



Social Sciences and Humanities

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Objectives

- Present an introduction to reference tools in the social sciences and humanities
- Introduce some main challenges and advantages to using these tools.



Overview

- Social Sciences:

Indexes, Journals, Books, Web content

- Humanities

Indexes, Journals, Books, Web content




The Social Sciences

- Anthropology & Archaeology
- Childhood and Social Institutions
- Economics
- First Nations Studies
- Geography
- History
- Kinesiology
- Management & Organizational Studies
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Administration and Local Government
- Regional Studies
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Women's Studies

Journals and Indexes for the Social Sciences



- Current and historic research findings
- Citation indexing
- Online tools offer comprehensive search functions. (Paper copies good for browsing and some older materials/ perspectives.)



Web of Science: Social Sciences Citation Index (1981-current)

- Searchable author abstracts in social sciences from 1700 major journals, plus over 3400 items selected from leading natural and physical science journals.
- Offers users cited reference searches.
- Print version in Weldon covers 1956-1999.

Web of Science Tutorial

From: <http://scientific.thomson.com/products/wos/>

The screenshot shows the Web of Science search interface with several callouts explaining key features:

- Search Options:** A callout points to the search buttons: "Click the button of the search you would like to perform." Another callout points to the search input field: "To perform a Quick Search, enter search terms in the text box, and then click **Search**."
- Search Hint:** A green box on the right provides a tip: "Search Hint: Looking for a topic, author, or journal? Use General Search."
- Database Selection:** A callout explains: "All citation databases are selected by default. Click the check boxes to add or remove database(s) from your search." Another callout points to the time span selection: "Select the timespan to search."
- Search History:** A callout points to the "search history" link.

The interface includes the following elements:

- Navigation:** "Web of Science" logo, "Information for New Users" link, and "MY START PAGE" indicator.
- Search Options:** Buttons for GENERAL SEARCH, CITED REF SEARCH, STRUCTURE SEARCH, and ADVANCED SEARCH.
- Quick Search:** A text input field with the placeholder "Enter a topic", a "SEARCH" button, and an example: "Example: chess AND comput*".
- Author Finder:** A link to "Author Finder" with the text: "Need help finding papers by an author? Use Author Finder. **NEW!**"
- Database Selection:** A section titled "Select citation databases and timespan." with checkboxes for:
 - Science Citation Index (EXPANDED)--1900-present
 - Social Sciences Citation Index (EXPANDED)--1900-present
 - Arts & Humanities Citation Index (EXPANDED)--1975-present
 - Current Chemical Reactions (CCR-EXPANDED)--1985-present (includes Institut National de la Propriete Industrielle structure data back to 1840)
 - Index Chemicus (IC)--1993-present
- Timespan Selection:** Radio buttons for "Latest" (selected) and "Year".
 - Latest: 1 week (updated June 24, 2006)
 - Year: 2006
 - From: 1900-1914 to 2006 (default is all years)
- Registration:** A note: "To remember these settings, first [sign in or register](#)."

Cited Reference Search

[MAKE THIS MY START PAGE](#)

Selected database(s) and timespan: [CHANGE SETTINGS](#)

Databases=SCI-EXPANDED, SSCI, A&HCI; Timespan=1900-2006

Find the citations to a person's work by entering the person's name, the work's abbreviated title, or the year.

[View our Cited Reference Search tutorial](#)

SEARCH

Enter the name of the author whose work has been cited.

CITED AUTHOR: Enter the name of the cited author (see [cited author index](#)).

Example: O'BRIAN C* OR OBRIAN C*

Heitzer A*

Enter the abbreviated title of the cited publication. Click a link to see a list of abbreviated titles.

CITED WORK: Enter the work's abbreviated title, the work's year, the year the work appeared, a patent number, or another work (see [list of journal abbreviations](#)).

Example: J Comput Appl Math*

Appl* Environ*

You may also specify the year(s) of the cited item(s).

CITED YEAR(S): Enter year, or range of years, of the cited item(s) published.

Examples: 1943 or 1943-1945

SEARCH

Click **Search** to retrieve a list of cited references that match these criteria.

