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**SOCIOLOGY 330**  
**Methods of Social Research**

**FINDING HISTORICAL / BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

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- To gain an overview or historical background on your subject;
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***Encyclopedia of Rural America*** REF E 169.12 .E5 1997  
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***New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture: Volume 15: Urbanization*** REF F 209 .N47 2006  
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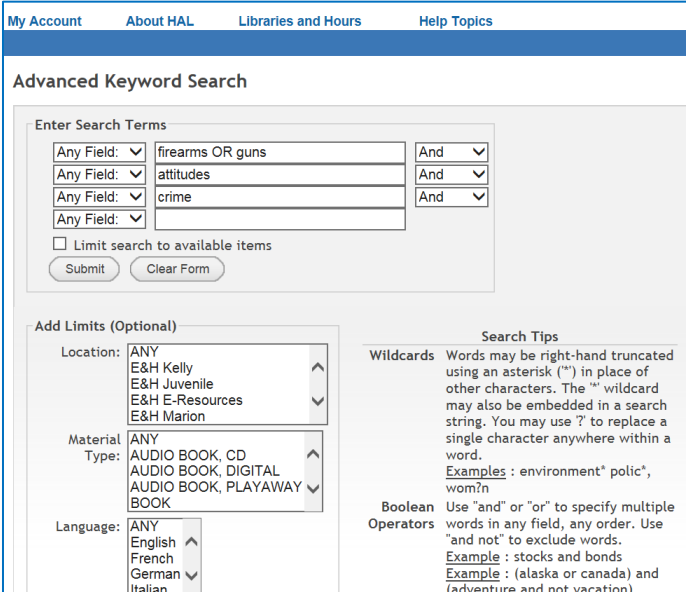
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*Gallup Poll: Public Opinion* 1935-- REF HN 90 .P8 G35 / year  
*Historical Statistics of the United States Millennial Edition Colonial Times-2000* REF HA 202 .H57 2006  
*Statistical Abstract of the United States* 1920-present REF HA 202 .P7 year  
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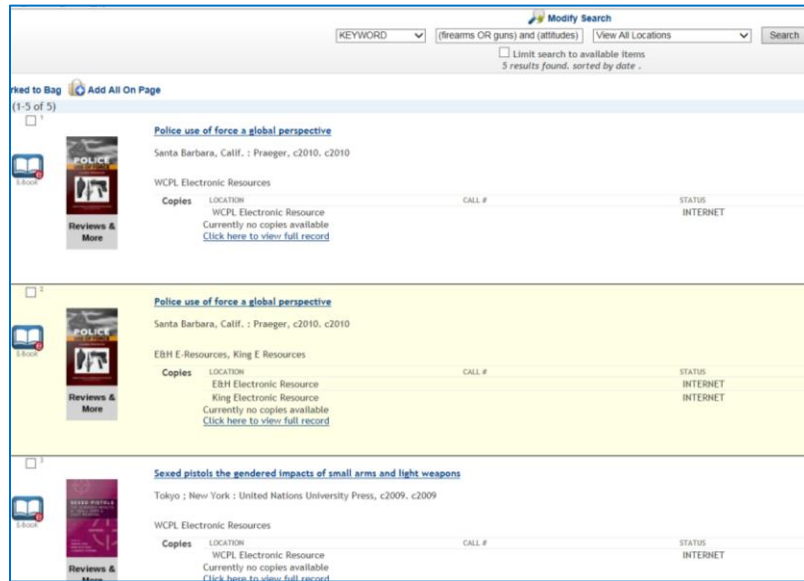
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**Examples :** environment\* polic\*, wom?n

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**Example :** stocks and bonds  
**Example :** (alaska or canada) and (adventure and not vacation)



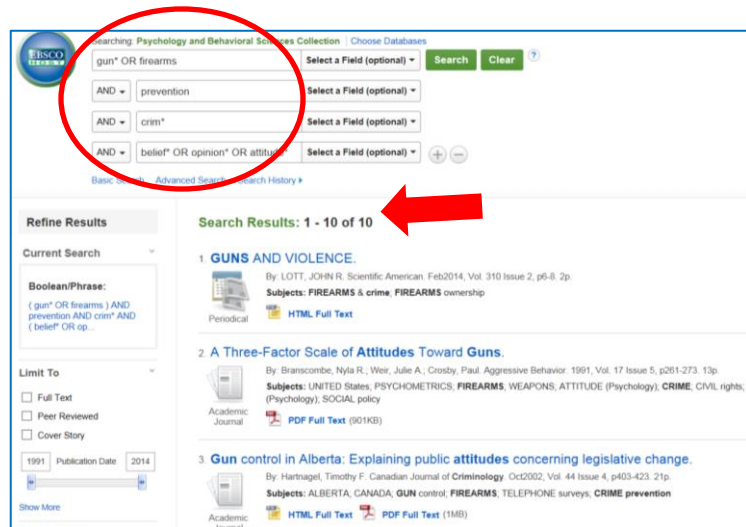
## FINDING MATERIAL IN ONLINE DATABASES

Kelly Library subscribes to several online databases that should help you find relevant material to continue your literature review. See below. You can access the online catalog, databases and other services from the main [library page](#). The databases are located on the [Journal Articles and Databases](#) link.

