

Women's Studies Research Guide

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This guide provides selected information resources supporting Women's Studies and includes both historical materials and those relating to current issues in women's lives. Included in this guide are the Mildred F. Sawyer Library subscription databases, selected web resources, and a brief list of print resources.

For specific book and periodical titles, check the [Suffolk University Library Catalog](#).

Periodical Indexes & Full-text Databases

The Sawyer Library subscription periodical indexes and full-text resources are available to current Suffolk students and faculty both [on campus](#) and [off campus](#) (with use of the proxy server).

[Academic Search Premier \(EBSCO\)](#)

Our best wide-ranging academic database provides access to a wide variety of journals and

periodicals. Many articles are available in full-text. You may limit search results to full-text and/or peer-reviewed articles. Women's Studies journals available in full-text through ASP include *Signs*, *Frontiers*, *Gender*, *Work & Organization*, *Feminist Studies*, *Journal of Women's History* and *Women's Studies*.

[Expanded Academic ASAP \(InfoTrac\)](#)

Provides indexing and abstracting of 3,000 academic journals, popular magazines, and newspapers covering a variety of academic fields, including women's studies. You may limit search results to full-text and/or refereed articles. Women's Studies titles available in full-text through EA include *Columbia Journal of Gender and Law*, *Feminist Studies*, *Gender Issues*, *Marketing to Women*, *Journal of Women's History* and *Women's Studies in Communication*.

[Primary Sources in U.S. History](#)

Provides primary and secondary sources in African American History and Women's History. Includes manuscripts, speeches, laws, court cases, photographs, and secondary articles. Sources include the papers of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Eleanor Roosevelt, the *Bulletin* of the Department of Labor's Women's Bureau back to 1918, and the text of Jane Addams' *Twenty Years at Hull House*.

[Biography Resource Center \(Infotrac\)](#)

Combines over 415,000 biographies from over 130 Gale Group reference sources. BRC also includes the complete *Marquis Who's Who* and full-text articles from 250 magazines. So here is a good place to get basic biographical information about anyone from Shikibu Murasaki to Serena Williams.

[Project Muse](#)

Provides full-text scholarly journals of the Johns Hopkins University Press and its publishing partners. Journal coverage strongest in the humanities and social sciences. Women's Studies titles include *differences: A Journal of Feminist Cultural Studies*, *Hypatia*, *Legacy* and *NWSA Journal*.

[Blackwell Synergy](#)

Although the emphasis is on science journals, Blackwell Synergy provides a social science and humanities collection, as well. Gender studies titles include *Gender and History*, *Gender, Work & Organization* and *Psychology of Women Quarterly*. All articles are available full-text in PDF format.

[JSTOR](#)

Contains back runs of over 300 scholarly publications in various academic fields. Search by category or within a particular journal. Although there is no women's/gender studies "Discipline" category at this point, good academic articles--all in full-text--can be found in disciplines like History, Language & Literature, and Sociology.

[LEXIS/NEXIS Academic Universe](#)

Contains a massive database of worldwide general, legal, health, and business news. Provides full-text searching of newspapers, trade journals, wire services, and transcripts of broadcasts. Business, legal, medical, and reference sections are included. Newspaper coverage generally starts in the late eighties or early nineties. Women's and gender law reviews are well-covered. Other women's studies titles are sometimes only available in a rolling two year archive. These titles include *Journal of International Women's Studies*, *Middle East Women's Studies Review* and *Women's Health Matters*. All in all, LexisNexis is the place to go for current events coverage of women's issues in national and international news sources and for information on legal issues related to gender.

[LEXIS/NEXIS Statistical](#)

LexisNexis Statistical provides access to statistics produced by the U.S. government, international intergovernmental organizations, professional and trade organizations, commercial publishers, independent research organizations, state government agencies, and universities. There are many example of gender-related statistics in this database.

[SocINDEX with Full Text](#)

SocINDEX with Full Text calls itself "the world's most comprehensive and highest quality sociology research database." The index features more than 1,300,000 records, and contains full text for 242 "core" coverage journals dating back to 1895, and 72 "priority" coverage journals. This database also includes full text for 547 books and monographs, and fulltext for 6,711 conference papers. Fulltext journals include *Journal of Women's Health, Gender and Culture*, and *Women's Activism and Globalization*.

[Sociological Abstracts](#)

<http://www.csa.com/htbin/dbrng.cgi?username=suf&access=suf552&cat=socialsci>

Provides indexing and abstracting to international findings in theoretical and applied sociology and associated social sciences. Entries summarize journals, books, conference papers, dissertations, and some films. Gender issues are often addressed by this index. But, be warned, there is practically no linked full-text in this database.

[PsycArticles](#)

<http://search.epnet.com/login.asp?profile=psart>

Searchable full-text articles from 42 journals published by the APA and allied organizations. *Cultural Diversity and Mental Health*, *Journal of Family Psychology* and *Psychology of Men and Masculinity* are just three examples of the journals included. For fuller coverage of psychology, but with much less full-text, see [PsycInfo](#).

[Business Source Premier](#)

Need to find information about women in the business world, or workplace issues related to gender? BSP contains 3,606 full-text scholarly journals and business periodicals with good, solid indexing of many more.

[Health Reference Center-Academic](#)

Another large database from Infotrac with a significant full-text component, Health Reference Academic from Infotrac contains a number of full-text, peer-reviewed journals relating to medicine. This database would be worth checking for topics related to women's health issues or information on women in the medical professions.

[CQ Researcher](#)

This "database" is actually a specific publication. But each issue of *CQ Researcher* focuses on a specific hot-button social issue that relates to public policy. If you "Browse Reports by Topic," then go to the W's and click on Women, you will see a list of women-related reports. These cover everything from Prostitution to Welfare Reform. Click on the title to explore the pro-con analysis of the subject. You can also use the "Quick Search" option in the frame to the left at any time.

[CQ Historic Documents Online](#)

Also from Congressional Quarterly Press, this database includes the full-text of their yearly compendium of essential primary documents for each year. Materials include "presidential speeches, international agreements, and Supreme Court decisions to U.S. governmental reports, scientific findings, and cultural discussions." The set goes back to 1972, so it includes many documents related to the second wave of feminism and the impact of women's issues (abortion, sexual harassment, etc.) on public policy and American life.

[Encyclopedia Britannica](#)

Provides a searchable Britannica plus related websites. Britannica is sometimes a good starting point for very brief information on a women's topic.

[Women's Indicators and Statistics](#) CD-ROM. United Nations.