[NOTICES](#) [TUTORIAL](#) [EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS](#)

Cited Reference Search

[<< Back to query](#)

Click **Finish Search** to retrieve articles that cite the references you have selected.

You have found the following references. You have selected the following cited references you want to include, click FINISH SEARCH.
(Hint: Look for variants. Papers are sometimes cited incorrectly.)

FINISH SEARCH >> View the articles that cite the selected references. The completed search will be added to the search history.

[\(Limit by language and document type\)](#)

CITED REFERENCE INDEX

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or select specific references. When desired references are selected, click FINISH SEARCH to complete your search.

Click this link to show article titles and full journal titles in cited references.

S	Selected	Times Cited	Author	Cited Work	[SHOW EXPANDED TITLES]	Year	Volume	Page	Article ID	View Record
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	124	HEITZER A	APPL ENVIRON MICROB		1994	60	1487		View Record
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	HEITZER A	APPL ENVIRON MICROB		1994	59	687		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	HEITZER A	APPL ENVIRON MICROB		1993	60	1487		
	<input type="checkbox"/>	83	HEITZER A	APPL ENVIRON MICROB		1992	58	1839		View Record
	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	HEITZER A	APPL ENVIRON MICROB		1991	57	1213		
	<input type="checkbox"/>	25	HEITZER A	APPL ENVIRON MICROB		1991	57	2656		View Record

Click a check box to select a reference.

* "Select All" selects all references in your cited reference search, not all matches.
** Times Cited is the number of times a reference is cited in all years, not just for your current database and year limits.

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References 1

Restrict search by languages and document types:

All languages	All document types
English	Article
Afrikaans	Abstract of Published Item

FINISH SEARCH >> View the articles that cite the selected references. The completed search will be added to the search history.

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SocIndex

(1895-current)



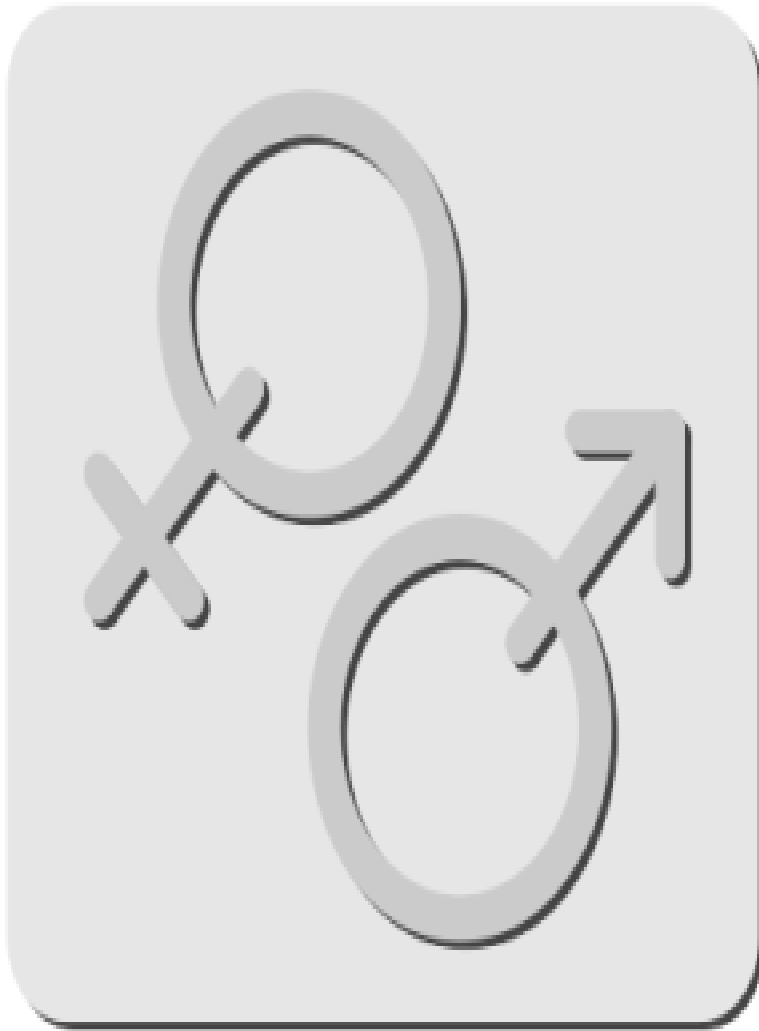
- Over 1,300,000 records, subject headings from a 15,000 sociology-specific terms.
- Extensive indexing for books, monographs, conference papers, and other sources.
- Searchable cited references
- Covers anthropology, criminology, demography, economic development, ethnic & racial studies, gender studies, marriage & family, politics, religion, rural sociology, social psychology, social structure, social work, sociological theory, sociology of education, substance abuse, urban studies, and many others.



