

SOCI 310

library research workshop

Fall 2023- for Alejandro Herdandez

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<https://concordia.ca/library/guides/sociology.html>

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most Tuesdays, 3:30-5:30 pm

OR by appointment

AskUs Desk, Webster LB building: most Tuesdays 1-3

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**YOUR ASSIGNMENTS:**

**where does the**

**library come in?**

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- AUTO-ETHNOGRAPHY: 4 PEER-REVIEWED ITEMS
  - LITERATURE REVIEW: 12 PEER-REVIEWED ITEMS:  
...after selecting a research topic, team members will need to identify and read some peer-reviewed research to see what other researchers have already discovered about that topic.
  - USE APA CITATION STYLE FOR ALL ASSIGNMENTS  
...It is always a good practice not only to read and identify the content of peer-reviewed research, but also index it 'on-the-go,' making use of citation software.
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**What should we cover today?**

tell me here: <https://forms.gle/v5AUbs4gK85rE5JMA>

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OUR AGENDA...

BUT FIRST:

NEED ASSISTANCE WITH ANY OF THOSE ITEMS?

ask questions - GET HELP:

at the AskUs desk ; via chat; via email; by phone

<https://library.concordia.ca/help/questions/>

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Need assistance *beyond* a quick chat,  
and have a bit of time to plan?

[repeat]

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Library homepage: <https://library.concordia.ca>

Under Help& How-To tab: Subject & Course Guides: <https://concordia.ca/library/guides.html>

Sociology Subject Guide: <https://concordia.ca/library/guides/sociology.html>

\*\*SOCI 310 Library Tips page: <https://www.concordia.ca/library/guides/sociology/soci310.html>

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## PLANNED AGENDA ITEMS

1. [FIND research related to YOUR TOPIC\(s\)](#)
  2. [Ensure research is PEER-REVIEWED](#)
  3. [LITERATURE REVIEW examples and how-tos](#)
  4. [CITATION STYLE GUIDES & ZOTERO](#)
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## ALSO GOOD TO COVER:

- [Entering KEYWORDS in Library Databases \(SEARCH STRATEGIES\)](#)
- [GOOGLE SCHOLAR tips](#)
- [Accessing resources at Concordia and beyond](#)

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## FIND RESEARCH RELATED TO YOUR TOPIC(s)

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MY TOPIC:

REASONS FOR (NOT) WALKING

my tentative research question:

**What factors affect university students' decisions about walking outdoors in their neighbourhood and how do these factors relate to race, racism or socioeconomic inequities?**

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HAVE YOUR SAY:

BETTER KEYWORDS AND RESULTS

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe-7SE0wYozksw-tMTI2-w03ds-RQfOIXiXEcsJtNIDSpiODQ/viewform>

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WHERE SHOULD I ENTER MY KEYWORDS AND SEARCH FOR

RESEARCH ON THIS TOPIC?

TELL YOUR CLASSMATES

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You can search the Sofia Discovery Tool on the home page: <https://library.concordia.ca/> to find and locate items that we own

BUT GO BEYOND SOFIA TO SEARCH FOR TOPICS

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**Reminder:**

USE YOUR

SOCI 310 LIBRARY TIPS PAGE: <https://www.concordia.ca/library/guides/sociology/soci310.html>

see the first section: DATABASES – Find scholarly/academic articles

<https://concordia.ca/library/guides/sociology/soci310.html#databases>

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SOCINDEX DATABASE SEARCH EXMAPLE:

[Click here to see the keywords entered](#)

Refine results:

- Scholarly (Peer-Reviewed) Journals checkbox selected
- Publication date: 2013 to 2023 selected

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MORE EXAMPLES:

[Search 1](#)

[Search 2](#)

See also: slide on Search tips & strategies – ENTER YOUR KEYWORDS

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...INTERESTING RESULTS FROM THOSE ALL THOSE DATABASE SEARCHES MIGHT INCLUDE:

[Race and Ethnicity Differences in Walking and Associations with Neighborhood Perceptions among Older Adults in California](#)

[A Qualitative Exploration of Factors Associated With Walking and Physical Activity in Community-Dwelling Older Latino Adults.](#)

[Black people don't exercise in my neighborhood: Perceived racial composition and leisure-time physical activity among middle class blacks and whites](#)

[Racial/ethnic and educational differences in perceptions and use of a new urban trail](#)

[Covid-19 restrictions: An opportunity to highlight the effect of neighbourhood deprivation on individuals' health-related behaviours](#)

\*see also: Google Scholar tips to find more recent articles

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NOW HOW CAN YOU ACCESS / DOWNLOAD ARTICLES YOU FOUND?

