ANG 6093: Research Design in Anthropology

Pre-Class Assessment of Student Needs

Because this was a graduate class, I wanted to get an idea of what students already knew and what they wanted to learn so that I didn’t waste their time with basics.

I created a brief 2-question survey in Google Forms, which the professor emailed to students about 10 days before our class, asking them to respond within 7 days (giving me 3 days for final prep).

1. What library/research issues do you struggle with or want more info about? (select all that apply)
   - Finding Books
   - Finding journal articles
   - Finding theses/dissertations
   - Finding stuff UWF doesn’t own
   - InterLibrary Loan and UBorrow
   - Google Scholar
   - Keyword vs. Subject searching
   - Narrowing and refining searches
   - Cited Reference Searching
   - Conducting a literature review
   - Evaluating sources
   - Citation style (AAA/Chicago)
   - RefWorks (citation manager)
   - Alerts & RSS feeds

2. Please list any other library/research questions (no matter how small or specific!) you’d like answered.

Based on their responses, I tailored the session to address their specific needs.

Journal Articles

- OneSeach – searches across ALL databases (library Google) – limit by format
- Individual subject databases (Anthro, Social Science, Science, etc.)
  - see Anthropology Research Guide or Databases by Subject
- Google Scholar – use as another database (finds items placed in IRs)
- eJournals tab – searches for access to journal titles – NOT articles

Dissertations & Theses

- UWF – advanced catalog search, limit location to thesis/dissertation collection
  - Examples/models of UWF Anthro department theses
- Dissertations and Theses Full Text database – many available in full text, extensive bibliographies
InterLibrary Loan & UBorrow

- Look at the bibliographies of the sources you’ve already found
- UBorrow (books) – library catalog for 40 public universities and state colleges in Florida
  - usually a 1-week delivery time
  - e-books cannot be loaned
- WorldCat database – library catalog of academic libs, public libs, historical societies, etc. nationwide
- Journals – use Find It to access ILL, usually 24-48 hour turnaround
- Manual ILL request

Narrowing and refining searches

- Be your own thesaurus
- Start with keyword searches, then follow hyperlinked subjects within bib records
- Use subject & other facets within the database/resource

Conducting a literature review

- Literature Review (Tutorials page)
- Literature Review: Conducting and Writing (Research Guides)

Evaluating sources

- Evaluating Sources (Tutorials page)
- CRAAP test – currency, relevancy, authority, accuracy, purpose

Citation style (AAA/Chicago)

- Citing Sources (Tutorials page)
- AAA Style Guide is based on 15th edition of Chicago (2003), but a 16th edition was published in 2010
- Chicago – Author-Date format (not Footnote-Bibliography format)
- Most databases/resources have a “Cite This” feature, but you always want to double check!
- Citation Help tab on the subject research guides

RefWorks

- Using RefWorks (Tutorials page)
- RefWorks available through Databases A-Z list
- Great for organizing research and citations
- Directly export citations from electronic resources and the web
- Can generate a bibliography for you, but always double check!
Specific Questions

- What does “embargo” mean?
  - in library terms, it’s a set period of time when you cannot access certain journal content without an individual subscription – you might notice restrictions in some databases to articles from the last 6 months or year (or even 5 years in JSTOR)
  - some PhDs embargo may their dissertations for a certain period of time – pending a patent, or plans to use dissertation as the basis for a new monograph

- How do I find archival material?
  - Archives/West Florida History Center – for local topics
  - Finding primary sources using the library catalog
  - Searching the Internet