violence, Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2008.

Encyclopedia of Race and Racism, 2nd ed., Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA, 2013.

Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity, and Society, Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2008.

Encyclopedia of Religion in America, Washington, DC: CQ Press, 2010.

Encyclopedia of Social Networks, Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2011.

Sociology of Education: An A-to-Z Guide, Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2013.

BROWSING FOR TOPICS AT WEB SITES

Social Psychology Network. Maintained by Scott Plous, Department of Psychology, Wesleyan University, with support from the National Science Foundation.

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

Over 20,000 links related to social psychology for students, faculty, and researchers. Especially recommended is the "Social Psychology Topics" section:

SocioSite. Maintained by Albert Benschop, faculty of Social Sciences, University of Amsterdam.
<http://www.sociosite.net/>

Provides a starting point for identifying academically oriented web sites in various areas of sociological inquiry. The "Subject Areas" link is a great place to start.

Resources for the Teaching of Social Psychology. Maintained by Jon Mueller, Professor of Psychology, North Central College; sponsored by the Associated Colleges of Illinois.

<http://jfmuller.faculty.noctrl.edu/crow/>

Over 5,000 links to resources and ideas for teaching social psychology; although the primary audience is faculty, the "Topic Resources" and "Articles, Books, and Book Chapters" sections under each topic are also useful for students.

FINDING BOOKS AND OTHER LIBRARY MATERIALS

OBIS is the Oberlin College Library's online catalog; it lists most library materials. The **OhioLINK Library Catalog** combines the holdings of 90 college and university libraries across Ohio. Both catalogs can be searched by **Author** or **Title** for a specific author or work, or by **Subject Heading** or **Keyword** for works about a topic, person, place, etc.

USING DATABASES TO FIND ARTICLES IN SCHOLARLY JOURNALS

Connect from Databases tab on the Library home page search box, or use the Quick Links drop-down menu

SocINDEX

The major index for sociology and related disciplines; indexes articles in 1,750+ journals.

PsycINFO

The major index for psychology and related disciplines; indexes articles in 2,500+ journals. Also indexes books, book chapters, and dissertations.

☞ To determine if the library has a particular journal, Use "360 Link to Full Text" or "Find It!" where available in research databases, or search **Journal Finder** from Library home page or the Quick Links pull-down menu

OTHER RECOMMENDED RESEARCH DATABASES

Depending on your topic, the databases listed below may also prove useful. If you need assistance using these or other library resources, ask for help at the Research Desk.

Academic Search Complete (multidisciplinary)

ATLA Religion Database

Black Studies Center

Communication & Mass Media Complete

Computers & Applied Sciences Complete

EconLit

Education Research Complete

Gender Studies Database

Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts

LGBT Life

MEDLINE (Ebsco version recommended)

Peace Research Abstracts

SPORTDiscus

SUMMON – choose Summon tab on library home page search box

- searches across the spectrum of library content: books, scholarly articles, newspapers, data, audio, video, images, government documents, and more; searches many, *but not all*, library resources
- draws from OBIS, OhioLINK, many full text and article indexing databases, and digital repositories from colleges, universities, research centers, and other open-access archives
- comprehensive or complex searches should be done in subject specific databases

- OBIS and OhioLINK are generally better for finding books
- if links don't lead to full text, be persistent or ask for help; we probably *do* have access

HELP WITH RESEARCH AND WRITING

A Guide to Writing Sociology Papers. 6th ed. New York: Worth Publishers, 2008.

Main Library HM585.G78 2008 [7th ed. 2013 on order]

The Sociology Student Writer's Manual. 6th ed. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson/Prentice Hall, 2010.

Main Library HM585 .S638 2010

Writing Papers in Psychology. 8th ed. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth, Cengage Learning, 2009.

Main Library BF76.7 .R67 2009 [9th ed. 2012 on order]

Research and Documentation Online. 5th ed., 2012. Maintained by Bedford/St. Martin's.

<http://bcs.bedfordstmartins.com/resdoc5e/>

Covers four major citation and style systems (for humanities, social sciences, history, and sciences).