See: [Finding articles](#)

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Ensure research is PEER-REVIEWED

peer-reviewed articles checklist:

<https://library.concordia.ca/learn/finding-articles/scholarly-articles/>

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[reminder] IN MANY LIBRARY DATABASES YOU CAN USE A CHECKBOX:

Scholarly (peer reviewed) Journals

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TEST YOURSELF - WHICH ONE(S) IS/ARE PEER-REVIEWED?

[Racist policing is making Black and White Americans question police authority](#)

[Disband, Disempower and Disarm: Amplifying the Theory and Practice of Police Abolition](#)

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[Racist policing is making Black and White Americans question police authority:](#)

This blog entry reports on an interesting study which involved many academics, but it is NOT an academic/scholarly/ peer-reviewed article

[Disband, Disempower and Disarm: Amplifying the Theory and Practice of Police Abolition](#)

This IS an academic/scholarly/peer-reviewed article. Important clues: published in an peer-reviewed journal, academic language, distinct sections, long bibliography of references.

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STILL NOT QUITE GETTING IT?

VIDEO: peer-review in 3 minutes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rOCQZ7QnoN0>

OUR VIDEO: <https://library.concordia.ca/help/finding/articles/peer-review.php?guid=video>

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LITERATURE REVIEW examples and how-tos

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Most peer-reviewed articles include a literature review within their text, even when it is not separately labeled as such.

this paragraph is part of a literature review:

Research on black men in public spaces asserts that predominately white environments lead to a heightened level of visibility and racial profiling for black men that may result in less community engagement (**Feagin and Sikes, 1995; Houts Picca and Feagin, 2007; Feagin, 2010; Ray and Rosow, 2012**). In his examination of the social relations between whites and blacks in the 21st century, **Feagin (2010)** finds that whites have limited social class cues to tell differences among black men (i.e., professor, lawyer, delivery man, criminal) .... Psychologists document that some whites are more likely to perceive black men as aggressive, have a similar fear of black men as they do of snakes and spiders, and are more likely to pull the trigger of a gun on an unarmed black man compared to an unarmed white man, and even at times an armed white man (**Eberhardt et al., 2004; Correll et al., 2006; Trawalter et al., 2008**). Consequently, most black men become criminalized, even middle class black men who live next door to whites in middle class neighborhoods.

From: Ray, R. (2017). **Black people don't exercise in my neighborhood: Perceived racial composition and leisure-time physical activity among middle class blacks and whites.** *Social Science Research*, 66, 42–57. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2017.03.008>

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You can also consult literature review journals. Articles in these journals consist of long and comprehensive literature reviews, with tons of useful references.

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examples of literature review journals:

- [Sociology Compass](#)
  - [Annual Review of Sociology](#)
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examples of literature review articles:

in Sociology Compass: [The unstudied reference neighborhood: Towards a critical theory of empirical neighborhood studies](#)

in Annual Review of Sociology: [Is Racism a Fundamental Cause of Inequalities in Health?](#)

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## CITATION STYLE GUIDES & ZOTERO

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FROM YOUR ASSIGNMENT GUIDELINES:

“FOR ALL YOUR ASSIGNMENTS, YOU NEED TO USE THE APA CITATION STYLE”

APA Citation Style Guides: <http://concordia.ca/library/guides/sociology/soci310.html#formatting>

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TYPICAL EXAMPLES:

IN-TEXT CITATIONS (APA STYLE)

Direct quote:

Hakkinen and Akrami (2014) found that “individuals are receptive to climate change communications, regardless of ideological position” (p. 65).

Paraphrase:

Research shows that people from any ideological background are open to hearing about climate change (Hakkinen & Akrami, 2014).

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BIBLIOGRAPHY (APA STYLE)

From the APA style guide: <https://apastyle.apa.org/style-grammar-guidelines/references/examples>

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WHAT ABOUT

AUTOMATIC CITATION TOOLS

INSTEAD OF STYLE GUIDES ?

