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Getting Started: Bibliography, Reference, and Periodicals in Women's Studies

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EKS = I own a copy
JMM = Judy Melton owns a copy

yReference Tools to Begin With

Humm, Maggie. The Dictionary of Feminist Theory. Columbus, Ohio State U P, 1990.
CUL REF HQ115 .H86 1990

Focuses primarily on Anglo-American and French theory. Has entries for topics, terms, and people's names. Entries are short but mention main figures and sides in controversies; most entries cite at least three or four classic sources. Range of information is helpful to undergraduates but also useful for more advanced researchers. For example, A has entries on Abortion, Advertising, Louis Althusser, Androgyny, Anorexia, Architecture, Ti Grace Atkinson, among others.

Kramare, Cheris and Paula A Treichler. A Feminist Dictionary. Boston and London: Pandora Press, 1985.

CUL REF HQ1115 .K73 1985

This clearly politicized attempt to compensate for the masculinist biases of most available dictionaries can be useful to researchers for its compilation of citations from a wide range of women's writing. Entries not only give a thumbnail history of a given concept from the perspective of feminist scholarship but also quote liberally from the widest possible range of women's voices. Entries are often amusing and thought-provoking in their juxtaposition of points of view. Cross References are often very useful.

*Searing, Susan E. Introduction to Library Research in Women's Studies. Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1985.

CUL Z7961 S42 1985

The first five chapters provide a useful guide to undergraduates on how to use the library, including a number of hints about how to find and narrow topics in Women's Studies; the rest of the book gets increasingly detailed and specific about sources in Women's Studies Research. A book that is useful to everyone from beginning student to experienced faculty.

Chapters 6 and 7 cover general sources, guides to reference works and broad bibliographies on Women's Studies. Chapter 8 breaks down interdisciplinary bibliographies and indexes according to the type of materials covered: books, articles in periodicals, newspapers, government publications, conference proceedings, and dissertations.

Chapter 9 is the longest section in the book, listing bibliographies and indexes in 17 special fields: Anthropology; the Arts; Business, Economics, and Labor; Education; Health and Medicine; History; Law and Criminology; Lesbian Studies; Linguistics; Literature; Minority Studies; National and Area Studies; Political Science; Psychology; Religion and Philosophy; Science and Technology; and Sociology.

The last seven chapters are about very specialized sources: library catalogues and guides to special collections and archives, special sources for locating biographical information, directories of organizations and services, and microform sources. The chapter on On-Line sources lists the most useful data bases for Women's Studies. The chapter on Periodicals lists only the names and dates of issue of major feminist periodicals, but does group them according to discipline.

Particularly useful is Appendix C which lists all the review essays in Signs from Volume 1 (19 to Volume 9 (1984). These omnibus review essays are frequently definitive descriptions of the literature in a given field.

yGeneral Reference Sources

Trager, James. The Women's Chronology : a Year-by-year Record from Prehistory To the Present. New York : H. Holt, 1994.
CUL REF HQ1122 .T73 1994

Seager, Joni and Ann Olson, Women in the World: An International Atlas. NY: Simon and Shuster, 1986.
CUL REF G1046 .E1 S4 1986

Stafford, Beth, ed. Directory of Women's Studies Programs and Library Resources. Phoenix, AZ: Oryx Press, 1990.
CUL REF HQ1181 .U5 D57 1990

The Main Entry section lists all the Women's Studies Programs in the Country by State. Listings include address, telephone number and contact person as well as a list of teaching faculty, courses offered, and degrees offered. A library contact is often included as well as a description of library support if the collection has particular strengths in Women's Studies. There are four Indexes which are also helpful: the Institution Index is an alphabetical list of all colleges and universities with Women's Studies Programs; the Women's Studies Credentials Index is organized according to the kind of program offered, containing alphabetical listings of all undergraduate minors and majors, all M.A. programs, and all Ph.D. programs; the Discipline Orientation Index catalogues programs by area of specialization; and the Library Collection Subject Strength Index similarly notes specialized library holdings.

Statistical Handbook on Women in America. Cynthia Taeuber comp. and ed. Phoenix, AZ: Oryx Press, 1991.

CUL REF HQ1420 .T34 1991

A very thorough compilation of charts and tables on aspects of women's social situation for the last two decades. Divided into four sections: Demographic Characteristics (including information on population and immigration, birth and fertility trends, unmarried births, abortions, death rates and life expectancies); Employment and Economic Status (information on kinds of jobs, earnings, child care, unemployment, poverty, and welfare); Health Aspects (information on disabilities, diseases, addictions, mental health, health services); Social Characteristics (information on marriage, divorce, living arrangements, education, voting, crime victims, and criminals).

