



Writing 50 Life and Death: Strategies to Locate Social Sciences Resources

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- A. **Begin in UCSB Libraries InfoSurf Web:** <http://www.library.ucsb.edu/>
Use InfoStations in Electronic Arcade near Reference & Information Desk, first floor south; Sciences Engineering Library Reference Area, second Floor central; and Government Information Center, First floor north.
- Choose a data base for your social sciences research topic. Brainstorm keywords & concepts to create a search statement, use synonyms. Then perform your research strategy search.
- B. **Sociology Research Web Guide**
<http://www.library.ucsb.edu/subjects/sociol/sociology.html>
- C. **Social Sciences Research Gateway:** [http://www.library.ucsb.edu/socs/Electronic journals \(help\)-Social Sciences Electronic Journals in UCSB Library: Strategy to Identify & Locate.](http://www.library.ucsb.edu/socs/Electronic%20journals%20(help)-Social%20Sciences%20Electronic%20Journals%20in%20UCSB%20Library%20Strategy%20to%20Identify%20&%20Locate.html)
<http://www.library.ucsb.edu/socs/ejournalhelp.html>
- D. **UCSB PEGASUS Catalog System** - To locate books and journal holdings
Perform a Basic Keyword search
Search example: keywords: **death and penalty**
Use Boolean operator "and" to intersect two sets
For Journals/Serials, search **Journal title begins with...** (exact journal title)
Example Title: **journal of research in crime & delinquency**
If UCSB PEGASUS is unavailable, use UC MELVYL: <http://melvyl.cdlib.org>
- E. **UCSB Libraries InfoSurf Web Indexes and Data Bases**
<http://www.library.ucsb.edu/databases/>

1. **Expanded Academic Data Base** Sample Strategy
From UCSB Library InfoSurf Indexes & Data Bases, Select **Expanded Academic**, Select **Advanced Search** from Top Tab, Select **keyword**, type: **death and (Boolean operator) penalty** Limit to **peer reviewed publications** and date **After 1 January 2000** click **Search**. Your search retrieves **458** citations. Review and select relevant citations. Example: **tenth** citation gives authors, article title, journal/serial title, date, volume, issue, & beginning page number:

Blume, John H. AEDPA: the "hype" and the "bite".

(Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996)

(The Great Writ: Developments in the Law of Habeas

Corpus). **Cornell Law Review** 91.2 (Jan 2006): P259-302.

Write down full bibliographic citation. To learn more information about citations, click on **sheet icon with A** for **abstract** or C for Citation. Click on **UC-eLinks** button, **See if your campus has this..** to learn if UCSB Libraries have journal/serial and date, volume, and issue and call numbers you need. For this example, UCSB Libraries have **Cornell law review**, library call number **K3.O757** Journal article date **Jan 2006 is Current issue**, shelved in **Davidson Library, Serials & Newspapers Reading Room**, first floor north. Then Close Calif. Digital Library MELVYL Display screen & Close UC-eLinks screen to continue to read and select citations. This journal issue is also available as a Full Text Electronic Journal via LexisNexis Academic Data Base.

Data Base to your email address, Click in box next to citation to **mark** record; You may **print, email, download** citations or full text when available. Click **Email** at top, type **email** address, select **plain text** format, select **citation** (full text if available), **MLA** (or APA) citation, click **send**. (UCSB does not subscribe to Endnote, ProCite, Reference Manager bibliographic management software)

2. Sociological Abstracts Data Base on Cambridge Scientific Abstracts

Select **Advanced** Search from top tab

Sample strategy: keywords: **death and penalty** Limit to **journal articles only, English only; date 2000 to 2006** Click **Search** button

You retrieve **120** records/citations. Select relevant citations. Click **View Record** for full information including abstracts about journal articles. Example record number 1:

Benekos, Peter J. and Alida V. Merlo. Juvenile Offenders and the Death Penalty: How Far Have Standards of Decency Evolved? **Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice**, 2005, 3, 4, Oct., 316-333.

Click on **UC-eLinks** button to learn if UCSB Libraries have the serial/journal, and to locate the call number and holdings: print and online.

F. To locate journals/serials, search in **UCSB PEGASUS** in basic search: **Journal Title Begins with...** (exact title of journal/serial)

Example: Cornell law review click search

Click on Cornell law review

Click on Main Library **K 3 .0757** to view holdings and learn if the volumes and years you need are not checked out

G. Use **Library Locations** (salmon) Brochure to locate call numbers and locations for Books and bound periodicals. Recent social sciences & humanities serials are located in **Serials & Newspapers** (current) **Reading Area**. For this example, Cornell law review, call number K 3 .0757 recent unbound volumes are located on 1st floor north.

H. 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 1999

Landmarks Citation Machine <http://citationmachine-west.net/>

Additional Sources

1. UCSB Proxy Server <http://www.library.ucsb.edu/proxy/faq.html>

Provides remote access to UCSB Libraries data bases and electronic publications for UCSB students & faculty only: use your UCSB Umail (UCSB net id) & password

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

I. New Access and Assistance

1. More than 36 Open Ports for laptops - online now in Davidson Library, 4th floor south & 24 hour study room-first floor; wireless access for laptops also 1st floor north, 4th floor south; instruction handouts available. Bring your laptop. No printers available.
2. For Assistance, Ask a **Reference Librarian** at **Reference & Information Desk**, First Floor South, regular service hours: Mon.-Th., 9 am-9 pm., Fri. 9 am-5 pm, Sat. & Sun. 1-5; phone 893-3133; or me.

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