Sawyer CD-Rom Workstation

Also referred to as "WISTAT," this 1999 resource contains tables of statistics and indicators covering topics that include population, education, economics, households, health, politics, and violence.

Print Indexes and Other Bibliographies

[Women Studies Abstracts](#) "Quarterly"

REF INDEX, 1972+

This oldest women's studies abstracting service, can be useful but comes out painfully slowly. In addition, most of the journals and magazines covered by WSA are currently indexed by one or more of our electronic databases. So, for recent years this index (which, of course, contains no journal full-text) can be unnecessarily frustrating. However, if you are searching for materials published during the seventies and eighties--prior to the start of most database coverage of women's studies resources--this index can still be helpful in identifying useful materials.

[Women in American History](#)

REF HQ 1410 .H37

This annotated bibliography, from 1979, details useful resources relating to the history of American women. Keep in mind that these are older resources. As is the case with all of the bibliographies listed below.

[Women: A Bibliography of Bibliographies](#)

REF HQ 1121 .B32 1986

[A Bibliographical Guide to African-American Women Writers](#)

REF HQ 1121 .B32 1986

[The Manuscript Inventories and the Catalogs of Manuscripts, Books and Pictures / Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America](#)

Oversize Z 7965 .A78 1973

[Black American Feminism: A Multidisciplinary Bibliography](#)

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

Sherri Barnes, a Librarian at the University of California, Santa Barbara, is behind this very handsome website. It is "an extensive bibliography of black American Feminist thought from across the disciplines. References date back to the early nineteenth century when African American women like Maria Stewart, Anna Julia Cooper and Sojourner Truth challenged the conventions and mores of their era to speak publicly against slavery and in support of black women's rights."

[Wisconsin Bibliographies in Women's Studies](#)

<http://www.library.wisc.edu/libraries/WomensStudies/bibliogs/biblmain.htm>

"This is a series of bibliographies published by the University of Wisconsin System Women's Studies Librarian's Office. The bibliographies have been prepared by librarians, women's studies faculty members, graduate students in library and information studies, staff members of the Women's Studies Librarian's Office, and others. In addition to the bibliographies available electronically here, there are older bibliographies available in print versions only. Single print copies of most are free upon request." Most of the bibliographies posted here are from the early to mid-nineties, but they can still be worth browsing through if you find one on a topic of interest.

Statistical Sources

[GenderStats](#)

<http://genderstats.worldbank.org/>

The World Bank produces this database of gender statistics and indicators with "user-friendly, menu-driven features. It offers statistical and other data in modules on several subjects. The data in each module is presented in ready-to-use format. Users have the option of saving the country

views in Excel (or another spreadsheet software) to customize them for their own reports." First select a country, then select a type of data report. You might also want to visit another related World Bank page, [Gender and Development](#).

[UNIFEM: United Nations Development Fund for Women](#)

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

"UNIFEM is the women's fund at the United Nations. It provides financial and technical assistance to innovative programmes and strategies to foster women's empowerment and gender equality." To this end, they do collect statistics and publish reports related to topics like Governance, Peace and Security, HIV/AIDS, Violence Against Women, and Human Rights. Among their publications is a period report on the status of women in the world, the latest of which is called [Progress of the World's Women 2002](#). The website provides PDFs of various chapters in English. The United Nations also takes a ten-year statistical snapshot. The latest of these is [The World's women, 2000 : trends and statistics](#). However, a [Special Report of the World's Women 2005: Progress in Statistics](#) was recently published and is available online. For other UN statistics related to gender, see:

[WomenWatch: Documents and Databases](#)

<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/resources/>

Another related UN site, WomenWatch is the organization's "Internet Gateway to the Advancement and Empowerment of Women." This page links to WomenWatch news, statistics and indicators, databases, and selected UN documents related to the status of women. Also useful is the UN Statistics Division's [Statistics and Indicators on Women and Men](#)

[International Labour Organization: Gender Equality Tool](#)

<http://www.ilo.org/dyn/gender/gender.home>

The ILO's Gender Equality page provides reports (like a recent, first ever, ILO Gender Audit Report), as well as a variety of other publications, web resources, and links. Also useful is the ILO's [Gender Promotion Programme area](#). Here, in the "Tools and Publications" section, you will find a variety of reports like "Women and Men in the Informal Economy: A Statistical Picture."

[U.S. Census Bureau: Releases: Women's Archives](#)

<http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/archives/women/>

This handy page from the U.S. Census Bureau lists recent announcements of statistical reports relating to women in the United States. The press releases themselves usually state the key facts of the statistical findings, and usually link to the full report, to the website of the "detailed tables," or at least link to the agency who gathered the statistics. For another entrée into women's statistics at [Census](#), you might want to click on the icons on this [Women in the United States](#) page. Another useful page is the "W" Topics page at FedStats that provides links to [women's statistics across agencies](#). And, when in doubt, it never hurts to do a search in the [main FedStats search engine](#). You might also want to take a look at the Gender section of this [American FactFinder](#) page, also produced by the Census Bureau.

Finally, in the useful-but-wish-it-were-more-so category, take a look at [U.S. Census Bureau: Products on Gender/Sex](#) official census reports and publications that provide specific demographic and other social statistics related to women and their lives, take a browse through this page. Unfortunately, however, many publications are listed without providing an active link. However, if you simply copy and paste the title/number information into a Google search, you usually pull the report right up. And speaking of Google, [UncleSam](#), is Google's search engine that looks only in federal, state, and military websites, so it can be particularly handy for searching for government statistics.

[Women's Bureau: Statistics and Data](#)

<http://www.dol.gov/wb/stats/main.htm>

The Women's Bureau unit of the U.S. Department of Labor has always been charged supporting and documenting women in the American labor force. The Bureau does not produce the same quality of statistical and analytical reports that it did twenty or thirty years ago, but it can still provide some basic statistics on the "20 Leading Occupations of Employed Women," "Nontraditional Occupations for Women," and a few "Quick Stats."

[Office on Violence Against Women: DOJ Research and Statistical Publications](#)

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo/statistics.htm>

The OVW office of the U.S. Department of Justice does research reports and statistical publications detailing crimes against women. Reports include titles like "Batterer Intervention Programs: Where Do We Go From Here?" and statistics include Intimate Partner Violence and Rape and Sexual Assault.

[Fastats: Women's Health](#)

http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/womens_health.htm

Part of the National Center for Health Statistics website, this page provides quick data on women's health matters, and then links to the full government statistics report from whence it came. Also see their "Health Topic" page listing reports and information on [Women's Health](#).

