

A CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF WOMEN'S STUDIES ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

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Introduction

As university education institutions across the world develop their curriculums, the subject of Women's Studies Research has become more firmly established within the last fifteen years or so. The site 'Women's Studies Programs, Departments, & Research Centers', maintained by the Joan Korenman linked to more than 700 programs, departments and centers around the world. 600 of these sites are in the United States. The Women's field research has evolved in the 20th century, especially during the late 60s and early 70s movement, while at the time only a small number of classes being taught on college campuses. Today there are many universities that now offer studies in gender, undergraduate research and begin to create more and more graduates. Therefore, women's and gender studies and publishing the amount of scholarships have grown substantially. Similar to this has been the tremendous growth of the Electronic Resources for women and gender studies. Currently, the world wide web provides a wealth of information on Women and Gender Studies; In fact, we are now at a point where there are so many resources that Can be found on the Internet that finding quality resources can be daunting.

Guidelines

The aim of this article is to provide an overview for women and gender studies some of the best sites, especially those sites which have an academic focus. To determine which Women and Gender Studies Web sites, including the basis of several important criteria. Firstly, and most importantly, focus is on or in the field by academic librarians of women, those websites which are created by teachers of women's and gender studies. Such websites, created by scholars, hold expert opinions, and filtered information. Women researchers and librarians who know the discipline of the best, and literature to those who work every day, those who teach. Many sites have been created not see the need for the very people who are dealing with other online resources.

Second, focus is on a number of sites around the most

number of years. Such websites started early in the 90's, they are the best.

Thirdly, efforts made at Web sites which helped in empowerment of women were chosen. The Internet is a powerful tool for change in transition, and many of the resources cited in this article as one of their goals, education and empowerment of women.

Finally, focus is on the Web sites that cover a wide range of subjects, because one cannot include in this brief article of all sites relating to outstanding women. I also concentrated on Web sites focusing on comprehensive information, as these often lead users to other important sites.

For an updated list of Women's studies in individual subjects and for the current list of sites, readers can refer to the sites listed below, especially the 'Women's Studies Librarian's Office, University of Wisconsin System website', and the 'WSSLinks: Women and Gender website'.

A Recently published Bibliography in women's studies: a recommended bibliography editor Linda A. and Cindy Ingold Krikos (Libraries Unlimited, 2004, 3rd ed.) provides comments on nineteen subjects in the core of the site, and comments in English literature.

Proprietary Resources

During the 1990s, women's studies teachers and librarians only had a few online databases for choice. Existing databases, often provided very little fulltext, the indexed only the selected articles, and often did not index journals from beginning to end. With the growth of Discipline and promote women's studies librarian is now a large number of online Indexes and abstracts sources, full text databases and digital collection of women's studies.

For more resources on these characteristics, the reader should look at the website Collection Development Committee of the Women's Studies Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries within

the American Library Association <<http://www.libr.org/wss/projects/electronic.html>>. The Steering Committee of the WSS also Women's Network Resources.

The creation of several proprietary online database of the database tutorials. They can be found in <<http://www.libr.org/wss/projects/guides.html>>.

Indexes and Abstracts Sources

Women's Studies International (1972-present)

The product by the National Information Services Corporation (NISC) provides is most suitable for single women online index of literature sources. Content of the database from six separate file from: Women's Studies Abstracts, with more than 72,000 records of contributions; the Women's studies database, created in the University of Toronto Library, from the four documents Office of Women's Studies Librarian, University of Wisconsin System, a database on a subset of Southern women and women of color women: social sciences books in the 1975-1995 production years, the University of Memphis, and women's health and 'Development: From the World Health Organization Bibliographic notes'. NISC adds the Internet files from professional journals, conference title in other articles, newspapers, books, book chapters, select the popular literature, government reports, working papers, and Websites. Because of its depth on women and gender and breadth of literature research, 'Women's Studies International' is an online database, which is all the libraries should subscribe. Unfortunately, NISC provides software which is not the most intuitive.