Style Guide. 4th ed. Washington, DC: American Sociological Association, 2010.

Main Reference HM569 .A54 2010

Quick Tips for ASA Style is an online, brief version: Google "quick tips asa style" and choose the one at asanet.org

How to Prepare an Annotated Bibliography. Maintained by the Olin & Uris Libraries, Cornell University.

<http://guides.library.cornell.edu/annotatedbibliography>

Consider using a citation management tool, such as *RefWorks* to help you:

- track sources consulted
- organize citations, notes, and documents
- automatically format bibliographies and lists of works cited
- for info, choose "For Students" (under "Services" on library web site), then "Citation Help"

HOW TO GET MATERIALS NOT AVAILABLE AT OBERLIN

OhioLINK:

- how it works: ~110 OhioLINK member libraries lend materials (primarily books) to each other; *does not include delivery of journal articles*
- to request: do-it-yourself searching and online requesting (barcode is the number on back of OCID)
- how long it takes: allow 3-4 business days

Interlibrary Loan (ILL or ILLiad)

- use for: articles in journals not available at Oberlin, books not available via OhioLINK
- how it works: libraries provide materials to each other; includes delivery of scanned journal articles
- to request: select "ILLiad/Interlibrary Loan" from the Quick Links menu on the Library's home page; set up an account; enter and track ILL requests online
- how long it takes: allow 1-2 weeks; many arrive much more quickly

GETTING RESEARCH HELP AT THE LIBRARY

Research Desk Hours: Monday – Thursday 10am-noon, 1-5pm, & 7pm-midnight

Friday 10am-noon & 1-5pm

Weekends: Saturday noon-5pm, Sunday noon-5pm & 7pm-midnight

Click on [Ask a Librarian](#) on the library's home page for more ways to get help

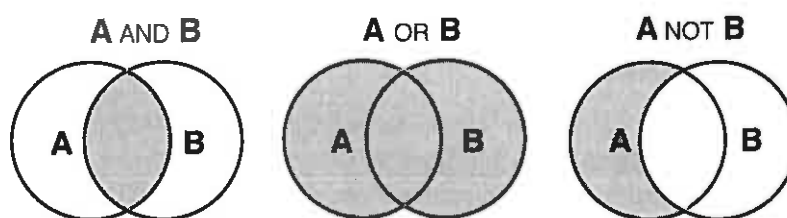
Selecting an Appropriate Research Database

- ✓ Consider which subject areas match your research topic: Who would be interested in researching or studying the topic? Which disciplines are concerned with the topic? Is the topic related to a specific geographical area?
- ✓ Decide what type or format of information you need: What kinds of publications or information sources would be most likely to include this information? Books? Scholarly journals? Professional or trade publications? Popular magazines? Newspapers? Web sites? Special interest publications?
- ✓ Select the time period you are interested in: Current? Historical?
- ✓ Look for a database that matches your criteria:
 - Browse the subject listing of databases at the Library's web site
 - Consult your professor for recommendations
 - Ask a librarian for suggestions

Database Searching Tips

Examples are from *SocINDEX* using EBSCO's database search software

Concept	Explanation	Example
Keyword searching	search for words automatically indexed by computer	[any word you want!]
Phrase searching	search for an exact phrase (words that appear adjacent to each other in a specified order)	"conflict resolution" "bystander effect" "prosocial behavior"
Boolean logic (for keyword searching)	use Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT) for more precise searching	[see examples below]
AND	search for records that include <i>all</i> of the words (narrows the search)	bullying and (internet or social media)
OR	search for records that include <i>any</i> of the words (broadens the search)	homosexual or gay or lesbian or queer or transgender
NOT	<i>exclude</i> records that include the word (narrows the search)	advertising not (television or radio)
Truncation	substitute a "wild card" character for one or more letters to retrieve all possible word endings	conform* [finds conform, conforms, conformity, conformist]
Subject searching (controlled vocabulary searching)	search for subject headings (also called "terms" or "descriptors") chosen from a standardized list	self-consciousness (used instead of self awareness)



Boolean Logic