LexisNexis Academic

(1970s onward)

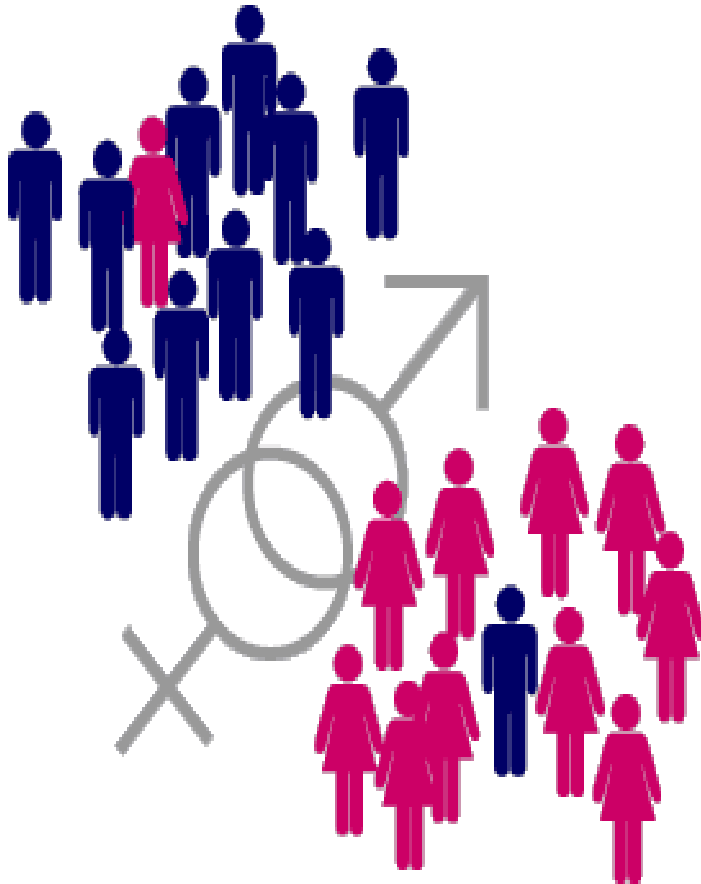
- Daily Updates.
- Full-text documents from over 5,600 news, business, legal, medical, and reference publications



Gender Watch

(1970s onward)

- Includes:
 - Content on impact of gender across a broad spectrum of subject areas
 - Academic and scholarly journals, magazines, newspapers, newsletters, regional publications, books, booklets and pamphlets, conference proceedings, and government, n-g-o and special reports.



E-STAT

(1665 *census data-onward)

- Interactive database
- Includes:
 - Articles from *Canadian Social Trends*
 - Current and historical Census data dating back to 1665.

“How do I find information on gender and pay equity in Canada?”





The Future of Reference Tools



Why Go Electronic?

- Cost
- Space
- Ease of use
- Accessibility



Oxford University Press

1478 – The first book is printed at Oxford University

1884 – First edition of the Oxford English Dictionary is published

2000 – OED launched online

*<http://www.oup.com/about/history>

Oxford Reference Online

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LANGUAGE

English Dictionaries and Thesauruses

- The Oxford American Dictionary of Current English
- The Concise Oxford English Dictionary
- The Oxford American Thesaurus of Current English
- The Oxford Paperback Thesaurus
- The Oxford Dictionary of English*
- The Australian Oxford Dictionary**