Full-text Database

Contemporary women's issues (1992-present)

CWI (Contemporary Women's Issues) is available from the following vendors: OCLC's

The FirstSearch, wind groups and LEXIS Nexis's.

This resource consists of several full-text articles, although women's studies journals cover the full text of the date may be different. The true power of the database is the collection of newsletters, research reports from the inclusion of non-governmental Organizations (NGOs) and other groups, as well as reports and other types of materials many libraries will not agree to collect. The earliest date in the CWI backs to the early records of the early 90s. The database is multidisciplinary, covering topics such as the topic of health and reproductive problems, Domestic violence, law and education, employment, gender equality, political and human rights Rights, and as a discipline of women's studies. It does not include women in the arts and humanities in addition to including the book reviews. This is a great resource, providing most of the Gray area in Women's literature.

Gender Watch

GenderWatch, from ProQuest, is another full-text Database, including 175 women's research publications, including newsletters, journals, books, Proceedings, conference reports, and governmental and non-governmental organizations report. A very select number Heading back to the early 70's, and most of the headlines from the 80's and 90's. This a multidisciplinary database, covering many of the same theme CWI, however, GenderWatch does involve the arts and humanities better than CWI.

Digital Collections

The Gerritsen Collection Series - Women's History Online, 1543-1945.

ProQuest Information and Learning Gerritsen from the collection is the digital Microfilm collection of materials collected C.V. and Aletta Jacobs Gerritsen during the late 19th century. Covering more than four centuries, the collection of over fifteen languages, has more than 4700 publications. The online version includes two million images, they appear in the original printed works. A collection is of two parts: journals make up 25 percent of the Collection, and monographs

make up 75 per cent.

Women's Network Resources

Alexander Street Press offers several impressive digital collections, especially the North American Women's Letters and Diaries.

Free high-quality Web site

Websites listed below should normally be discussed at the beginning of all the conditions this article. Many other valuable women's and gender studies websites exist, but space taking into account only a small number of limited listings. Web sites listed below are excellent sites for the purpose of understanding and reference. In addition, most of these sites will lead to other Useful web resources.

General / per site

Femina. <<http://www.femina.com/>>

Femina created by the Cybergirl provides a women-friendly website directory and the World Wide Web. The information is provided in the likeness of Yahoo, such as directory topics including arts and humanities, business, finance, computer and Science, education, entertainment, family, and mother, women, health care and health, media and publications, regional, recreational, social and cultural. Femina also has links to the latest news for women, often health-related or consumer information.

There are several opportunities to provide feedback and participation Including online surveys and quick investigation. Because of its Yahoo-like structure, this site will appeal to the general public.

Gender, race, ethnicity and the media.

<<http://www.uiowa.edu/~commstud/resources/GenderMedia/femmedia.html>>

This website is succeeded by Karla Tonella, a Librarian at the University of Iowa. The site is by the following categories: Advertising, African Americans, Asian

Americans, assorted Gender and the media contact, cyberspace, feminist media, index and catalog, Latin America, LesBiGay, Indians and other indigenous peoples, print media, television and film, Other media and mixed media. In each category, the user is directed to the full text of any article and reports, or other sites.

Women's studies database, the University of Maryland.

<<http://www.mith2.umd.edu/WomensStudies>>

This is a premiere women's studies discipline database. In 1992, the site Services in Women's Studies in the general community and people interested in women's issues. It provides for women and gender studies faculty and graduate students a wealth of information including meeting lists, documentation requirements, job market, and from women's syllabus of course. It also provides reviews of current movies, often from feminist perspective, this have been culled and radio announcements and other resources. Reading Room provide access to topic on "Programme Support" section provides access to the site on Pedagogy, curriculum policy, theory information, building professionalism; and a link called 'Gender' provides access to other sites. This site provides valuable information Teachers, academics and students in the field.