[National Women's Health Indicators Database](#)

<http://www.healthstatus2000.com/owh/index.html>

The Department of Health and Human Services' Office on Women's Health (OWH) provides the NWHID. "This system permits those interested in the health status of women, and, in fact, the entire population of the US, to have access to comparative, county-level data for all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and US territories and possessions." Unlike many other statistical sources for health data, this one allows you to create reports looking at health measures that you select for a variety of demographic populations and geographic areas. Interactive and useful.

[Population Research Bureau: Gender](#)

<http://www.prb.org/template.cfm?template=InterestDisplay.cfm&InterestCategoryID=235>

PRB does an interesting job of providing both analysis and data on a variety of topics related to

population studies. One of their subject focuses is Gender. Browse the several pages here of "Articles, Datasheets, Reports," or use the "DataFinder" button to search for statistics. Recent topics covered include Female Education in the Middle East and North Africa, Reproductive Health Programs, and the Shortage of Girls in China.

[American Women: Who They Are & How They Live](#)

REF HQ 1121 .A86

New Strategist is a company that produces many statistical volumes with most data coming from Census sources. This particular volume profiles the American woman and does a good job of gathering together and summarizing gender-related data.

[Penguin Atlas of Women in the World](#)

REF HQ1154 S4 2003

People think of atlases as simply maps, but this volume--the latest by geographer, Joni Seager (click on her author link to find earlier titles)--is really a global analysis of the female experience of everything from sports to rape.

[American Woman. Annual.](#)

REF HQ 1402 .A52

Although identified as an annual, this series actually comes out every other year or so. It has changed publishers several times, but is still produced under the auspices of the [Women's Research & Education Institute](#). Although you must purchase the book to get the complete picture, WREI does make limited numbers of their tables available on their [Issues and Projects](#) page.

Web Resources in Women's History

[American Women's History: A Research Guide](#)

<http://www.mtsu.edu/~kmiddlet/history/women.html>

This useful website, maintained by Ken Middleton of Middle Tennessee State University, "provides citations to print and Internet reference sources, as well as to selected large primary source collections. The guide also provides information about the tools researchers can use to find additional books, articles, dissertations, and primary sources." Over 1,100 links to internet sources are included, and over 400 links to digital collections of primary sources.

[Diotima: Women & Gender in the Ancient World](#)

<http://www.stoa.org/diotima/>

Diotima identifies itself as "an interdisciplinary resource for anyone interested in patterns of gender around the ancient Mediterranean and as a forum for collaboration among instructors who teach courses about women and gender in the ancient world. This site includes course materials, the beginnings of a systematic and searchable bibliography, and links to many on-line resources,

including articles, book reviews, databases, and images."

[Feminae: Medieval Women and Gender Index](#)

<http://www.haverford.edu/library/reference/mschaus/mfi/mfi.html>

"Feminae: Medieval Women and Gender Index covers journal articles, book reviews, and essays in books about women, sexuality, and gender during the Middle Ages." Contributing librarians and scholars began compiling the Feminae in 1996. If you wish to see what subject headings are used, or if you want to see what journals and essays are included, you can browse through the "What's Indexed?" pages. Otherwise, simply use the Advanced Search link at the top of the page. Keep in mind that this is an index. It does not provide full-text to the items indexed, but can be useful in identifying articles, dissertations, and the like.

[Early Modern Women Database](#)

<http://www.lib.umd.edu/ETC/LOCAL/emw/emw.php3>

"The Early Modern Women Database provides links to Web resources useful for the study of women in early modern Europe and the Americas. It focuses on the period from ca. 1500 to ca. 1800 and includes links to Web sites about the Medieval period and 19th Century as well. Resources have been selected for their scholarly value by librarians on the Arts and Humanities Team of the University of Maryland Libraries. Materials range from bibliographic databases to full-text resources, images, and sound recordings. Most of the resources linked here are free."

[ViVa: A Bibliography of Women's History](#)

<http://www.iisg.nl/~womhist/vivahome.html>

ViVa stands for Vrouwengeschiedenis in het Vaktijdschrift, which is Dutch for "Women's History in Professional Journals". The International Institute of Social History in Amsterdam sponsors the resource, which indexes "articles published in English, French, German, Dutch, Danish, Norwegian, and Swedish [that are] are selected from 160 European, American, Canadian, Asian, Australian and New Zealand journals. Today, the ViVa database contains bibliographic records describing more than seven thousand articles published from 1975 to 2003 in historical and women's studies journals." Content is organized by year and general topic/era. There are no annotations.

[Monastic Matrix](#)

<http://monasticmatrix.org/>

"Matrix is an ongoing collaborative effort by an international group of scholars of medieval history, religion, history of art, archaeology, religion, and other disciplines, as well as librarians and experts in computer technology. Our goal is to document the participation of Christian women in the religion and society of medieval Europe. In particular, we aim to collect and make available all existing data about all professional Christian women in Europe between 400 and 1600 C.E. The project draws on both textual and material sources, primary and secondary, although its basis is unpublished archival evidence."

[Suffragists Oral History Project](#)

<http://bancroft.berkeley.edu/ROHO/projects/suffragist/>

In the early 1970s the Suffragists Oral History Project, under the auspices of the U.C. Berkeley's Bancroft Library's Regional Oral History Office, collected interviews with twelve leaders and participants in the woman's suffrage movement. Under the running title of "The Suffragists: From Tea-Parties to Prison," those interviews are now available online through this webpage. Women profiled online include Jessie Haver Butler, Miriam Allen de Ford, Ernestine Kettler, Laura Ellsworth Seiler, and Sylvie Thygeson.

[Votes for Women](#)

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/naw/nawshome.html>

Part of the "American Memory" digital archive of the Library of Congress, this website provides access to the National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA) Collection, which consists of 167 books, pamphlets and other artifacts documenting the suffrage campaign. They are a subset of the Library's larger collection donated by Carrie Chapman Catt, longtime president of the NAWSA. The collection includes works from the libraries of other members and officers of the organization including: Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Lucy Stone, Alice Stone Blackwell, Julia Ward Howe, Elizabeth Smith Miller, Mary A. Livermore. More general (but less useful) is LC's [American Women Home Page](#), which proports to be "A Gateway to Library of Congress Resources for the Study of Women's History and Culture in the United States."

