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RESEARCH GUIDE

“I know it when I see it.”¹

Pornography, Freedom, Censorship, and Gender

In addition to the resources listed below, the GCC Library has a collection of related books, videos, and articles available on Reserve at the Circulation Desk.

Finding Background Information Using Reference Books

Reference books can help you refine a topic or gather general information about your topic. Some specific books to explore are:

Psychology

- ***Encyclopedia of Psychology***. Ref BF31 .E52 2000 v. 1-8
- ***Magill's Encyclopedia of Social Science: Psychology***. Ref BF31 .M33 2003 v. 1-4

Sociology and Women's Studies

- ***Encyclopedia of Sociology***. Ref HM425 .E5 2000 v. 1-5
- ***Sex from Plato to Paglia: A Philosophical Encyclopedia***. Ref HQ12 .S423 2006 v. 1-2
- ***International Encyclopedia of Women***. Ref HQ1115 .R69 2000 v. 1-4
- ***Women's Studies Encyclopedia***. Ref HQ1115 .W645 1999 v. 1-3
- ***Pornography and Sexual Representation: A Research Guide***. Ref HQ471 .P667 2001 v. 1-3

U.S. Law and Constitution

- ***West's Encyclopedia of American Law***. Ref KF154 .W47 1998 v. 1-12
- ***Encyclopedia of the American Constitution***. Ref KF4548 .E53 1986 v. 1-4
- ***Supreme Court Drama: Cases That Changed America***. Ref KF4550 .Z9 .B73 v. 1-4
- ***First Amendment Law Handbook***. Ref KF4770 .A15 .F57

Art

- ***Grove Dictionary of Art***. Ref N31 .D5 1996 v. 1-34
- ***Encyclopedia of World Art***. Ref N31 .E5 v. 1-17

Media

- ***Encyclopedia of Communication and Information***. Ref P87.5 .E53 2001 v. 1-3

Finding Books Using the GCC Library Catalog

To search the ***GCC or C/WMARS Library Catalogs*** for books, do a ***Keyword*** search using words related to your topic.

¹ *Jacobellis v. Ohio*, 378 U.S. 184, 197 (STEWART, J., concurring)

Try a **Subject** search **only** if you know the correct *Library of Congress Subject Heading* for your topic. Some specific subject headings to try are:

<i>Academic Freedom</i>	<i>Pornography Law and Legislation</i>
<i>American Civil Liberties Union</i>	<i>Pornography Marketing</i>
<i>Anticensorship Activists</i>	<i>Pornography Moral and Ethical Aspects</i>
<i>Censorship</i>	<i>Pornography Psychological Aspects</i>
<i>Censorship United States</i>	<i>Pornography Social Aspects</i>
<i>Challenged Books</i>	<i>Pornography United States</i>
<i>Erotic Art</i>	<i>Prohibited Books</i>
<i>Erotic Literature</i>	<i>Sex in Advertising</i>
<i>Erotica</i>	<i>Sex in Mass Media</i>
<i>Freedom of Expression</i>	<i>Sex Psychology</i>
<i>Freedom of Information</i>	<i>Sex Role in Mass Media</i>
<i>Freedom of Speech</i>	<i>Sexism</i>
<i>Freedom of the Press</i>	<i>Trails Obscenity</i>
<i>Intellectual Freedom</i>	<i>United States Constitution 1st Amendment</i>
<i>Obscenity Law</i>	<i>Violence Against Women</i>
<i>Mass Media and Sex</i>	<i>Women and Erotica</i>
<i>Mass Media Moral and Ethical Aspects</i>	<i>Women Crimes Against</i>
<i>Nude in Art</i>	<i>Women in Art</i>
<i>Photography, Erotic</i>	<i>Women in Mass Media</i>
<i>Pornography</i>	

Tip: Since most of our circulating collection is in storage due to renovations, you must request books through the **Library Catalog** a day in advance of checking them out.

Finding Articles Using Electronic Databases

The GCC Library subscribes to several *online research databases* that contain information about articles published in *periodicals* (magazines, newspapers, scholarly journals, etc.). Sometimes you'll find the full text of the article, and sometimes just the *citation* (the author, title of the article, name of the periodical in which it was published, publication date, etc.).

Try searching the following databases to find articles related to pornography:

- **Academic Search Premier** (EBSCOhost): Provides indexing and some full text for thousands of periodical articles in a variety of academic subject areas.
- **Alt-PressWatch** (ProQuest): Includes the full text of articles from newspapers, magazines and journals from alternative and independent presses.
- **CQ Researcher**: CQ Researcher offers nonpartisan, in-depth reports on important contemporary issues. Each issue contains a chronology of the issue, bibliographies and a pros and cons section.
- **Expanded Academic ASAP** (InfoTrac): Covers all academic subject areas and provides abstracts and some full text of articles from scholarly and popular periodicals.
- **GenderWatch** (ProQuest): Includes publications that focus on how gender impacts a broad spectrum of subject areas.
- **Lexis-Nexis Academic**: Provides access to a wide range of information, including news articles and transcripts of broadcast news reports from across the U.S. as well as around the world. International news sources are translated into English.
- **Philosophy and Religion**: Provides full text coverage of world religions, major denominations, biblical studies, religious history, political and moral philosophy, and other philosophy topics.