English Language Reference

- The Oxford Dictionary of Abbreviations
- The Concise Oxford Dictionary of English Etymology
- The Oxford Dictionary of English Grammar
- The Concise Oxford Companion to the English Language
- A New Dictionary of Eponyms
- The Oxford Essential Dictionary of Foreign Terms in English

- The Oxford Dictionary of Idioms
- The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Linguistics
- The Oxford Dictionary of Proverbs
- The Oxford Dictionary of American Usage and Style
- Pocket Fowler's Modern English Usage

Modern Languages

- The Oxford Business French Dictionary
- The Oxford Business Spanish Dictionary
- The Concise Oxford-Hachette French Dictionary
- The Concise Oxford-Duden German Dictionary
- The Pocket Oxford Italian Dictionary
- The Pocket Oxford Irish Dictionary**
- The Concise Oxford Spanish Dictionary
- The Pocket Modern Welsh Dictionary**

GENERAL REFERENCE

Quotations

- The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Quotations
- The Oxford Dictionary of Quotations*
- The Oxford Dictionary of Modern Quotations

Names & Places

- A Dictionary of British Place-Names
- A Dictionary of First Names
- A-Z Countries of the World

Encyclopedia

- World Encyclopedia

Illustrations

- Visual English Dictionary*

HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Art & Architecture

- A Dictionary of Architecture
- The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Art and Artists
- The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Art Terms
- The Oxford Dictionary of Art
- A Dictionary of Modern Design*
- A Dictionary of Twentieth-Century Art
- The Oxford Companion to Western Art*

Classics

- The Oxford Companion to Classical Civilization*
- The Concise Oxford Companion to Classical Literature
- Who's Who in the Classical World
- The Pocket Oxford Latin Dictionary

History

- The Oxford Companion to Archaeology*
- The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Archaeology
- The Oxford Companion to Australian History*
- A Dictionary of British History
- The Oxford Companion to British History*
- The Oxford Companion to Canadian History*
- A Dictionary of Contemporary World History
- Dynasties of the World
- The Kings and Queens of Britain
- The Oxford Dictionary of Local and Family History
- The Oxford Companion to the History of Modern Science*
- Who's Who in the Twentieth Century
- The Oxford Companion to United States History*
- A Dictionary of World History

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Literature

- ◆ The Concise Oxford Companion to African American Literature
- ◆ The Concise Oxford Companion to American Literature
- ◆ The Oxford Companion to American Literature*
- ◆ The Concise Oxford Companion to English Literature
- ◆ The Oxford Companion to English Literature*
- ◆ The Concise Oxford Companion to Irish Literature
- ◆ The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Literary Terms
- ◆ A Dictionary of Shakespeare
- ◆ The Oxford Companion to Shakespeare*
- ◆ The Oxford Companion to Twentieth-Century Poetry in English
- ◆ A Dictionary of Writers and their Works

Military History

- ◆ The Oxford Companion to American Military History*
- ◆ The Oxford Companion to Military History*
- ◆ The Oxford Essential Dictionary of the U.S. Military
- ◆ The Oxford Companion to World War II*

Mythology & Folklore

- ◆ A Dictionary of African Mythology
- ◆ A Dictionary of Asian Mythology
- ◆ A Dictionary of Celtic Mythology
- ◆ A Dictionary of English Folklore
- ◆ A Dictionary of Superstitions
- ◆ A Dictionary of World Mythology

Performing Arts

- ◆ The Oxford Companion to American Theatre*
- ◆ The Oxford Dictionary of Dance
- ◆ The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Music
- ◆ The Oxford Companion to Music*
- ◆ The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Opera
- ◆ Who's Who in Opera
- ◆ The Concise Oxford Companion to the Theatre

Politics & Social Sciences

- ◆ A Dictionary of Political Biography
- ◆ The Oxford Companion to the Politics of the World*
- ◆ The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Politics
- ◆ A Dictionary of Psychology
- ◆ Dictionary of the Social Sciences
- ◆ A Dictionary of Sociology
- ◆ The Oxford Guide to the United States Government