[African-American Women: On-line Archival Collections](#)

<http://scriptorium.lib.duke.edu/collections/african-american-women.html>

This section of Duke University's Scriptorium project consists of three items: Elizabeth Johnson Harris' Life Story, the "Slave Letters" of Hannah Valentine and Lethe Jackson, and another slave letter from Vilet Lester. At the bottom of the page there are also a few links to other websites. Duke has another collection of primary documents by white [Civil War Women](#).

[4000 Years of Women in Science](#)

<http://www.astr.ua.edu/4000WS/4000WS.html>

"This site lists over 125 names from our scientific and technical past. They are all women! This site grew out of the public talks given by Dr. Sethanne Howard, currently with the National Science Foundation. As we learn more, we add it to this page." It includes brief biographies, some photographs, and a bibliography for further reading.

[Lesbian History Project](#)

<http://www-lib.usc.edu/%7Eretter/main.html>

Although the design is a bit clumsy, and there is no real content residing here, this website does do a good job of linking the visitor to a wide spectrum of other web materials relating to lesbian history and culture.

[Women's Labor History](#)

<http://www.afscme.org/otherlnk/whlinks.htm>

AFSCME, one of the major public sector unions, sponsors this website--one of their AFSCME LaborLinks pages. It links to general histories on women in labor activism and also leads to materials on specific topics like "Wobbly" women and Mother Jones.

[The Feminist Chronicles, 1953-1993](#)

<http://www.feminist.org/research/chronicles/chronic1.html>

Although the presentation is rather awkward, *The Feminist Chronicles* is a useful chronology of second wave women's rights activism in this country. In part II you will find a year-by-year presentation of key events in feminist struggles. And there are a few documents of second wave feminism also reproduced here. This website is an abbreviated version of the [book of the same name](#), which Sawyer Library holds in our Reference collection.

[Living the Legacy](#)

<http://www.legacy98.org/>

This 1998 webpage, sponsored by the National Women's History Project, also provides a useful timeline, but since this site commemorates 150 years of the women's rights struggle, it goes all the way back to 1848. It also provides a good, basic "History of the Movement."

[Historical Text Archive: Women's History](#)

<http://historicaltextarchive.com/links.php?op=viewslink&sid=0&cid=20>

The Historical Text Archive (HTA), aims to publish "high quality articles, books, essays, documents, historical photos, and links, screened for content, for a broad range of historical subjects." This HTA page provides a (briefly) annotated list of close to 100 webpages related to women's history.

[Notable Women of Boston](#)

<http://www.bpl.org/research/adultbooklists/notablewomen.htm>

Boston Public Library did this reading list to accompany a 2003 brochure and display celebrating several significant women in Boston History. It is a no-frills reading list, but can be useful for anyone brainstorming for area women who have made a real contribution to society.

[The Boston Women's Heritage Trail](#)

<http://www.bwht.org>

Interested in tracing more of local women's history? This site actually offers several walking tours of the Boston area, all featuring locales significant to Boston herstory. Includes a list of research resources and publications about Boston women.

[Electronic Archives of Women's Literature and Rhetoric](#)

[A Celebration of Women Writers](#)

<http://digital.library.upenn.edu/women/>

Mary Mark Ockerbloom of the University of Pennsylvania maintains this useful website, which

links users to research information (and often full-text of public domain writings) by and about women authors, throughout the ages. Browse by category, country, ethnicity, or by name of author.

[Voices From the Gaps: Women Writers of Color](http://voices.cla.umn.edu/newsite/index.htm)

<http://voices.cla.umn.edu/newsite/index.htm>

Voices From the Gaps is a web project that focuses on the lives and works of women writers of color in North America. Based at the University of Minnesota, the author pages can provide a useful introduction to many lesser-known authors. Unfortunately, few of the proposed authors have been loaded yet. Search the name list, or look for related pages organized by birthplace, ethnicity, or significant date. Look also for the links tab, for other valuable websites.

[Victorian Women Writers Project](http://www.indiana.edu/~letrs/vwwp/index.html)

<http://www.indiana.edu/~letrs/vwwp/index.html>

Edited by Perry Willett of Indiana University, the VWWP aims "to produce highly accurate transcriptions of works by British women writers of the 19th century....The works, selected with the assistance of the Advisory Board, will include anthologies, novels, political pamphlets, religious tracts, children's books, and volumes of poetry and verse drama. Considerable attention will be given to the accuracy and completeness of the texts, and to accurate bibliographical descriptions of them." The collection is extensive and easy to browse by author. But the site also includes its own search engine for searching words or phrases.

[British Women Romantic Poets Project](http://www.lib.ucdavis.edu/English/BWRP/index.htm)

<http://www.lib.ucdavis.edu/English/BWRP/index.htm>

Based at the University of California at Davis, this project "is producing an online scholarly archive consisting of E-text editions of poetry by British and Irish women written (not necessarily published) between 1789 (the onset of the French Revolution) and 1832 (the passage of the Reform Act), a period traditionally known in English literary history as the Romantic period." Contents are browsable and searchable.

[Other Women's Voices: Translations of Women's Writings Before 1700](http://home.infionline.net/~ddisse/)

<http://home.infionline.net/~ddisse/>

This webpage, maintained by Dorothy Disse, provides "links that will take you to passages from over 125 women writers. The entries are on women who produced a substantial amount of work before 1700, some or all of which has been translated into modern English. Each entry will tell you about the print sources from which the translated passages are taken; it will also tell you of useful secondary sources and Internet sites, when those are available."

[Online Archive of Nineteenth-Century U.S. Women's Writings](http://www.facstaff.bucknell.edu/gcarr/19cUSWW/)

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Glynis Carr of Bucknell University has gathered together this useful "collection of new scholarly editions of nineteenth-century U.S. women's writings and resources for continued research about them. Some of the primary texts to be reproduced here are well-known classics, while others

have been out of print since their original publication in the 19th century. Until now, many have only been available in unreliable, non-scholarly editions....The major purpose of The Archive, then, is to make these texts freely and immediately available to the general reader, as well as to teachers of literature and history who wish to use them for study and classroom use.

[African American Women Writers of the 19th Century](http://digital.nypl.org/schomburg/writers_aa19/)

http://digital.nypl.org/schomburg/writers_aa19/

Another impressive digital collection, this one from New York Public's Digital Schomburg. After entering the site, you may browse by title, author, or by type of work. Useful biographies of included authors are also available at the site.

