



## **SOCIOLOGY LIBRARY RESOURCE GUIDE SHAKE LEARNING RESOURCES CENTER**

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### **INFORMATION PATHWAYS**

- Find Books: VU WebCat Online Catalog (books, music, videos, ebooks, periodicals, etc.)
- Find Articles: Electronic Periodical Databases (EBSCOhost, ProQuest, etc.)
- Library Reference Collection: (dictionaries, encyclopedias, handbooks, statistics, etc.)
- Internet Resources

### **I. FIND BOOKS: VU WEBCAT (LIBRARY CATALOG)**

*WebCat* is VU's computerized catalog of books, ebooks, videotapes, music CDs, periodicals subscribed to by the library, and some useful web sites. *WebCat* is available in the library and through the World Wide Web (You access the VU Library home page at <http://www.vinu.edu/>, then select the Academic Resources tab at the top of the page, then click Shake Library, then Find Books, and then VU WebCat).

The user can find materials quickly using the Simple Search screen (the default screen you see when you access *WebCat*, which allows searching the *WebCat* database by the following menu choices:

- Author Browse
- Exact Title
- Subject Browse (use topics like sociology, social ethics, social psychology, social prediction, socialization, social conflict, social groups, social history, social values, educational sociology, ethnicity, ethnology, ethnopsychology, race relations, etc. )
- Call Number Browse
- Command Search (keywords)
- Journal Title (searches for titles of magazines and journals in VU's Periodical Collection)

## II. FIND ARTICLES (ELECTRONIC PERIODICAL DATABASES)

Shake Library offers researchers many choices of electronic databases for use in locating articles on specific topics in periodical literature (newspapers, journals, magazines, etc.). After accessing online databases, use the help information available with each database to become familiar with its search options. If you need assistance with using a database, please ask for help from a librarian at the Reference Desk. To search periodical databases, go to the VU Library home page at <http://www.vinu.edu>, then select the Academic Resources tab at the top of the page, then click Shake Library, then Find Articles, then click the database you want to search.

### ELECTRONIC JOURNALS

This resource provides a searchable listing of all full text periodicals available through library database vendors like *EBSCOhost*, *ProQuest*, and *LexisNexis Academic Universe*. You can search by title, subject, or keywords. This is an excellent tool to use to see what online publications are available in specific subject areas. You access this resource by following the instructions noted above in getting to the library's Web page. You then select the link "Electronic Journals" found under Shake Library. After accessing "Electronic Journals," select the subject "Social and Behavioral Sciences" from the menu box found under "Browse e-journals by subject." A list of subjects will appear with the number of publications available under each subject. Scroll down the page until you come to the link that lists the sociology journals.

### EBSCOhost (INSPIRE)

*EBSCOhost's Academic Search Elite* database is a resource providing access to thousands of full-text articles appearing in professional, scholarly journals and magazines. This is an excellent resource to begin searching for information on sociological topics. The *Business Source Premier* database also includes coverage for some sociology periodicals.

### PROQUEST

ProQuest offers a suite of databases that cover everything from career and vocational education to social science. More than 3,000 publications are listed in ProQuest, with many available in full text. This database provider offers two databases that contain the full-text content from peer reviewed sources related to sociological topics. *ProQuest Research Library* database and *Social Science Module* database provide journal coverage for sociology.

### NEWSBANK

*NewsBank* provides access to full-text articles from newspapers, magazines, and wire services. The *TCR* database (1992 – current) includes news articles covering social issues, economics, the environment, government, sports, the arts, people, health and science. Articles are taken from a variety of sources, including U.S. and international newspapers, wire services, broadcasts, magazines, U.S. government documents, United Nations documents, and historical documents.

### SIRS KNOWLEDGE SOURCE

- *SIRS Researcher* – This database contains thousands of full-text articles related to contemporary social issues from a variety of sources.

- *SIRS Government Reporter* – This database is an excellent resource for finding information from federal government sources.

## **SOCIOLOGY PERIODICALS AVAILABLE FROM SHAKE LIBRARY**

*American Journal of Sociology* (Print, ASE & ProQuest)  
*American Sociological Review* (Print & ProQuest)  
*American Sociologist* (BSP)  
*Annual Review of Sex Research* (ASE & ProQuest)  
*Annual Review of Sociology* (ASE & ProQuest)  
*British Journal of Sociology* (BSP)  
*Canadian Journal of Sociology* (ASE)  
*Canadian Review of Sociology and Anthropology* (ASE & ProQuest)  
*Contemporary Sociology* (ProQuest)  
*European Journal of Social Psychology* (ASE)  
*European Sociological Review* (ProQuest)  
*Family Relations* (Print & ProQuest)  
*International Journal of Sociology* (BSP)  
*Journal of Comparative Family Studies* (ASE & ProQuest)  
*Journal of Cultural Diversity* (ASE)  
*Journal of Family Violence* (ASE)  
*Journal of Health and Social Behavior* (ProQuest)  
*Journal of Marital and Family Therapy* (ProQuest)  
*Journal of Marriage and the Family* (Print & ProQuest)  
*Journal of Organizational Behavior* (ProQuest)  
*Journal of Political & Military Sociology* (ProQuest)  
*Journal of Sex Research* (ASE & ProQuest)  
*Journal of Social Issues* (ASE)  
*Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare* (ASE)  
*Journal of Urban Affairs* (ASE & ProQuest)  
*Qualitative Sociology* (BSP)  
*Religion and American Culture* (ProQuest)  
*Rural Sociology* (ASE & ProQuest)  
*Sex Roles* (ProQuest)  
*Social Alternatives* (ASE)  
*Social Behavior and Personality* (ASE)  
*Social Forces* (Print, ASE & ProQuest)  
*Social Problems* (ProQuest)  
*Social Psychology* (ProQuest)  
*Sociological Perspectives* (ProQuest)  
*Sociological Quarterly* (ProQuest)  
*Sociological Research* (BSP)  
*Sociological Review* (BSP)  
*Sociological Spectrum* (BSP)  
*Sociology of Education* (ProQuest)  
*Sociology of Religion* (ASE & ProQuest)

Note: ASE is the acronym for *EBSCOhost's Academic Search Elite* database, and BSP is the acronym for *EBSCOhost's Business Source Premier* database.

