

Complicating Research
WRT 205
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Tools I used:

- Subject searching—the electronic equivalent of browsing library shelves
- Searching for commonly cited articles—ones that are seminal in the field (that a lot of others are responding to)
- SU's Library subscribes to a specialized tool called Web of Knowledge, which is constructed to do just this kind of cited reference searching
- Check and follow up on people's bibliographies

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Many of the tools highlighted in the “Complicating Research” article I have used before. The tools I used for this assignment and in my past research assignments were subject searing, commonly cited articles, and “web of knowledge”, and using other people bibliographies. I liked that this assignment pushed me to research articles that expanded my understanding on these topics. I liked that these articles were more experience/opinion based rather than “study”. Many of the resources I have found were about research experiments regarding racial disparities with income levels or health status. However, with this assignment, the articles I found discussed more of the “experience” side.

In my “Expanding the Canon” piece, I made an effort to incorporate the voices from the LGBTQIA+ community to explain the inequalities and discrimination faced. In this assignment I hope to do the same. I think providing a platform to the group experiencing the oppression is extremely important for others to understand the severity of the situation to spark social change.