Religion & Philosophy

- ◆ A Dictionary of the Bible
- ◆ The Oxford Companion to the Bible*
- ◆ The Oxford Guide to People and Places of the Bible
- ◆ A Dictionary of Buddhism
- ◆ The Concise Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church
- ◆ The Oxford Dictionary of Islam
- ◆ A Concise Companion to the Jewish Religion
- ◆ The Oxford Companion to Philosophy*
- ◆ The Oxford Dictionary of Philosophy

- ◆ The Oxford Dictionary of Popes
- ◆ The Oxford Dictionary of Saints
- ◆ The Concise Oxford Dictionary of World Religions

BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL

Economics & Business

- ◆ A Dictionary of Accounting
- ◆ A Dictionary of Business
- ◆ A Dictionary of Economics
- ◆ A Dictionary of Finance and Banking
- ◆ The Handbook of Financial Terms*
- ◆ A Dictionary of Human Resource Management*

Law

- ◆ The Oxford Companion to American Law*
- ◆ A Dictionary of Law
- ◆ The Oxford Guide to United States Supreme Court Decisions

SCIENCE & MEDICINE

Biological Sciences

- ◆ A Dictionary of Biology
- ◆ The Oxford Companion to the Body*
- ◆ A Dictionary of Ecology
- ◆ A Dictionary of Plant Sciences
- ◆ A Dictionary of Zoology

Computing

- ◆ A Dictionary of Computing
- ◆ A Dictionary of the Internet

Earth & Environmental Sciences

- ◆ A Dictionary of Earth Sciences
- ◆ The Oxford Companion to the Earth*
- ◆ A Dictionary of Ecology
- ◆ A Dictionary of Geography
- ◆ A Dictionary of Weather

Food & Nutrition

- ◆ Food and Fitness: A Dictionary of Diet and Exercise
- ◆ A Dictionary of Food and Nutrition
- ◆ An A-Z of Food and Drink

General

- ◆ A Dictionary of Scientists
- ◆ A Dictionary of Weights, Measures, and Units

Medicine

- ◆ Concise Medical Dictionary
- ◆ An A-Z of Medicinal Drugs
- ◆ A Dictionary of Nursing
- ◆ A Dictionary of Psychology
- ◆ Oxford Dictionary of Sports Science and Medicine*

Physical Sciences & Mathematics

- ◆ A Dictionary of Astronomy
- ◆ A Dictionary of Chemistry
- ◆ The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Mathematics
- ◆ A Dictionary of Physics
- ◆ A Dictionary of Statistics

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- Internet Magazine's Site of the Year 2002
- Library Journal – One of the Best References of the Year
- Booklist – Editor's Choice Best References of the Year
- Choice – Outstanding Academic Works of the Year

http://www.oxfordreference.com/pages/Press_room__reviews



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- Dictionary of Literary Biography
- Art and Humanities Through the Eras
- Encyclopedia Judaica
- Encyclopedia of Philosophy
- Shakespeare's World and Work
- Encyclopedia of World Literature
- Feminism in Literature
- History in Dispute
- Poetry Criticism
- Supernatural Fiction Writers
- Music Since the 1900's



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*<http://www.humanitiesebook.org/description.html>

Intute: Arts and Humanities

- Searchable list of informative websites
- Consists mainly of AHRC projects
- Other services as well

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Intute: Arts and Humanities website. At the top left is the logo 'intute : arts & humanities'. To the right are navigation links: 'Intute Home', 'Contacts', 'Help desk', 'Site map', and 'Survey'. Below the logo is a search bar labeled 'Quick links' with a 'Go' button. A breadcrumb trail reads 'Intute > Arts and Humanities'. A banner image displays several ancient stone statues. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Subject links:** Includes 'About us' and 'A-Z of services'.
- Internet catalogue:** Includes 'Search', 'Browse', 'New resources', and 'Suggest a site'.
- Internet training:** Includes 'Virtual Training Suite'.
- Welcome message:** States: 'Welcome to the Arts and Humanities pages of Intute. We are a free online service providing you with access to the best Web resources for education and research, selected and evaluated by a network of subject specialists. There are over 21,000 Web resources listed here that are freely available by keyword searching and browsing.'
- Search:** A search box with a 'Go' button and links for 'Advanced search', 'New resources', and 'Help'.
- Browse by subject:** Lists 'Arts and Creative Industries'.
- Right-hand sidebar:** Contains 'Login to MyIntute', 'Group News', and a list of links: 'Subject booklets online', 'Last Advent calendar door opens', 'eLearning Symposium', 'Limelight - Virtual Environments for Research in Archaeology VERA', and 'Subject booklet: History'.