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AUTOMATIC CITATION TOOLS

Quick Citation Generators

(for example MyBib, Citation Machine, or those provided within databases like EBSCO, Google Scholar, Sofia)

**\* Make sure to double check your generated citations - they are not always correct! Use the [Library's APA citation style guides](#) to make sure all the required elements of the citation are present and correctly formatted.**

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FROM YOUR ASSIGNMENT GUIDELINES:

“..It is always a good practice not only to read and identify the content of peer-reviewed research, but also index it ‘on-the-go,’ making use of citation software.....Note that you can also use citation software to share citations on your topic with your group.”

MY EXAMPLE of shared citations in a GROUP LIBRARY:

[https://www.zotero.org/groups/2761876/not\\_walking/library](https://www.zotero.org/groups/2761876/not_walking/library)

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MORE AUTOMATIC CITATION TOOLS

Citation Management SOFTWARE

(for example RefWorks, Mendeley, EndNote, Zotero....)

Concordia Library provides support for Zotero.

for full instructions see Zotero slides: <https://slides.com/susiebreier/zotero> and web page:

<https://library.concordia.ca/help/citing/zotero/>

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ENTERING YOUR KEYWORDS: SEARCH STRATEGIES

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SEARCH TIPS & TRICKS

STANDARD LIBRARY ARTICLE DATABASES

handout to download: [search strategies](#)

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EXAMPLE OF A KEYWORD

COMBINATION IN SOCINDEX

[Click here](#)

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DEVELOPING YOUR SEARCH STRATEGY: VIDEO

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kxK318KRK50>

(YouTube, 7 mins)

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SEARCH STRATEGY TEST YOURSELF

FROM OUR LIBRARY RESEARCH SKILLS TUTORIAL:

<https://library.concordia.ca/learn/search-basics/no-results/#search-statement>

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WHAT ABOUT

THAT LITERATURE REVIEW?

[GOOGLE SCHOLAR ANYONE? GOOGLE SCHOLAR tips](#)

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ONCE YOU HAVE FOUND A RELEVANT ARTICLE, USE

"CITED BY" TO FIND MORE RECENT RELATED MATERIAL

Example of what happens in Google Scholar when you click on the "Cited by" link under the article: *Black skiing, everyday racism, and the racial spatiality of whiteness*:

[https://scholar.google.com/scholar?cites=6919313548862470020&as\\_sdt=2005&scioldt=0,5&hl=en](https://scholar.google.com/scholar?cites=6919313548862470020&as_sdt=2005&scioldt=0,5&hl=en)

From here, select "search within citing articles" and enter the keywords: "physical activity" OR walking

See the results:

[https://scholar.google.com/scholar?hl=en&as\\_sdt=2005&scioldt=0%2C5&cites=6919313548862470020&scipsc=1&q=%22physical+activity%22+OR+%22walking%22&btnG=](https://scholar.google.com/scholar?hl=en&as_sdt=2005&scioldt=0%2C5&cites=6919313548862470020&scipsc=1&q=%22physical+activity%22+OR+%22walking%22&btnG=)

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GOOGLE SCHOLAR FINDIT at CONCORDIA TIP:

Setting up Google Scholar to find Library resources: <https://library.concordia.ca/help/using/google-scholar.php>

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## ACCESSING RESOURCES AT CONCORDIA & BEYOND

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Use the Sofia Discovery tool: <https://concordiauniversity.on.worldcat.org/discovery>

To search for library books, ebooks, articles and films

Example: enter

[until we are free reflections on black lives matter in Canada](#)

click on the View ebook button to access the book

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WHAT IF THE LIBRARY DOESN'T HAVE IT ONLINE?

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YOU CAN USE THE RED BUTTON TO REQUEST A BOOK AND PICK IT UP LATER....

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OR USE THE CALL NUMBER AND LOCATE BUTTON TO FIND IT ON THE SHELF IN THE LIBRARY

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WHAT IF THE LIBRARY DOESN'T HAVE IT AT ALL?

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SEARCH FOR IT IN ANY LIBRARY WORLDWIDE:

Use the filters on the left, under Library to select: Libraries Worldwide

BUT YOU CAN'T BORROW ONLINE BOOKS FROM OTHER LIBRARIES