[American Women's Dime Novel Project, 1870 - 1920](http://chnm.gmu.edu/dimenovels/)

<http://chnm.gmu.edu/dimenovels/>

Popular fiction can be a fascinating mirror on society. This website, which grew out of Felicia L. Carr's dissertation entitled "All For Love: Gender and Class and the Woman's Dime Novel in Nineteenth-Century America," handsomely presents both original text and critical materials on popular fiction written for women readers of the nineteenth century.

[Gifts of Speech: Women's Speeches From Around the World](http://www.giftsofspeech.org)

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From Sweet Briar College comes this searchable database of women's rhetoric. You can also browse through speakers. Those included run from Bella Abzug to Begum Khaleda Zia.

Specific Issues and Topics Relating to Women

[Women's Human Rights Resources](http://www.law-lib.utoronto.ca/Diana/)

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"The purpose of the Women's Human Rights Resources Web Site is to provide reliable and diverse information on international women's human rights via the Internet." This University of Toronto website can indeed be useful, as it maintains a searchable resource database, as well as research guides and specific publications related to topics like reproductive rights.

[Center for Reproductive Rights](http://www.crlp.org/)

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A legal advocacy group, the Center for Reproductive Rights addresses issues related to human rights, adolescent rights, safe pregnancy, contraception, and abortion. They post an overview of state laws, and also provide information on these issues worldwide. Under "Publications," their Briefing Papers and Articles are especially useful.

[MedlinePlus: Women's Health Issues](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/womenshealthissues.html)

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/womenshealthissues.html>

This webpage, sponsored by the U.S. National Library of Medicine and the National Institutes of

Health, is a good starting point for, as they claim, "Trusted Health Information." Here you will find news, overviews, information on current research, and statistics related to women's health. Topics range from body image to heart disease to substance abuse.

[4woman.gov](http://www.4woman.gov)

<http://www.4woman.gov/>

4woman.gov is the National Women's Health Information Center, established to "provide FREE, reliable health information for women everywhere." Sections include Breastfeeding, Body Image, Disabilities, Girls Health, Heart Health, and HIV/AIDS.

[Female Genital Mutilation](http://www.amnesty.org/ailib/intcam/femgen/fgm1.htm)

<http://www.amnesty.org/ailib/intcam/femgen/fgm1.htm>

This page from Amnesty International details what FGM is, how and why it is practiced, and efforts to end the practice.

[The History of Rape: A Bibliography](http://de.geocities.com/history_guide/horb/index.html)

http://de.geocities.com/history_guide/horb/index.html

While working on his dissertation about rape in Germany during the Weimar Republic, Stefan Blaschke began this webpage which "contains literature about the history of rape, sexual child abuse, forced prostitution and sexual violence in general. Articles, books, conference papers and other tools, dealing exclusively or in parts with the topic, are listed. Print and electronic resources are considered. Where possible, links are provided to sources that are available online."

[Ecofeminist Philosophy](http://www.erraticimpact.com/~ecofeminism/)

<http://www.erraticimpact.com/~ecofeminism/>

Maintained by Danne Polk, this website "features thousands of annotated links and text resources for students and teachers with interests in Ecofeminism, Gender Studies and Environmental philosophy."

[Information on Sexual Harassment](http://www.de.psu.edu/harassment/)

<http://www.de.psu.edu/harassment/>

Nancy Wyatt, of Pennsylvania State University/Delaware, created this website in 1995. "My goal is to provide a selection of documents and resources that allows readers to explore the concepts associated with sexual harassment from a variety of perspectives. I hope that information provided to readers will help them to learn more than the legal definition of sexual harassment and to become more sensitive and effective communicators at work and in their personal lives."

[Issues and Politics: Working Women](http://www.aflcio.org/issuespolitics/women/)

<http://www.aflcio.org/issuespolitics/women/>

Since this webpage is offered by the AFL-CIO, it obviously advocates a pro-labor (union activist) stance on the lives of working women. Nevertheless, the content can be useful for basic background on topics like equal pay, women in a global economy, and violence against women in the workplace.

[Center for Women's Business Research](http://www.nfwbo.org/topics.html)

<http://www.nfwbo.org/topics.html>

The Center for Women's Business Research identifies itself as "the premier source of knowledge about women business owners and their enterprises worldwide. The Center's mission is to unleash the economic potential of women entrepreneurs by conducting research, sharing information and increasing knowledge about this fast-growing sector of the economy." This page provides some of their announcements and publications. Note also the section on "Statistics" which provides some charts and statistics--although full reports are usually not available on the webpage.

[Office of International Women's Issues](http://www.state.gov/g/wi/)

<http://www.state.gov/g/wi/>

Want to know what the U.S. Government considers to be the global women's issues of the day? Then you might want to browse through this Department of State website. The page claims that "promoting women's political and economic participation in their countries is an important element of U.S. foreign policy. The Office of the Senior Coordinator for International Women's Issues coordinates the integration of women's issues into the broader U.S. strategic, economic and diplomatic goals." Sections include current issues like Women in Iraq and Afghanistan, and "Trafficking in Persons."

Biographical Resources

[Distinguished Women of Past and Present](http://www.distinguishedwomen.com/)

<http://www.distinguishedwomen.com/>

Danuta Bois claims that her website "has biographies of women who contributed to our culture in many different ways. There are writers, educators, scientists, heads of state, politicians, civil rights crusaders, artists, entertainers, and others. Some were alive hundreds of years ago and some are living today." Search by subject or by name. Although some brief notes are provided by Ms. Bois, she also links to other websites with biographical content on her subjects.

[Gale Free Resources: Women's Biographies](http://www.galegroup.com/free_resources/whm/bio/index.htm)

http://www.galegroup.com/free_resources/whm/bio/index.htm

In honor of Women's History Month every year, Gale--a major reference publisher and the vendor of all the InfoTrac databases--provides a few biographies of notable women. The list is now quite extensive and wide-ranging. By no means exhaustive, it is still a handy place to browse for significant women.

[Women's Legal History Biography Project](http://www.law.stanford.edu/library/wlhbhp/)

<http://www.law.stanford.edu/library/wlhbhp/>

Although this Stanford Law School website started with information on a single pioneer--Clara Shortridge Foltz (1849-1934), who was the first woman to be a lawyer on the Pacific Coast

(California, 1878)--it has since added a very extensive Women Lawyers Index, which provides information and links on scores of important trailblazing women in the law.

[National Women's Hall of Fame](#)

<http://www.greatwomen.org/women.php>

"In 1969, a group of women and men of Seneca Falls created the National Women's Hall of Fame, believing that the contribution of American women deserved a permanent home in the small village where it all began." The Hall's website presents short biographies of its inductees. So, this is another source for basic biography information on notable American women. Use the search engine, or browse surnames by clicking on a letter. Entries usually include a picture and a list of suggested readings about the subject.