On February 22 . . .

1810 – Chopin was born (contested date)

1886 – The Times published the first ever personal ad

1990 – Surrealist filmmaker Luis Bunuel was born

1987 – Andy Warhol died

2002 – Chuck Jones (animator for Bugs Bunny) died

Voice of the Shuttle

- Began in 1994 at the University of California
- Similar to Intute but based in U.S.
- Won Forbes “Best of the Web” in 2002 for Academic Research

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Voice of the Shuttle website. At the top is a decorative banner with the site's name in a cursive font. Below the banner is a navigation bar with a search box and a 'Go' button. The main content area is divided into several sections: a 'Contents' sidebar with a list of subject categories, a 'Spotlight On' section featuring a list of featured links, a 'Welcome' section with a brief history of the site, and a 'News' section with a link to a Forbes article.

Voice of the Shuttle
web site for humanities research
Help | About VOS

Contents

- General Humanities Resources
- Postindustrial Business Theory
- Anthropology
- Archaeology
- Architecture
- Area & Regional Studies
- Art (Modern and Contemporary)
- Art History
- Classical Studies
- Cultural Studies
- Cyberculture
- Dance

Search VOS

Spotlight On Today's links, randomly drawn from VoS (Feb. 21, 2008)

- *Media & Values* (journal archives)
- 4Tests.com - Your Free Online Practice Exam Site (free practice exams for high school, college, graduate school, Microsoft, and professional exams)
- Magaly's Homepage (in English and Spanish)

Welcome

Welcome to the new VoS. Started in 1994 as a suite of static Web pages. VoS has now been rebuilt

News

- VoS on *Forbes* "Best of Web": *Forbes*

Art and Culture

- Contains original short articles
- Includes recommended works
- Staffed by Museum and Gallery curators

The screenshot shows the homepage of the website 'art and culture'. At the top is a navigation bar with links for ART AND CULTURE, ARTS, CULTURE, READ, CALENDAR, and SHOP. Below the navigation bar is a featured article titled 'Old School: Catching up to the Classics' with a 'launch >' button. To the right of the article is the website's logo and a welcome message: 'Welcome to the ever expanding world of ArtandCulture.com, the interconnected guide to all the arts.' Below the featured article are 'Previous Features' including 'London Station - American Eyes on British Art', 'Immerse - Interactive Essays', and 'Asian Arts Edge - 65 new artists'. At the bottom of the page is a grid of six categories, each with a representative image and a list of sub-topics: DESIGN ARTS (Advertising, Architecture, Fashion Design, Furniture Design), FILM (American Film, Animation, Experimental Film, Film Criticism and Theory), LITERATURE (Fiction, Literary Theory, Nonfiction, Poetry), MUSIC (Blues, Classical Music, Country, Electronica), PERFORMING ARTS (Ballet, International Dance, Modern Dance, Popular/Participatory), and VISUAL ARTS (20th-Century Art, Art Criticism and Theory, Photography).

The "Cloud"

Search for an artist, movement, or keyword:

Search

ARTS

- Collapse all + Expand all

DESIGN ARTS

FILM

American Film

American Independent Film

Spike Lee

Animation

Experimental Film

Film Criticism and Theory

International Film



Orson Welles

James Baldwin

Grandmaster Flash

Woody Allen

Spike Lee

political

Coen Brothers

Ang Lee

in-your-face

American Independent Film

urban

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Spike Lee





Problems with the Web

- Unsigned articles
- Dead links and outdated websites
- Tons of information

Will print resources become obsolete eventually?






As a reference librarian you should now be able to:

- Evaluate reference tools used in the social sciences and humanities.
- Identify shortfalls and benefits of each.
- Direct a patron to a source that best fits their needs (and/or provide them with the means of finding such sources themselves).

Another Valuable Resource...





**Questions, comments,
or concerns?**