

RESEARCH GUIDE

Social Work

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THE ONLINE CATALOG

You can identify books which are relevant to your research in several ways. If you already know a specific writer, you can search by the author's name. If you have a title, you can search by title. For a subject search it is often wise to search by subject and by keyword. Searching by subject will retrieve only subjects used by the Library of Congress. Some examples of Library of Congress subject headings are:

aging	substance abuse
homelessness	public welfare
AIDS	adoption

Keyword searching allows you to search multiple concepts or search terms not used by the Library of Congress. See *Database Guide: Library Catalog* for searching tips.

LITERATURE AND RESEARCH GUIDES

HV 91 .M43 1987 **A Guide to Information Sources for Social Work and the Human**
Fen Ref **Services.** Henry Neil Mendelsohn. Phoenix,Az.: Oryx Press,

PERIODICAL INDEXES AND ELECTRONIC SOURCES ONLINE

The following indexes are found on the library website (<http://library.gmu.edu/>) under *databases-social sciences*.

Social Work:

Social Work Abstracts Plus (SWAP) is the web based version of Social Work Research and Abstracts, 1977 to present. This is the primary source for references to the journal literature in social work. Published by the National Association of Social Workers, it is the key indexing and abstracting service for social work and related journals.

Social Services Abstracts 1980-present is a database that indexes and abstracts current research on social work, human services, social welfare, social policy, and community development. It has over 1,600 serials publications and includes abstracts of journal articles, dissertations, and citations to book reviews.

Sociology:

Sociological Abstracts, 1963-present. Citations and abstracts from over 2000 journals indexed by Sociological Abstracts, plus relevant dissertation listings, abstracts of conference papers and selected books, citations of book reviews. Includes citations and abstracts from Social Planning/ Policy & Development Abstracts. Updated 6 times per year. Also available in print form (Fen Ref Index HM1.S67).

Social Science:

AARP Ageline, 1978-present. Includes references and original abstracts for materials related to aging and middle age from an interdisciplinary perspective of psychology, economics, sociology, gerontology, public policy, business, health and healthcare services, and consumer issues.

Contemporary Women's Issues, 1992-present. Access to global information on women in the form of journals, newsletters, research reports from non-profit groups, government and international agencies, along with fact sheets. Some full-text sources. Updated 26 times per year.

Criminal Justice Abstracts. 1968-Present. Contains abstracts to journal articles, reports, dissertations, and books. Entries are arranged under broad subject categories.

Ethnic NewsWatch, 1985-present. Full text articles from ethnic and minority press in the United States. In English and Spanish.

Hispanic American Periodicals Index, 1970-present. Searchable web version of the Hispanic American Periodicals Index. "Contains complete bibliographic citations to articles, book reviews, documents, original literary works, and other materials appearing in more than 400 key social science and humanities journals published throughout the world."

JSTOR. Full-text coverage of *American Sociological Review*, *Annual Review of Sociology*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, and *Journal of Health and Human Behavior* among others. Dates of coverage vary.

PsycINFO, 1887-present. Covers the professional and academic literature in psychology and related disciplines including medicine, psychiatry, nursing, sociology, education, pharmacology, physiology, linguistics, and other areas. Updated monthly.

Social Sciences Citation Index, 1980-present. Interdisciplinary index to journals and collected volumes in the social and behavioral sciences. Provides access by author, citation and subject. Earlier issues (1972-present) can be found in the print version (Fen Ref Index H83.S63). Updated weekly.

Interdisciplinary Indexes:

Expanded Academic Index, 1980-present. Database of abstracts and full text articles on Astronomy, Religion, Law, History, Psychology, Humanities, Current Events, Sociology, Communication and the General Sciences.

Lexis-Nexis Academic. Full-Text database which provides access to a wide range of news and legal sources.

ProQuest General Reference (formerly called Periodical Abstracts), 1994-present. Multi-subject reference source covering general and academic periodicals. Full-text is available for many articles.

CD-ROM

Located at Fenwick Reference only on a standalone computer.

Ethics Index, 1990-1996. Interdisciplinary index to articles and essays on ethics and morality, including criminal justice, feminism, public policy, and social science.