[Female Nobel Prize Laureates](#)

<http://www.almaz.com/nobel/women.html>

Don't expect lengthy biographical information at this website, which is part of the Nobel Prize Internet Archive. Still, it provides a handy list of women who have won Nobel Prizes, organized by field and year. When you click on a name you get brief information on their award, and often links to other pages on each woman.

[Heroine Worship: Women as Icons](#)

<http://www.nytimes.com/specials/magazine4/>

This website, associated with the *New York Times Magazine*, provides general topical articles plus profiles on more than 25 "iconic" women. The selections run from the sublime (Marian Anderson) to the ridiculous (Jenny McCarthy!). Most of the women profiled come from show business, sports and the like, but a few are from Literature (Virginia Woolf) and public service (Eleanor Roosevelt). The writers producing the articles are sometimes intriguing matches for their subjects, as well. For example, Camille Paglia is the author of the article on Amelia Earhart.

[Women Composers](#)

<http://www.kapralova.org/DATABASE.htm>

The Kapralova Society provides this webpage, which admits that it is by "no means the ultimate database of women composers. In fact, this list represents only a tiny fraction of more than 6000 women composers about whom a record exists (e.g. Aaron Cohen's *Encyclopedia of Women Composers* lists 6,196 women composers). Only composers of classical music whose works have been recorded on compact disc have been included in this database. Composers are listed in alphabetical order; their name is followed by their date of birth and country of origin. Where a link to online resources exists it has also been provided."

[Women in World History : A Biographical Encyclopedia](#)

REF HQ 1115 .W6 1999

This massive 17 volume set provides short signed biographical essays on women from around the world and across the ages. Entries include a short bibliography of further suggested readings.

[Notable American Women, 1607-1950; a Biographical Dictionary](#)

REF CT 3260 .N57

This well-respected 3 volume set was "prepared under the auspices of Radcliffe College." It is updated by:

[Notable American Women: The modern period : A Biographical Dictionary](#)

REF CT 3260 .N573 1980

[Black Women in America: An Historical Encyclopedia](#)

REF E 185.86 .B542 1993

This 2 volume work presents signed biographical entries--many quite substantive--detailing the lives and contributions of black women throughout the history of the United States.

[Lesser-Known women : A Biographical Dictionary](#)

REF CT 3203 .G57 1992

This small volume aims to provide brief biography capsules on women, world-wide, not readily found in other sources.

[Larousse Dictionary of Women](#)

REF HQ 1115 .L37 1996

Very brief biographies, some with photos. Strong in British and Commonwealth subjects.

[American Women Writers \[electronic resource\] : A Critical Reference Guide : From Colonial Times to the Present](#)

Gale Virtual Reference Library

An electronic version of a four volume reference set detailing the lives and works of American women authors.

[Feminism in Literature \[electronic resource\] : A Gale Critical Companion](#)

Gale Virtual Reference Library

This six "volume" set provides both overviews and specific bio-critical resources on individual authors, both herstorical and contemporary.

[Cambridge Guide to Women's Writings in English \[electronic resource\]](#)

Gale Virtual Reference Library

A reference guide covering women writers across the English-speaking world, from the medieval times to the 20th Century.

[American Women Writers 1900-1945 \[electronic resource\] : A Bio-bibliographical Critical Sourcebook](#)

ebrary

An electronic version of a Greenwood Press sourcebook on early 20th century American women authors.

[The Bloomsbury Guide to Women's Literature](#)

REF PN 147 .B57 1992

Although it does contain some entries on titles, places, and concepts, this guide is primarily a collection of capsule biographies on notable women authors.

[Contemporary Women Poets](#)

REF PS 151 .C67 1998

Besides brief biographical information, entries in this volume include a critical essay, bibliography, and even in some cases commentary by the poet herself.

[Dictionary of Women Artists](#)

REF N8354 .D53 1997

Entries in this 2 volume set contain brief biographies, and lists of Major Exhibitions, Selected Writings, Bibliography, and a signed critical essay.

[Ahead of Their Time \[electronic resource\] : A Biographical Dictionary of Risk-taking Women](#)

Greenwood ebooks

[Penguin Biographical Dictionary of Women \[electronic resource\]](#)

xreferplus

[Index to Women of the World from Ancient to Modern Times](#)

REF HQ 1412 .I73 1970

This handy book was more important before sources like the 17 volume encyclopedia above were published. It identifies biographical information about notable women within general and women-specific reference books, some dating prior to the turn of the 20th century. This volume is updated by:

[Index to Women of the World from Ancient to Modern Times: A Supplement](#)

REF HQ 1412 .I73 Suppl.

[Women in Particular : An Index to American Women](#)

REF HQ 1412 .H47 1984

A similar index to other resources. This one focuses on American women only.

[Women Public speakers in the United States, 1800-1925 \[electronic resource\] : A Bio-critical Sourcebook](#)

Greenwood ebooks

Essential Writings of Feminism

[Documents from the Women's Liberation Movement](#)

<http://scriptorium.lib.duke.edu/wlm/>

Part of the Scriptorium electronic archive project of Duke University, "the materials in this on-line archival collection document various aspects of the Women's Liberation Movement in the United States, and focus specifically on the radical origins of this movement during the late 1960s and early 1970s. Items range from radical theoretical writings to humourous plays to the minutes of an actual grassroots group." It includes selections from well-known feminists (like Gloria Steinem), but also reprints the work of lesser-known activists of the "second wave."

[Classic Feminist Writings](#)

<http://www.cwluherstory.com/CWLUArchive/classic.html>

This nice page, from the The Chicago Women's Liberation Union (CWLU) Herstory Website, provides a basic, browsable annotated list of a few primary documents. However, although the word "classic" appears in the title, all of these materials are from the 1960s and 1970s, so they are useful only in the study of the second wave.

[Andrea Dworkin Web Site](#)

<http://www.nostatusquo.com/ACLU/dworkin/>

The late Andrea Dworkin was one of the most articulate, passionate and controversial voices from the second wave of American feminism. This webpage excerpts sections from a variety of her writings, including *Intercourse*, *Right-Wing Women*, *Pornography: Men Possessing Women*, *Our Blood: Prophecies and Discourses on Sexual Politics*, *Woman Hating*, and *Life and Death*. It also includes many memorial statements by other feminist leaders posted after her Spring 2005 death.