### EBSCO Databases

There are several databases from this vendor that would be helpful in this class. From looking at a list of potential topics, [Academic Search Complete](#) (which you've used in English 101, English 100, or Transitions), [Communication & Mass Media Complete](#), [Health Source](#), [Legal Collection](#), [Military & Government Collection](#), [Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection](#), and [Women's Studies International](#) appear to contain relevant material.

Look at the screen shot with a sample search on **guns\* OR firearms AND prevention AND crim\* AND belie\* OR opinion\* OR attitude** from *Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection* that has the same user interface as *Academic Search Complete* and all of the other EBSCO databases. Note the **limiting options** available on the left in the screen shot—publication date, peer-reviewed, full-text only, etc. Also note the use of the **\*(asterisk)** to truncate search words and retrieve singular, plural, etc. forms.



Other databases that would be helpful in this research project are [JSTOR](#), [Project Muse](#), [ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Global](#), [PsycINFO](#), and [Sociological Abstracts](#). See the sample search from *Sociological Abstracts* on **factors AND women AND participation AND politics AND United States**.. Note: *Soc Abstracts* indexes and abstracts articles, books, dissertations, etc.; it's not full-text.

Sociological Abstracts  
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AND	politics	OR	in	Abstract – AB	
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Burdick, Eugene; Brodbeck, Arthur J. Glencoe, IL: The Free Press, 1959.  
...Equilibrium of the American Political System  
...specific groups, factors affecting change  
...Dimension in Politics examines the  
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High-Pippert, Angela; Comer, John. Women & Politics 19.4 (1998): 53-66.  
...attitudes & participation. Data from  
...Almanac for American Politics, 1990, 1992  
...explore whether women who are represented by women in Congress  
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Reed, Kimberly. International Sociological Association. (1990).  
...competition for women's votes among political  
...democratic politics. Factors affecting the degree of women's formal  
...issues into electoral politics in a political opportunity  
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**4** Does Women's Representation in Elected Office Lead to Women-Friendly Policy? A  
Caiazza, Amy. Women & Politics 26.1 (2004): 35-70.  
...relationship between women's representation & women-friendly policies  
...controlling for several factors, including voter  
...resources for women, attitudes toward  
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Below is sample search from *PsycINFO* on rural environments AND urban environments AND differences.

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doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/jrh.12089>  
By Lyons, Anthony; Hosking, Warwick; Rozbroj, Tomas  
The Journal of Rural Health, Vol 31(1), 2015, 89-97. [References](#) [Cited by 1](#)  
**Journal Article**
- [Electronic medical record adoption in Oklahoma practices: Rural-urban differences and the role of broadband availability.](#) Abstract  
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By Whitacre, Brian E.; Williams, Randi S.  
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**Journal Article**
- [I've got a feeling: Urban and rural indigenous children's beliefs about early life mentality.](#) Abstract  
doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jecp.2015.05.001>  
By Emmons, Natalie A.; Kelemen, Deborah A.  
Journal of Experimental Child Psychology, Vol 138, Oct 2015, 106-125. [References](#)  
**Journal Article**
- [The development of leisure boredom in early adolescence: Predictors and longitudinal associations with delinquency and depression.](#) Abstract  
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By Spaeth, Michael; Weichold, Karina; Silbereisen, Rainer K.  
Developmental Psychology, Vol 51(10), Oct 2015, 1380-1394. [Full-text PDF](#) [Full-text HTML](#) [References](#)  
**Journal Article**
- [Prevalence and correlates of major depressive disorder among rural-to-urban migrant workers in Shenzhen, China.](#) Abstract



Here's a screenshot of a search on **firearms OR guns AND crime AND belief\* OR opinion\* OR attitude\* AND ownership** from [ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Full Global](#)

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AND belief\* OR opinion\* OR attitude\* OR in Anywhere

AND ownership OR in Anywhere

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If you need help using or locating any of the materials mentioned in this handout, please ask a reference librarian or circulation staff member for assistance. If that staff member cannot help you, he or she will direct you to someone who can. The **librarians** are: Jane Caldwell, Patty Greany, Jody Hanshew, and Janet Kirby. The **circulation staff members** are: Adam Alley, Jennifer Bassett, David Lyons, Holly McCormick, and Melissa Phelps. There is a reference librarian on duty until 9pm Sunday-Thursday and all day Friday and Saturday during the regular semesters.

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