



SDS460 Library Research Seminar

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Research Resources in Sexual Diversity Studies

- SDS460 Research Guide:
<http://uoft.me/sds460/>
- University of Toronto Libraries:
<http://onesearch.library.utoronto.ca/>.

Reference Books

- Reference sources contain entries which provide overviews of specific topics.
- Authored by expert writers and reviewed by an editor prior to their publication.
- Provide such introductory information as key concepts, major works and scholars who study the topic and the cultural and social importance of studying a particular issue or idea.
- Reference sources contain have bibliographies or works cited list, which point to primary sources, books, and articles on the subject.

Encyclopedia of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender History in America

- Entries in the encyclopedia cover more than 400 years of lesbian and gay history and culture in the United States
- Topics: activists, historical figures, scholars, public policy, economics, social issues, identities, and culture...

Outdated Terminology

The words used to describe lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex individuals have evolved over the years.

In the course of your research, you may come across some outdated terms (such as "transsexual") especially when searching for primary sources (which use the language that was considered acceptable).

Reference Books

- Designed to provide background reading for your own development of a topic
- Should not count as a stand-alone source for your essay.

Chronologies

- *Lesbian and Gay Liberation in Canada: A Selected Annotated Chronology, 1964–1975*
- *Lesbian and Gay Liberation in Canada: A Selected Annotated Chronology, 1976–1981*
- Outline seminal events and people involved in the fight for gay rights in Canada; important demonstrations, political action and lobbying, and legal reform; artistic and cultural contributions (books, dramatic productions, and films); supplementary information on lesbian and gay organizations, periodicals, and bars and clubs.

The Library Catalogue

- Searches the collections of all (44) libraries on the three campuses.
- Books
- Ebooks
- Periodicals (*titles* of scholarly journals, popular magazines, newspapers, but not *individual* articles)
- Audio-visual material (such as DVDs), maps, and government publications.

Searching the Catalogue

- A keyword
- A book title
- A journal title
- An author's (or editor's) name
- Subject
- A specific call number (or a book number)
- Series title.

What is a "Scholarly Journal Article"?

"Scholarly journal articles report on **original research** by experts in a particular academic discipline. Often they go through a **peer-review process**, which means that they are evaluated by reputable scholars in the field before they are published."

Journal Indexes

Journal, magazine, and newspaper articles

- ebooks and ebook chapters
- book chapters
- book/film/theatre reviews
- images.

Journal databases can be searched using:

- a chosen topic (using keywords and subject headings)
- a chosen author
- a known title
- and other parameters.

LGBT Life with Full Text

Includes journal, newspaper, and magazine articles as well as book chapters and book reviews from eighty core publications in the area of Sexual Diversity Studies, related to civil liberties, culture, employment, family, history, politics, psychology, religion, sociology and other topics.

Digital Video Collection: LGBT Studies in Video

Features award-winning documentaries, interviews, archival footage, and select feature films exploring LGBT history, gay culture and subcultures, civil rights, marriage equality, LGBT families, AIDS, transgender issues, religious perspectives on homosexuality, global comparative experiences, and other topics.

Grey Literature Is...

"Information produced on all levels of government, academics, business and industry in electronic and print formats not controlled by commercial publishing i.e. **where publishing is not the primary activity of the producing body.**"

—GreyNet: Grey Literature Network Service,
<http://www.greynet.org/>

Grey Literature Includes

- Think tank reports
- Market research reports
- Government reports/docs
- Conference proceedings
- Theses/dissertations
- Annual reports (from companies/ organizations)
- Working papers
- IGO publications
- Professional associations— reports
- NGO publications
- Clinical trials
- Technical reports/standards

Why Grey Literature?

- Grey literature is one of the best sources of up-to-date research on certain topics, like poverty or homelessness.
- Good source for statistics and trend reports.
- Primary information—results of surveys or data collection.

Archives



Libraries



Archives

- closed stacks
- unpublished sources
- finding aids
- secure storage
- interpretation is necessary
- John Norman Harris fonds.

Libraries

- open stacks
- published sources
- library catalogue
- stacks
- context is provided
- *Documents.*

Primary Sources

- Provide firsthand testimony or direct evidence of the topic under study, either because they are produced at the time or later by a participant or observer
- Are original data that has not been interpreted or evaluated (in other words, the raw materials used to interpret the past).

Archives of Sexuality and Gender:

- Photographs, correspondence, medical research records and other types of primary sources are part of this digital collection.
- Documents are derived from several libraries and archives in Canada (Canadian Lesbian and Gay Archives), United States (Lesbian Herstory Archives) and other major international and grassroots organizations.
- Historical scope: between 1940 and the present.



Canadian Lesbian and Gay Archives

Overview of CLGA Holdings

Archival Holdings

- Archival records
- Photographs
- Sound recordings
- Moving images
- Art works
- Vertical files
- Artifacts
- Posters



Library Holdings

- Books
- Monographs
- LGBTQ periodicals
- General periodicals

LGBT Serials

- Largest collection of LGBT serials in the world: over 10,000 titles from 50+ countries in multiple languages.
- From inception, international in scope.
- Oldest title dates from early 1900s but strength of serial holdings is post-1970 material.
- Some titles represent the only surviving record of obscure LGBT organizations.
- No budget for serials acquisitions; growth rested entirely on donations and reciprocal exchange agreements with publishers and libraries/archives.

Visiting the CLGA

Public service hours:

- Tuesdays: 6:30 pm–9:00 pm
- Wednesdays: 6:30 pm–9:00 pm
- Thursdays: 6:30 pm–9:00 pm
- Fridays: 1:00 pm–5:00pm

Or by appointment: queries@clga.ca

Note: not all materials are stored on site, so email in advance of your visit.

Search Multiple Archival Repositories