[Jo Freeman.com](#)

<http://www.jofreeman.com/index.htm>

Jo Freeman is another feminist activist and scholar whose work has spanned the earliest days of the "women's movement" til today. This good-looking, well-organized website presents many of Ms. Freeman's writings, including several written under the pseudonym Joreen. (These include "The BITCH Manifesto" and "The Tyranny of Structurelessness.")

[No Turning Back: The Feminist Resource Site](#)

<http://ntb.stanford.edu/resources3-5.html>

This webpage is a companion to Estelle Freedman's book *No Turning Back: The History of Feminism and the Future of Women*. The site takes a longer historical view, providing links to some of the older primary texts of feminism, including works by Mary Wollstonecraft, John Stuart Mill, Sojourner Truth and others.

[Stanton and Anthony Papers Project Online](#)

<http://ecssba.rutgers.edu/>

Located at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, this important project hopes "to find and copy all of the Stanton and Anthony papers that still survive--as manuscripts and printed texts--and make those primary sources available and useful for research." At this point, only a few documents and images are available online, but this site--dedicated to preserving the primary texts of two of the great architects of 19th century feminism in the United States--is still worth visiting. See also the affiliated website at the University of South Carolina [Travels for Reform: The Early Work of Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, 1852-1861 \(Mini-Edition\)](#).

[Emma Goldman Papers](#)

<http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/Goldman/>

Emma Goldman is one of the great voices of American anarchism and feminist radicalism from the early twentieth century. This website, developed and maintained by the University of California at Berkeley's SunSITE project, "has collected, organized, and edited tens of thousands of documents by and about Goldman from around the world."

[Feminism : The Essential Historical Writings](#)

HQ 1154 .S29 1994

[The Feminist Papers: From Adams to de Beauvoir](#)

HQ 1154 .R746 1974

[The American Sisterhood: Writings of the Feminist Movement From Colonial Times to the Present](#)

HQ 1426 .A512

[Root of Bitterness : Documents of the Social History of American Women](#)

HQ 1410 .R65 1996

[Man Cannot Speak for Her](#)

HQ 1154 .C28 1989b v.1-2

Women's oratory. See especially Volume 2, *Key Texts of the Early Feminists*.

[Feminism in Our Time: The Essential Writings, World War II to the Present](#)

HQ 1420 .F38 1994

General Women's Studies Portals

[WSSLINKS: Women and Gender Studies Web Sites](#)

<http://libr.org/wss/WSSLinks/index.html>

This website, developed and maintained by the Women's Studies Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries, does a good job of organizing and presenting links to gender studies websites, both general and subject-specific.

[Women's Studies and Women's Issues Internet Resources](#)

<http://www-unix.umbc.edu/~korenman/wmst/>

Joan Korenman, Founding Director of the Center for Women and Information Technology, founded and regularly updates this valuable webpage. It aims to help researchers "find information-rich, high-quality web sites focusing on women's studies or women's issues." The top section, "Women's Studies / Women's Issues Resource Sites," is organized by subject area, and is useful for browsing.

[SOSIG: Women's Studies](#)

http://www.sosig.ac.uk/womens_studies/

Part of the UK Resource Discovery Network, the Social Science Information Gateway (SOSIG) is a freely available Internet service which aims to provide a trusted source of selected, high quality Internet information for students, academics, researchers and practitioners in the social sciences, business and law. This page provides all of their suggested links in Women's Studies. It is especially strong in non-U.S. resources.

[Women's Studies Resources](#)

<http://bailiwick.lib.uiowa.edu/wstudies/>

Karla Tonella, of the University of Iowa maintains this portal. The opening page includes links to "Mainstream News concerning women," and the subject areas include topics like Women in Development and Feminist Theory.

[Voice of the Shuttle: Gender Studies](#)

<http://vos.ucsb.edu/browse.asp?id=2711>

VoS is a massive metasite project based at the University of California at Santa Barbara. This particular webpage provides a wide-ranging group of academic-approved links in women's and gender studies. Note the "On this Page" outline in the upper right and use this to jump to a more specific area. Or simply scroll down the page to browse. Unfortunately, VoS lists are so extensive that there is precious little room for evaluative or descriptive annotation. So, be prepared to do a lot of browsing and clicking when using this website. Or, use the search engine in the upper right corner of the screen.

[Women's Studies Database](#)

<http://www.mith2.umd.edu/WomensStudies/>

"The University of Maryland women's studies web site, begun in September 1992, serves those people interested in the women's studies profession and in general women's issues." Links and

materials are divided into categories and include unusual content like Film Reviews and a Reading Room of texts and support materials.

[Gender Inn](#)

http://www.uni-koeln.de/phil-fak/englisch/datenbank/e_index.htm

The Universität zu Köln hosts this "searchable database providing access to over 7,500 records pertaining to feminist theory, feminist literary criticism and gender studies focusing on English and American literature." Also, check out the related ejournal, [gender forum](#).

[Feminist Internet Gateway: Reviewed Links](#)

<http://www.feminist.org/gateway/>

If you are interested in finding activist resources, this portal, from the Feminist Majority Foundation can be a good place to browse. Content is organized into 14 subject categories, and entries are annotated.

[Women & Gender Studies in Latin America](#)

<http://lanic.utexas.edu/la/region/women/>

The Latin American Network Information Center (LANIC), at the Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies (LLILAS) at the University of Texas at Austin, maintains this page of links to women-oriented sites throughout South and Central America, the Caribbean, and from minority organizations in North America.

[WWWomen.com](#)

<http://www.wwwomen.com/>

This corporate site isn't really oriented towards academic research on women. It is a general web directory that includes links to resources on all aspects of women's lives. Subject areas include anything from "Mothers/Parenting" to "Women Go Shopping." Although it can be a junky hodge-podge, it can also be useful if you are looking for website leads on a women's topic of a less clearly scholarly nature.

[Femina](#)

<http://www.femina.cybergrrl.com/>

"FeMiNa was created in September of 1995 and debuted online to provide women with a comprehensive, searchable directory of links to female friendly sites and information on the World Wide Web." It claims to be "a comprehensive database and powerful, intuitive search engine created by Cybergrrl. Inc." At the very least it does provide a great variety of links to web materials. However, be prepared for flashing advertisements when you visit Femina.

Groups and Associations

[Institute for Women's Policy Research](#)

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

"The Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR) is a public policy research organization dedicated to informing and stimulating the debate on issues of critical importance to women and their families. IWPR focuses on issues of poverty and welfare, employment and earnings, work and family issues, health and safety, and women's civic and political participation." Some of the IWPR's research reports are available here at their website.