Tierney, Helen, ed. Women's Studies Encyclopedia. Vol. 1. Views From the Sciences. Vol. 2. Literature, Arts, and Learning. New York: Greenwood Press, 1989.
CUL REF HQ1115 .W645 1989

Tuttle, Lisa. Encyclopedia of Feminism. NY: Facts on File, 1986.
CUL REF HQ115.T87 1986

Walker, Barbara. The Women's Encyclopedia of Myths and Secrets. NY: Harper and Row, 1983.
CUL BL458 .W34

---. The Women's Dictionary of Symbols and Sacred Objects. San Francisco, CA: Harper and Row, 1988.

CUL REF BL458 .W34 1983CB475 .W45 1988

YReference Guides for Some Specific Topics

If you look up K=women and Reference on Luis, you will find a list of 88 reference books about women. Looking through that list might give you some good ideas for topics. Some of the books in this list are:

Ryan, Barbara. The Women's Movement : References and Resources. New York : G.K. Hall, 1996.

CUL REF HQ1236.5.U6 R9 1996

Weatherford, Doris. American Women's History . New York : Prentice Hall General Reference, 1994.

CUL REF HQ1115 .W4 1994

Salem, Dorothy C., Ed. African American Women: A Biographical Dictionary. NY: Garland, 1993.

CUL REF E185.96 .A45 1993

Bataille, Gretchen M., editor ; Laurie Lisa, editorial assistant. Native American Women : a Biographical Dictionary. New York : Garland, 1993.

CUL REF E98.W8 B38 1993

McClelland, Averil. The Education of Women in the United States: A Guide to Theory, Teaching, and Research. NY: Garland, 1992.

CUL LC1752 .M34 1992

Blacksmith, E. A., ed. Women in the Military. NY: Wilson, 1992.

CUL UB418.W65 W67 1992

Decoste, F.C., K.M. Munro, and Lillian MacPherson, comps. Feminist Legal Literature: A Selective Annotated Bibliography. NY: Garland, 1991.

CUL K644 .A12 D43 1991

Dixon, Penelope. Mothers and Mothering : an Annotated Feminist Bibliography. New York : Garland Pub., 1991.

CUL Z7963.M67 D59 1991

Feinberg, Renee. The Feminization of Poverty in the United States: A Selected, Annotated Bibliography of the Issues, 1978-89. NY: Garland, 1990.

CUL Z7164 .C4 F45 1990

Zophy, Angela Howard, ed. Handbook of American Women's History. NY: Garland, 1990.

CUL REF HQ1410 H36 1990

Chairmonte, Paula L. Women Artists in the United States: A selective Bibliography and Resource Guide on the Fine and Decorative Arts. 1750-1986. Boston, MA: G.K. Hall, 1990.

Humphreys, Nancy K. American Women's Magazines : an Annotated Historical Guide. New York : Garland, 1989.
CUL REF PN4879 .H86 1989

YAnnotated Guides to Classic Works in Women's Studies

*Haber, Barbara. Women in America: A Guide to Books, 1963-1975. With an Appendix on Books Published 1963-1975. .ill 1981.

A standard reference in women's studies. Contents are arranged thematically; contains sections on Education, Feminism, History, Literature, the Fine Arts and Popular Culture, Psychology, and Sexuality--among others. Annotations are long and extremely informative.

*Stineman, Esther. Women's Studies: A Recommended Core Bibliography. Littleton, CO: Libraries Unlimited, 1979.

CUL REF Z7961 .S75 1979.

Another standard reference in the field; particularly useful coverage for those interested in literary topics. Contains sections on Anthropology, Autobiography, Business, Education, Fine Arts (including Photography, Film, and Music), History, Language and Linguistics, Law, Medicine (including Health, Sexuality, Biology), Politics and Political Theory, Religion and Philosophy, Sociology, Sports, and the Women's Movement and Feminist Theory. There are six separate sections on literature covering Anthologies, Drama, Essays, Fiction, History and Criticism, and Poetry; four separate sections on Reference cover Audiovisual resources, Bibliographies, Biographical materials, and General reference sources. Finally, there is a section describing 17 of the best, recent, women-related periodicals, including the offerings of some of the alternative presses.

Coverage only overlaps slightly with Haber. Annotations are very long and informative, often describing key debates in the field.

*Loeb, Catherine. Women's Studies: A Recommended Core Bibliography, 1980-85. Littleton, CO: Libraries Unlimited, 1987.

Update of previous Entry.

CUL REF Z7963 .F44 L63 1987

The Woman's Annual: The Year in Review. Boston: G.K. Hall, 1981- present.

CUL HQ1402 .W65. Library has only vols 3 (1982-3) - 5(1984-5).