### **III. LIBRARY REFERENCE COLLECTION**

#### **Sociology**

- Blackwell Dictionary of Sociology* (Ref. 301.03 J66b)
- Dictionary of Sociology* (Ref. 301.03 D554d)
- Encyclopedia of Sociology* (Ref. 301.03 E56e)
- Encyclopedic Dictionary of Sociology* (Ref. 301.03 E56e)
- Handbook of Sociology* (Ref. 301 H236h)
- HarperCollins Dictionary of Sociology* (Ref. 301.03 J37h)
- Modern Dictionary of Sociology* (Ref. 301 T388m)
- Penguin Dictionary of Sociology* (Ref. 301.03 A144p)
- Survey of Social Science: Sociology Series* (Ref. 301.03 S963s)

#### **Statistical References**

- Statistical Abstract of the United States* (Ref. 317.3 U58s)
- Statistical Handbook on Adolescents in America* (Ref. 305.23 S797a)
- Statistical Handbook on Aging Americans* (Ref. 305.26 S797a)
- Statistical Handbook on Racial Groups in the United States* (Ref. 305.8 H442s)
- Statistical Handbook on the American Family* (Ref. 306.85 S797s)
- Statistical Handbook on Violence in America* (Ref. 303.6 S797s)
- Statistical Handbook on Women in America* (Ref. 305.4 S797s)

#### **Behavioral and Social Sciences**

- Alcohol and Tobacco* (Ref. 360 I43a)
- The American Family* (Ref. 360 I43af)
- Childhood Sexual Abuse* (Ref. 362.76 K55c)
- Companion Encyclopedia of Psychology* (Ref. 150.3 C737c)
- Corsini Encyclopedia of Psychology and Behavioral Science* (Ref. 150.3 C826C)
- Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-IV)* (Shelved Behind Reference Desk, Ref. 616.89 A512d)
- Dictionary of Global Culture* (Ref. 903 D554d)
- Encyclopedia of Adolescence* (Ref. 305.235 E56e)
- The Encyclopedia of Adoption* (Ref. 362.734 A197e)
- Encyclopedia of African-American Culture and History* (Ref. 973.0496e)
- The Encyclopedia of Aging* (Ref. 305.26 E56e)
- Encyclopedia of American Cultural & Intellectual History* (Ref. 973.03 E56e)
- The Encyclopedia of Child Abuse* (Ref. 362.7 C594e)
- The Encyclopedia of Drug Abuse* (Ref. 362.29 E56e)
- Encyclopedia of Drugs and Alcohol* (Ref. 362.29 E56d)
- Encyclopedia of Family Life* (Ref. 306.85 E56f)
- Encyclopedia of Marriage and the Family* (Ref. 306.803 E56e)
- Encyclopedia of Modern American Social Issues* (Ref. 306 E93e)
- Encyclopedia of Psychology* (Ref. 150.3 E56p)
- Encyclopedia of Social and Cultural Anthropology* (Ref. 306.03 E56e)
- Encyclopedia of Southern Culture* (Ref. 975.003 E56e)
- The Encyclopedic Handbook of Alcoholism* (Ref. 362.292 P299)
- Gale Encyclopedia of Multicultural America* (Ref. 305.8 G1151g)
- Greenwood Guide to American Popular Culture* (Ref. 306.4 G816a)
- Growing Old in America* (Ref. 360 I43g)
- Growing Up in America* (Ref. 360 I43g)

*Handbook of American Popular Culture* (Ref. 306.4 H236h)  
*Historical and Cultural Atlas of African Americans* (Ref. 973.0496 A798h)  
*International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences* (Ref. 303 I61i)  
*Marriage, Family, and Relationships: A Cross-Cultural Encyclopedia* (Ref. 306.8 B875m)  
*Minorities* (Ref. 360 I43mi)  
*Racial and Ethnic Relations in America* (Ref. 305.8 R121r)  
*St. James Encyclopedia of Popular Culture* (Ref. 973.9 S774p)  
*Social Science Encyclopedia* (Ref. 303 S678s)  
*Social Welfare* (Ref. 360 I43s)  
*Women's Issues* (Ref. 305.4 W872i)

#### **IV. INTERNET RESOURCES**

*American Sociological Association*  
<http://www.asanet.org/>

This is the primary professional organization for sociologists in the United States.

*Selected Web Sites in Sociology*  
<http://lib.colostate.edu/research/sociology/web.html>

This web site is hosted by Colorado State University Libraries. It is well-organized and provides a good starting point for locating sociological material on the Web.

*The SocioLog*  
<http://www.sociolog.com/>

Julian Dierkes, a professor at the University of British Columbia, is the creator of this comprehensive Web site for sociology.

*Sociology @ IU*  
<http://www.indiana.edu/~soc/links.shtml>

A list of selected social research Web sites compiled by the Department of Sociology at Indiana University at Bloomington.

*University of Michigan Document Center*  
<http://www.lib.umich.edu/govdocs/stsoc.html>

This site is a major provider for statistical resources relating to sociology.