[Women's Studies Programs, Departments, & Research Centers](http://research.umbc.edu/~korenman/wmst/programs.html)

<http://research.umbc.edu/~korenman/wmst/programs.html>

Interested in information on university women's studies programs? This website lists links to nearly 700 women's studies (including "gender studies") programs, departments, and research centers around the world that have websites. Programs and departments offering graduate degrees or concentrations have this fact noted in an annotation below the link. Joan Korenman updates this site often, making it more valuable than some other similar sites.

[National Women's Studies Association](http://www.nwsa.org/)

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

"NWSA is committed to the development of scholarship and research that incorporates disciplinary, interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary, multicultural, and/or global methods and perspectives to advance the study and knowledge of all women and to create critical dialogue on the production of knowledge about and related to all women and on the application of such knowledge to social and political practices and processes. To that end, we recognize the integral connection among scholarship, activism, and teaching."

[American Association of University Women](http://www.aauw.org/)

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

"Mission: AAUW promotes education and equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change. Since 1881 the American Association of University Women has been the nation's leading voice promoting education and equity for women and girls."

[Center for Women Policy Studies](http://www.centerwomenpolicy.org/index.htm)

<http://www.centerwomenpolicy.org/index.htm>

"Since its founding in 1972 as the nation's first feminist policy research organization, the Center for Women Policy Studies has been on the front lines of efforts to promote justice and equality for women." The Center tries to produce "multiethnic and multicultural feminist research, policy analysis and advocacy bring women's diverse voices to important debates — on women and AIDS, violence against women and girls, welfare reform, access to health care, educational equity, work/family and workplace diversity policies, reproductive rights and health." Selected publications are available on their website.

[Catalyst](http://www.catalystwomen.org/)

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

"Catalyst is the premier nonprofit research and advisory organization working to advance women in business, with offices in New York, San Jose, and Toronto. The leading source of information

on women in business for the past four decades, Catalyst has the knowledge and tools that help companies recruit, retain, and advance top talent and enable women to reach their potential."

[National Organization for Women](http://www.now.org/index.html)

<http://www.now.org/index.html>

The most famous of the feminist activist organizations in the U.S., NOW "has 500,000 contributing members and 550 chapters in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Since its founding in 1966, NOW's goal has been to take action to bring about equality for all women. NOW works to eliminate discrimination and harassment in the workplace, schools, the justice system, and all other sectors of society; secure abortion, birth control and reproductive rights for all women; end all forms of violence against women; eradicate racism, sexism and homophobia; and promote equality and justice in our society."

[Wellesley Centers for Women](http://www.wcwonline.org/)

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

WCW calls itself "the nation's largest women's research center, WCW is the powerful alliance of the Stone Center and the Center for Research on Women at Wellesley College."

[Center for Women's Health and Human Rights](http://www.suffolk.edu/cwhhr/index.html)

<http://www.suffolk.edu/cwhhr/index.html>

The CWHHR is Suffolk's own women's research institute. "The Center for Women's Health and Human Rights sponsors events that educate the public about the inextricable links between women's health and human rights; supports innovative, cross-disciplinary scholarship that embraces advocacy of women's health and human rights; generates position papers and policy recommendations that advocate for women's health and human rights; networks locally, nationally, and internationally with others to promote knowledge and advocacy for women's health and human rights; provides spaces for women to think through these connections and learn from one another; [and] offers courses and workshops to enhance learning about these issues at Suffolk University and beyond."

Women's Special Collections in Massachusetts

[The Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America](http://www.radcliffe.edu/schles/)

<http://www.radcliffe.edu/schles/>

Perhaps the foremost women's archival collection anywhere, the Schlesinger Library of Radcliffe College, Harvard University "collects manuscripts, books, and other materials essential for understanding women's lives and activities in the United States." This is a non-circulating collection but is open to anyone interested in researching American women. All you need do is register at the desk. This library is a treasure, and well worth visiting with or without a specific research project.

[Sophia Smith Collection](#)

<http://www.smith.edu/libraries/libs/ssc/home.html>

Smith College of Northampton, Massachusetts (in the western part of the state) also maintains "an internationally recognized repository of manuscripts, photographs, periodicals and other primary sources in women's history."

[Jewish Women's Archive](#)

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

Although more a virtual archive than a physical library, the Jewish Women's Archive is located in Brookline, Massachusetts. It is designed to allow researchers "to gain access to archival collections documenting the lives and experiences of North American Jewish women. This online searchable resource offers information on hundreds of women, women's organizations, and manuscript collections, along with a rich array of primary source material."

[Mapping the World of Women's Information Services](#)

<http://www.iiav.nl/mapping-the-world/>

Want to identify other women's archives elsewhere in this country, and throughout the globe? This website, of the International Information Centre and Archives for the Women's Movement, in the Netherlands, may help. "Mapping the World of Women's Information Services is an online database in which you can find information on women's information centres and libraries that are open to the public. It currently contains more than 375 women's information centres from over 125 countries and is updated weekly."

Other Selected Print and E-Book Sources

[Routledge International Encyclopedia of Women : Global Women's Issues and Knowledge](#)

REF HQ 1115 .R69 2000

4 volumes.

[Greenwood Encyclopedia of Women's Issues Worldwide](#)

HQ1115.G74 A87 2003

A six volume encyclopedia with volumes on Asia and Oceania, Central and South America, Europe, North America and the Caribbean, Sub-Saharan Africa, and the Middle East and North Africa.

[LGBT: Encyclopedia of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender History in America \[electronic resource\]](#)

Gale Virtual Reference Library

Calling itself a "comprehensive survey," this multi-volume set long essays on topics like AIDS and the Stonewall Riots, as well as short biographical entries.

[Book of Women's Firsts](#)

REF CT 3260 .R428 1992

[Women's Studies Encyclopedia](#)

REF HQ 1115 .W645, 3 volumes

[Encyclopedia of Feminism](#)

REF HQ 1115 .T87 1986

[Feminist Dictionary](#)

REF HQ 1115 .K73 1985

[Nonsexist Word Finder](#)

REF PE 1689 .M23 1989

[Beacon Book of Quotations by Women](#)

REF PN 6081.5 .B43 1992

[The Quotable Woman : From Eve to 1799](#)

REF PN 6081.5 .Q63 1982

Updated by:

[The Quotable Woman, 1800-1981](#)

REF PN 6081.5 .Q63 1985