Ballou annotates on p. 6. An annual collection of essays reviewing scholarly developments for the past year in various subjects such as education, health, the humanities, politics and law, popular culture, and work. Subjects change some from year to year.

YPeriodicals at Clemson Specializing in Women's Concerns

American Medical Women's Association. Journal of the American Medical Women's Association. New York, N.Y., etc., American Medical Women's Association.
R15 .A7413 Clemson has v.28 (1973)-v.51 (1996)

Camera Obscura: A Journal of Feminism and Film Theory. [Los Angeles] 1976- present.

Three times a year.

CUL PN1995.9 .W6 C28 Clemson began subscription in 1990, no.22.

Major source for sophisticated, theoretical treatment of women in film.

*Feminist Studies. Ed. Claire Moses. Women's Studies Program: University of Maryland, College Park. 1972-present; quarterly.

CUL HQ1101 .F26 Clemson began subscription in 1990. UGA has complete Run. EKS has some.

One of the best journals in the field. Publishes material on literature, history, psychology, anthropology, sociology, history. Basically academic orientation.

Gender and Society. Official Publication of Sociologists for Women in Society. 1987-present; quarterly.

CUL Clemson has complete run from 1987.

Hypatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy. 1986-present; twice a year.

CUL HQ1101 .H96 Clemson began subscription in 1989, vol. 4. UGA has complete run.

Journal of Women's Health. New York, NY : Mary Ann Liebert, Inc.

RA564.85 .J68 Clemson has vol 2 (1993) to present

Journal of Women's History. Bloomington, Indiana University. 1989-present; three times a year.

CUL HQ1121 .J68 Clemson has complete run from 1989.

Legacy: A Journal of Nineteenth-Century American Women Writers. Amherst, Dept. of English, U of Massachusetts. 1984-present; semi-annual.

CUL PS149 .L43 Clemson has complete run from 1984.

Ms. Ed. Gloria Steinem. September 1972-Nov. 1989. Ed. Robin Morgan. August 1990-present.

CUL HQ1101 .M73 Clemson has v.1 (1972) - v. 11 (1982/3) in hard copy. V. 12 (1983/4)-V. 18 (1989) are on Microfilm. Current issues of the new Ms. are in periodicals area until microform is received.

Outlook. American Association of University Women. Washington : The Association, 1989-LC1756 .A5

Psychology of Women Quarterly. American Psychological Association. 1976- present; quarterly.

CUL HQ1206.P7 Clemson has complete run from 1976.

Sex Roles. 1975- present; bimonthly.

CUL HQ768.S4 Clemson has subscription from v.4 (1978).

***Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society.** Ed. Jean O'Barr. Duke University. 1975-present; quarterly.

CUL HQ1101.S5 Clemson has complete run, including ten-year cumulative index. EKS has Tables of Contents.

The leading journal in the field. Essential. Regular sections include Viewpoints (leading essays), Revisions/Reports (discussion of controversial topics which need to be rethought), Archives (reprints of important historical documents usually otherwise not widely available), and Book Reviews (significant books in academic feminist scholarship, reviewed by top people in the field). Especially useful are frequent omnibus review articles for various fields. Susan Searing's Introduction to Library Research in Women's Studies conveniently lists all these review essays through vol. 9 (Summer 1984), pp. 229-33. Cumulative index for first ten years, 1975-85.

U.S. Woman Engineer. New York, N.Y. : Society of Women Engineers SWE newsletter TA1 .S18 Clemson has v.32 (1986)-v.39 (1993:May/June)

Women and Health. July/Aug 1976. SUNY college at Old Westbury, NY. Six times a year.

CUL RG1 W64 Clemson has subscription from v. 6 (1981).

Women & Politics. <New York> Haworth Press.

HQ1236 .W63 Clemson has v.13 (1993)-v.18 (1998)

The Women's Review of Books. Wellesley, Mass. : Wellesley College Center for Research on Women, 1983-

HQ1101 .W768 Clemson subscription starts vol 14 (1996) but EKS has fairly complete run from about 1985 to present.

Women Studies Abstracts.

Z7962 .W65 Clemson has v.11 (1982/83)-v.25 (1996/97); v.26:no.1 (1997)-v.26:no.2 (1997)

Women's Studies Quarterly. Ed. Nancy Porter. National Women's Studies Association; City University of New York. 1972- present; quarterly. (Formerly Women's Studies Newsletter.)

HQ1181.U5 W657 Clemson has subscription from v. 14 (1986).

Focused on teaching and the scholarship most useful to teachers.

Working Woman. Nov. 1976-present; monthly.

CUL HQ1101 .W78 Clemson has subscription from v. 9 (1984).