Women's Studies Librarian's Office, University of Wisconsin System

<<http://www.library.wisc.edu/libraries/WomensStudies/>>

Women's Studies Librarian at the Wisconsin office was established in 1977, and has many women's studies has been the guiding source of librarians and teachers. The website provides information about the Office of Women Selected publications: Women's Studies Quarterly Resources, women journals, New Woman and feminist books, including a full text collection of links to several articles of feminism. Links by topic provides a rich access to other sites. Librarians can find a link to the publisher of feminist and women and a database the core of women's studies books.

Books database as the core, created by the Women's Studies Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries within the American Library Association, citations from printed books provided more than forty subjects. Users can also find Web links for Feminist magazines and journals, and access to wave: a women's video library, and a Video distributor list. For university libraries and research libraries and responsibilities Women and Gender Studies, this site is an indispensable resource.

WSSLinks: Women and Gender Studies Web site.
<<http://libr.org/wss/WSSLinks/index.html>>

WSSLinks by women's group Association of Colleges and Universities and research libraries. The authors note that all academic libraries, state the purpose of doing so "is to provide obtained in a wide range of resources to support women's studies" Page is broken down into the following topics: general sites, archives, art, business, culture (mainly literature), education, Movies, health, history, international, lesbian sites, music, philosophy, politics, science and Technology and theology. These pages provide a consistent design makes it easy for Users to browse the website. Individual subject pages are organized according to the most appropriate way, for example, of including women entrepreneurs and their company websites, Association/Institute/Centre, biographies of women prominent business directory Women-owned businesses, electronic discussion forums, newsletters and magazines, resources UPS and statistical sources for the venture, while the theology of the page contains the general site followed by a link to a specific religious organization. Librarians in these subject areas of expertise maintenance of these pages to ensure high quality and currency. The only drawback is WSSLinks is that the subject coverage is limited.

Feminist theory and women's studies disciplines Feminist theory website.
<<http://www.cddc.vt.edu/feminism/enin.html>>

The Feminist theory website, available in English, French and Spanish are listed in two major

Goals: to encourage the study of feminist theory and many other works, and encourage dialogue between Different countries from around the world women (and men). The website provides information research in feminist theory to sexuality from the various areas of the body; From critical theory to postmodernism, from the radical liberal feminists to feminists. Each link Thirty-one women in different categories of provides a bibliography of articles and books on this issue is the key thinkers in the field list and a website link, if they exist. The home page also provides links to a different country/ethnic and feminist organizations countries or regions, and to information on individual feminists. The latter part of the arrangement in alphabetical order, and provide biographical information on each of feminist thinkers, abstract person's major themes, bibliographic sources, if any, of the people. The section on Bibliography contains over 5400 articles. Dr. Christine created this by hosting at the Switala Center for Digital Discourse and Culture at Virginia Tech., site of feminist theory Premiered in November 1997 on the Internet, and provides a good introduction and overview of Feminist theory.

NWSA: National Women's Studies.
<<http://www.nwsa.org>>

NWSA, founded in 1977, is committed to support and promote feminist teaching, Research, professional and community service, through the college level. In the pre-school the organization's main women's studies teachers, scholars, professional associations and professionals. The organization's website provides links to women's studies program director, information for students, lists of meetings and documentation requirements, and current bank News.

Women's studies programs, departments and research centers.
<<http://research.umbc.edu/~korenman/wms/t/programs.html>>

Joan Korenman of the University of Maryland has created a website listing more than 700 resources that Women's studies programs, departments, and around

the world have their own web research center.

Alphabetically, the Korenman site first lists the programs in the United States and secondly, programs outside the United States. Departments and graduate programs offered Degree or concentration also mentioned a brief comment. Korenman also provides a link to Institutions that offer online degrees. Cataloging other useful sites women's studies program is the Gerry Gibbi page <<http://creativefolk.com/directories.html>> and Artemis Guide to Women Study listed 371 programs in the United States <<http://www.artemisguide.com/>> alphabetically listing by order of the state. Smith College also provides a web page, in the post-graduate courses although the United States has not been updated <<http://www.smith.edu/wst/gradlinks.html>> yearly.

