



## Sociology 108: Field Research:

Resources and Strategies

<http://www.library.ucsb.edu/classes/sociology108.pdf>

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### Begin in Libraries Web

<http://www.library.ucsb.edu>

#### A. Social Sciences Research Gateway, UCSB

<http://www.library.ucsb.edu/subjects/socs/>

Selected Research & course guides

**Sociology Research Guide** <http://www.library.ucsb.edu/subjects/sociol/sociology.html>

**Writing 109ss Writing in Social Sciences** <http://www.library.ucsb.edu/classes/writing109ssci.pdf>

**Selected Sociology Electronic Journals**

[http://ucelinks.cdlib.org:8888/sfx\\_ucsb/a-](http://ucelinks.cdlib.org:8888/sfx_ucsb/a-)

[z/default?perform=searchCategories&type=browseSubCategory&current\\_view=table&service=&category=11&subcategory=22](http://ucelinks.cdlib.org:8888/sfx_ucsb/a-z/default?perform=searchCategories&type=browseSubCategory&current_view=table&service=&category=11&subcategory=22)

Use UC-eLinks of UC Calif Digital Library:

Go to [http://ucelinks.cdlib.org:8888/sfx\\_ucsb/a-z/default](http://ucelinks.cdlib.org:8888/sfx_ucsb/a-z/default) Click **Category** Tab, Click **Social Sciences**, Click **Sociology**, Click **Search**. Over 820 e journals are listed, click **UC-eLinks**.

#### B. UCSB PEGASUS Catalog System To Locate Books and Journal Titles

<http://pegasus/library.ucsb.edu/F>

##### Search Strategies

Keyword Search: Keywords **qualitative and methods and social**

**Title** search (book): Title begins with... **Blackwell encyclopedia of sociology**

**Journal title** search: Journal title begins with... **social indicators research**

#### C Libraries Article Indexes and Data Bases

<http://www.library.ucsb.edu/eresources/databases/>

Choose a data base for your social sciences research topic

Brainstorm keywords and concepts to create a search statement,

Define your research topic, use synonyms

Select and Search data bases to identify journal articles in social sciences journals

##### 1. Sociological Abstracts via CSA

Search data base by keywords to identify journal articles, government reports, and other publications in sociology and social sciences.

**Sociological Abstracts Search Guide** <http://www.library.ucsb.edu/subjects/sociol/soabswgd.html>

Sample Search Strategy

Point to Research at left, click on **Article Indexes & Databases**, click on “S,” click

**Sociological Abstracts**;

Sample Strategy for **Advanced Search**:

**Keyword Search: qualitative and methods and gender** (And is Boolean Operator/intersects

two terms; co-occurrence of 2 sets); in Date box change **Earliest** to **1998**, **Limit to journal articles**

**only** and **English only** boxes; Click on **Search** button; **79 Citations/**

**journal articles** are retrieved. Select citation (record) # **9** as example; write

complete bibliographic citation of journal article:

Jongudomkarn, Darunee; Camfield, Laura. Exploring the Quality of Life of People in North Eastern and Southern Thailand. **Social Indicators Research**, vol. 78, no. 3, pp. 489-529, Sept II 2006.

Click on **View Record** for Full Citation with abstract; Click to **mark records, save**

citations to **print** and **email**. Click **UC-eLinks** to learn if Libraries own print copy and or electronic journal full text when available. For this example, click on **arrow** or **See if your campus has this...** to search Univ. of Calif. Digital Library's MELVYL Data Bases. Usually the international standard serial number, ISSN, for journal/serial Title, Social indicators research, is searched; when UCSB is listed, click on **Details/Locations** to learn Library's Call number and holdings information. For some electronic journals, it may say: **Full text available from ...** check Library's holdings: years and volumes, to know that Libraries have Volume and issue you need; for print journals, write down library Call Number and Location. Use **Library Locations** (salmon guide) to locate journals in Library. For example, libraries have **Electronic volumes for this journal** (year 2006, vol. 78, issue #3 Sept), and do **NOT** have very recent issues in Print; older issues have call number **HN 25 .S64** and are in **Davidson Library 4<sup>th</sup> floor central (uncarpeted)**; Use this data Base's Bibliographic Management System **QuikBib** to save, print, email: **Create citations in Chicago 15<sup>th</sup> style, choose MS Word format for your Bibliographies.** Use also **UC eLinks** to other Full text data bases including **SAGE Sociology Full Text Collection; Urban Studies and Planning SAGE Full Text Collection; JSTOR.** You may **Return** To view record and **Return to Results**.