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- **Psychology and Behavioral Sciences:** Includes abstracts and some full text of articles on topics such as emotional and behavioral characteristics, psychiatry & psychology, mental processes, anthropology, and observational and experimental methods.
- **PsycINFO:** Created by the American Psychological Association, this primary database for psychology indexes and abstracts articles in the field of psychology and the psychological aspects of related disciplines (medicine, psychiatry, nursing, sociology, education, pharmacology, physiology, linguistics, anthropology, business, and law).

Finding Quality Information on the Internet

Keep in mind that there is a lot of misinformation on the Internet! For tips on determining the value of the information on a particular website, see the **Website Evaluation** handout.

For more reliable information, select **Advanced Search** in **Google**, and limit the **Domain** to **only** .edu websites. Or, try the following resources:

Evaluated Directories

Evaluated Directories include links to high-quality websites that have been selected by librarians, academics, or other experts. The GCC Library website provides links to some evaluated directories from the **Search the Internet** page.

Ready Reference

The **Ready Reference** page on the GCC Library website provides links to Internet sites containing information in several categories, including online encyclopedias and dictionaries.

Some Recommended Websites

- **Banned Books Online** <http://digital.library.upenn.edu/books/banned-books.html>
List of books that have been the objects of censorship or censorship attempts around the world for political, moral, and religious reasons.
- **100 Most Frequently Challenged Books of 1990-2000** <http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/bannedbooksweek/bbwlinks/100mostfrequently.htm>
List by the American Library Assoc. of the most frequently challenged books in school and public libraries in the U.S. from 1990-2000.
- **National Coalition Against Censorship** <http://www.ncac.org/>
Alliance of non-profit organizations dedicated to promoting and defending First Amendment values of freedom of thought, inquiry and expression.
- **ACLU: Free Speech** <http://www.aclu.org/freespeech/index.html>
Large non-profit organization that defends American's Constitutional rights and freedoms and fights to extend them to traditionally excluded social groups. Includes news releases on current Supreme Court and legislative matters and an Action Center for learning how to be participate and be an activist.
- **ACLU: Women's Rights** <http://www.aclu.org/womensrights/index.html>
Large non-profit organization that defends American's Constitutional rights and freedoms. This section focuses on the rights of women for employment, parenting, safety from violence, and human rights.
- **First Amendment Center** <http://www.firstamendmentcenter.org/topicsummary.aspx> The First Amendment Center website is run by Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn. It provides information organized by topic under the five freedoms of the First Amendment: speech, press, religious liberty, assembly and petition.

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- **Speech: Adult Entertainment** <http://www.fac.org/Speech/adultent/index.aspx>
Includes an overview, FAQ, legal cases and resources on topics including pornography & obscenity, adult bookstores, and nude dancing.
- **Free Expression Network** <http://www.freeexpression.org/index.htm>
An alliance of organizations that seek to protect free expression. It provides links to articles on censorship and free speech.
- **Free Expression Policy Project** <http://www.fepproject.org/issues/artcensorship.html>
Provides research and advocacy on free speech, copyright, and media democracy issues. Includes fact sheets, court briefs, and articles on censorship and free speech.
- **Feminist Majority Foundation** <http://www.feminist.org/>
Site dedicated to women's equality, reproductive health, and non-violence.
- **National Organization for Women** <http://www.now.org/>
NOW is the largest organization of feminist activists. It seeks to eliminate discrimination and promote equality and justice in our society. Includes sections on the latest women's rights issues and a "take action" section to get involved.
- **Office for Intellectual Freedom – American Library Association** <http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/Default622.htm>
Sponsored by the American Library Association, this site supports policy on free access to libraries and library materials. It includes information on book banning, the Child Protection Act and the PATRIOT Act.
- **Electronic Frontier Foundation** <http://www.eff.org/>
EFF is a nonprofit group of lawyers, technologists, volunteers, and visionaries who are working to protect the public's digital rights. Includes info on such topics as free speech, intellectual property, and fair use.
- **Womenshealth.gov Violence Against Women Page** <http://www.4woman.gov/violence/index.cfm>
Sponsored by the US Health and Human Services Department, this site provides information about violence and abuse, how to get help, state resources and links to additional publications and organizations about violence.
- **Frontline: American Porn** <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/porn/>
Website for PBS's Frontline program on pornography in America, which aired in 2002. Includes such topics as "Inside the Porn Business" and "Prosecuting Porn". The TV program is available for viewing online.
- **The Effects of Pornography: An International Perspective** http://www.hawaii.edu/PCSS/online_artcls/pornography/prngrphy_ovrvw.html
Academic paper posted online at the Pacific Center for Sex and Society at the University of Hawaii. Discusses the history of porn censorship in the US, Japan and China and analyses the effects of pornography and sex crimes.
- **The Kinsey Institute: Professional and Research Resources** <http://www.indiana.edu/%7Ekinsey/resources/proflinks.html>
Links to conferences, professional organizations, and grants at the Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender and Reproduction.
- **Women's Media - News Sources** <http://womenst.library.wisc.edu/resources/media/more.html>
List of links to other sites on women's issues in the news.
- **WACK! Art and the Feminist Revolution exhibit at MOCA** <http://www.moca.org/wack/?cat=5>
Exhibit at MOCA that features artwork in a variety of media created in the late 60s and 70s to examine the relationship of women and art. GCC has the accompanying book on reserve.

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