Accessing research methods literature

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we will:

- Search review?
- Identify top journals/authors
- Search in a specific journal; citation mining/hunting
- Find context/more info
- Find studies that use a particular research design
- Find theses/dissertations
- Q&A
Need to get more focused? Try individual databases

Databases ➔ Education

http://catalogue.library.brocku.ca/search/e?Education
Need to get more focused? Try individual databases

- Look under Education in the **Databases** list
- Also Child and Youth Studies, Psychology...
Search tips

- Advanced search
- Limit to scholarly/peer reviewed journals (or not, depending on what you need)
Search Tips, cont’d

• Look for descriptors or subject headings for more focused results
• Try them in your next search

Racial Identity From Adolescence to Young Adulthood: Does Prior Neighborhood Experience Matter?

Authors: Rivas-Dreke, Deborah¹
Witherspoon, Dawn²


Document Type: Article

Subject Terms: *ETHNIC attitudes
RACIAL identity of African Americans
AFRICAN American teenagers
AFRICAN American young adults
NEIGHBORHOODS
CENTRALITY
SOCIAL status
AFRICAN American families
SOCIAL dynamics
MULTIVARIATE analysis

Abstract: This study examined the influence of earlier neighborhood experiences on trajectories of racial centrality and regard among Black youth. Data were drawn from a sample of Black 11- to 14-year-old youth (N = 718) in the Maryland Adolescent Development in Context Study, a data set that permits the examination of structural and subjective neighborhood influences. Results suggest that centrality increases whereas public regard remains relatively stable, across the transition to adulthood. Seventh graders who resided in neighborhoods in which adults were less willing to intervene or respond to problematic
# Think like a search engine

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<th>Use quotation marks for phrases, article titles</th>
<th>“grounded theory”; “educational leadership”</th>
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<td>Use * to search for alternate endings</td>
<td>Canad* = Canada, Canadian, etc.; reflect* = reflect, reflection, reflective, etc.</td>
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<td>Use synonyms</td>
<td>Teenager, adolescent, adolescence, teens, etc.</td>
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| Too many results?                             | Use limits (peer-reviewed, date, language, etc.) |
|                                               | Add additional keywords; get more specific |

| Too few results?                              | Remove one or more keywords |
|                                               | Go broader (e.g. search Canada instead of Ontario) |
Context/more info

- Forms of inquiry
  - Need background info, context, summary
Follow scholarly conversations

• Citation searching:
  a) Backwards – via cited references
  b) Forwards – via find citing references (Google Scholar, Web of Science)

https://flic.kr/p/a6BCMC
Google Scholar

- Find works that cite a particular article/book
- See who the important authors/researchers are
Searching in a specific journal

Why?
Which journals?
• Journals that are relevant to your topic

• Review journals:
  • Educational Research Review, Review of Educational Research and Review of Research in Education
  • Others?
Searching in a specific journal

• Look up the journal in A-Z List of Journals → then search or browse.
Finding studies that use a particular research design/form of inquiry

Add relevant terms to your search:

Qualitative:
• Qualitative, case study, focus groups, grounded theory, etc.

Quantitative:
• Quantitative, correlation, statistical analysis, t-test, hypothesis, etc.

ALSO: Try adding “literature review”
• Examples of lit reviews, plus get an overview of some aspect of your topic
• Positivis*, poststructural, etc.
Theses and dissertations

Why?
• Original research
• Extensive bibliographies
• Examples

Where?
• Repository
• Proquest Theses & Dissertations
• http://brocku.ca/library/research-lib/theses-and-dissertations
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