## 2. Social Sciences Citation Index (Web of Science/ISI Web of Knowledge)

From **Libraries Article Indexes & Data Bases**, select **Social Sciences Citation Index**, Deselect **Science & Arts data bases**, Change **Date coverage to 1998-2007**, click **General search**; click in **Topics** and type as example: **qualitative and methods and sociology**, Select **English** - preferred Language, **Article Document** type feature(format). Click **search**. **59** journal Article citations are retrieved. You may **Mark records**, Click on **Article Title for information** about journal article. Click **UCeLinks for Libraries holding information**. Use **EndNoteWeb**, bibliographic management system, available to UCSB students and faculty only ;(this Export to reference software available only). **To Create account**, perform **topics search**, **mark selected records (citations)**, then. **In Output records**, click **Sign In to Access EndNoteWeb**. **To Register**, type your email address and **Insert a password you create (must contain 8 or more characters (no spaces), at least one digit, & at least one special character (!@#%\*~{}[]))** (not your user name or your previous 4 passwords)).

### Bibliographic example

Fattore, T (Fattore, Toby); Mason, J (Mason, Jan); Watson, E (Watson, Elizabeth) Children's conceptualisation(s) of their well-being. SOCIAL INDICATORS RESEARCH, 80 (1): 5-29 JAN 2007.

## 3. Expanded Academic ASAP Data Base

### Sample Search Strategy

From UCSB Libraries Web, from **Research**, click **Article Indexes & Data Bases**, click **jump to E**, click **Expanded Academic ASAP**, in **Advanced Search**, type in Keywords as sample topic: **qualitative and research and sociology**. Use Boolean operator "**and**". Limit to scholarly journals, click **Limit to peer reviewed** publications. Limit to Recent 10 years: **After**, select **1 January 1998**, Click **Search**, **110** Citations are retrieved. The **fourth** citation is example. You may **mark citations**. view abstract and or full text if available. click **Marked items at top**; **email** citation or abstract if available, type in your complete **email address**, indicate citation and or abstract if available format, and click **e-mail**.

To determine if Libraries owns this journal article, click **UC-eLinks**, click **arrow** or **See if A UC campus has this....** The **California Digital Library MELVYL data base provides** Libraries' holdings for years and volumes, and call number for this journal.

#### 4. ScienceDirect Elsevier

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From Libraries, Research, in Articles Indexes & Data Bases, select ScienceDirect Elsevier, In All Sources, Search abstracts, keywords: qualitative and methods and social, DeSelect Book series, handbooks, Reference works in Source; select Social Sciences Subjects; limit to dates: 1998 to present, click Search. 183 citations are retrieved. Select Citation number five as example.

#### D. Locate Journals and Books in UCSB Libraries

After you have identified publications and bibliographic citations you want,

1. Use PEGASUS Catalog system: From UCSB Libraries Web, Click on PEGASUS; click Search PEGASUS; in Basic Search of Full Catalog, select in Search Type:

**Journal Title Begins with ...;** type **Exact title of journal/serial:**

Example: **social indicators research**

2. Use **Library Locations** salmon guide for call numbers of journals and books.

#### E. Additional Sources

1. **Google Scholar** [Google Scholar Search Engine/Data Base](#)

**This search engine & data base includes some of UCSB Libraries journal holdings**

2. **EndNoteWeb** <http://portal.isiknowledge.com/portal.cgi> for UCSB students & faculty only

This bibliographic citations management system permits you to store and sort citations (it is **not** A software package you can download on your personal computer)

Then after you set up a free account, go to <http://www.myendnoteweb.com> and sign in; you may

Import citations into this system for your bibliographies. Please note that you need to search

Off campus data bases using proxy server or VPN, NOT INSIDE myendnoteweb. Then EXPORT or

IMPORT Citations into myendnoteweb system (may need to use a second web browser).

- 3.. **Off Campus Access and Proxy Server: Current UCSB students, faculty and staff may access our databases and electronic texts, go to: <http://www.library.ucsb.edu/help/offcampus.html> use your UCSB net id (uemail) and password.**

4. **Inter-Library Loan via Web** <http://www.library.ucsb.edu/depts/access/ill.html>

#### F. Bibliographic Style Guides – Examples

Chicago Manual of Style Main Reference & Info Desk Z 253 .U69 2003

MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers

Main Reference & Info Desk LB 2369 .G53 2003

For Help in formatting your citation & bibliographies <http://citationmachine.net>

Student Academic Conduct – academic dishonesty will not be tolerated; do not plagiarize: UCSB regulations

On student academic conduct, see Chapt. VII, A. 2.

<http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/Regulations/index.aspx?page=conduct>

#### G. Access and Assistance

1. New: 36 Open Ports and Wireless Network access – online now in Davidson Library, 4<sup>th</sup> floor south; First floor; ports & instruction handouts available. Wireless also available for grad students, 8<sup>th</sup> floor; Bring your laptop. No printers available.
2. For Assistance, Ask a **Reference Librarian** at **Reference & Information Desk**, first floor South, or me. Reference Librarians available Regular Academic Schedule: Mon.-Thurs. 9 am-9 pm; Fri. 10 am-5pm; Sat. & Sun. 1-5 pm; phone 805-893-3133.

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