PRINT JOURNAL INDEXES AND ABSTRACTS

HQ 1061 .C87
Fen Ref Index

Abstracts in Social Gerontology. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Indexes and abstracts the gerontology literature. Published in cooperation with the National Council on the Aging. Before 1990 title was Current Literature on Aging.

HV1.P6

Human Resources Abstracts, 1972-present. Formerly Poverty and

- Fen Ref Index Human Resources Abstracts (1966-74), this work abstracts articles, government documents, books and reports dealing with poverty, manpower, human resources, and urban and national problems.
- HQ536.S23
Fen Ref Index **Sage Family Studies Abstracts, 1979-present.** Abstracts of journal articles, dissertations, documents and books on policy, theory and research relating to the family.
- AI3.S62
Fen Ref Index **Social Sciences Index, 1974-present.** Interdisciplinary subject/author index to social science periodicals. Preceded by *Social Sciences & Humanities Index* and *International Index to Periodicals*.
- HM1.S67
Fen Ref Index **Sociological Abstracts, 1952-present.** Indexes and abstracts periodical articles, conference papers, proceedings, dissertations and book reviews in sociology and related fields. Also available in *Online*.
- HQ1101.W7554
Fen Ref Index **Women Studies Abstracts, 1972-present.** Indexes and abstracts periodical literature pertaining to women. Also includes book reviews and bibliographies.
- HQ1180.W66
Fen Ref Index **Women's Studies Index, 1989-present.** Subject/author index to feminist and mainstream women's studies periodicals, including U.S. and foreign journals and magazines.

SOCIAL WORK DICTIONARIES, ENCYCLOPEDIAS AND HANDBOOKS

- Ref. HV 35 .S6
19th ed. **Encyclopedia of Social Work** Washington D. C.: National Association of Social Workers. 1995. 3 vols. This comprehensive, authoritative encyclopedia is a basic overview source for social workers. Each article has a lengthy bibliography.
- Ref. HV 90 .G53
1995 **Social Work Almanac.** Leon Ginsberg. Washington D.C.: National Association of Social Workers. 1995. Statistical summaries of social data.
- Ref. HV 12 .B37
1999 **Social Work Dictionary.** Robert L. Barker. Silver Spring, MD: National Association of Social Workers. 1999. Provides definitions of words and concepts of social work terminology.
- Ref. HV 88 .N118
2000 **Social Work Speaks 5th Ed.** National Association of Social Workers policy statements 2000-2003. Incorporates organizational responses,

policy analysis, and individual action by Social Workers.

RELATED DICTIONARIES, ENCYCLOPEDIAS AND HANDBOOKS

Ref. HQ 1061 .R69 1992 ***Encyclopedia of Aging and the Elderly.*** F. Hampton Roy and Charles Russell. New York: Facts on File, 1992.

Ref. HV 6626.5 .C57 2001 ***Encyclopedia of Child Abuse 2nd Ed.*** Robin E. Clark and Judith Freeman Clark. New York: Facts on File, 2001.

HV5804.E53 2001
Fen Ref ***Encyclopedia of Drugs and Alcohol. 4 vols. 2001.*** Contains overview essays and briefer entries on topics such as MADD, Alcoholics Anonymous, and crime and alcohol. Volume four has 400-page state-by-state directory of drug abuse and alcoholism treatment and prevention programs.

HQ9.E52 2003
Fen Ref ***International Encyclopedia of Marriage and the Family, 4 vols. 2003.*** From abortion to work and family, the 169 lengthy articles in this work cover such topics as cohabitation, codependency, genetic counseling, and military families.

Ref. HV 5017 .O37 1999 ***Encyclopedia of Understanding Alcohol and Other Drugs v.I & II.*** Eds. Robert O'Brien, Robert Chafetz, M.D., and Sidney Cohen, M.D., New York: Facts on File, 1999.

HF41 .I58 2001
Fen Ref ***International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences. 26 vols. 2001.*** Includes authoritative articles describing the state of the art in all fields of the social and behavioral sciences. Bibliographic included.

STYLE MANUAL

Fenwick Reference
Fenwick Reserve
Arlington Reference
Ref. BF 76.7.P83 1994 ***Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association.*** Rules for preparing papers and manuscripts in psychology and related social sciences including social work.