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Activists, political, legal

American Association of University Women. <<http://www.aauw.org/>>

In the United States American Association of University Women, or AAUW, founded in 1881, is the oldest women's group in the U.S. advocacy organization. AAUW is composed of three sections. The association advocates the education and the rights of women and girls; the Education Foundation Scholarships for women around the world and the law Advocacy Fund works to fight sex discrimination in higher education. The site provides the latest information on AAUW's research and conference activities, including their listings.

Feminist majority. <<http://www.feminist.org>>

Feminist Majority Foundation's mission is the bold new strategy for the development and Programs to promote women's equality, non-violence, economic development, most importantly, the empowerment of women and girls in the community. Most of the feminist Foundation Online provides the best in the women's movement on the Internet in a single source.

The information provided on the front page links, latest news, and displays a wide range of opportunities. One example can be linked to categories, including 'the Women Internet Gateway' provides a well organized resource to other sites; a link to Student Activism, and the cause of feminism contact; of health problems, including breast cancer information. The Women Internet portal provides a link to the current list of women and gender groups.

Now: National Organization for Women. <<http://www.now.org.>>

The National Organization for Women (NOW) claimed that it is the largest organization of Feminist activists in the United States, with 50 million members from 50 countries and regions. Founded in Columbia in 1966, they are now trying to bring all women efforts for equality and the elimination of discrimination in the workplace, schools, judicial system and harassment, and all other sectors of the community; safe abortion, birth control and reproductive rights of all women; end of violence against women in all forms, the eradication of racism, sexism and homosexuality, and to promote in our society of equality and justice. The site allows the user to intervene and take action now, abortion rights and to check out from Article IX of the economic interests from the current issue Women in the military. Currently on the various links to provide background information on each question theme, is currently doing publicity, and now stand on this issue. Users can also learn Local chapters.

Women's human rights resources. <<http://www.law-lib.utoronto.ca/diana/mainpage.htm>>

Bora Laskin women's human rights resources in order to uphold the law, the purpose of Library, University of Toronto, is to help researchers, students, teachers and human rights Promoting diversity and women's positioning authoritative international human rights information through the Internet. The site's organization under the State Administration of Taxation of three categories reflect the goals according to the

Website Creator: "Sharing Knowledge," "support advocacy" and "to promote scholarship". The first category includes women Human Rights resource database, which lists hundreds of Articles, documents, links related to international women's rights and legal issues. The second Category of human rights advocacy joint document to guide the key which brings International and regional human rights systems and UN agencies. The third section includes a detailed study guide that provides an overview of various topics, and links to fellowships in reproductive health law and women's rights.

Science, Technology and Medicine

Information Technology Center.

<<http://www.umbc.edu/cwit/index.html>>

The Information Technology Center was established in 1998 with Joan Korenman with the following objectives i.e. to encourage more women and girls for jobs, as Leaders in information technology; communicate information about the richness and breadth of Women's lives, concerns and the possibility of using technology to promote research on Gender and information technology. The Home page provides a current listing of books, courses Resources, the girl related resources, a speakers bureau, as well as links to related sites. Special Notes In science and technology on women's issues sites. As with all of Korenman site is current and relevant information.

Center for Reproductive Rights.

<<http://www.crlp.org/>>

Formerly known as Reproductive Law and Policy, the Center for Reproductive rights is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting legal advocacy and to protect women's reproductive rights worldwide. This website provides the following information topics: Legal advocacy, human rights, equality, youth, safe pregnancy, contraception, and Abortion. Click on each topic, users can access the latest information on the topic, Cross-references to other publications, case studies, legislative policy, regulations, and press releases.

The site has Spanish and French, and includes an index.

International Women's Health Alliance.

<<http://www.iwhc.org/>>

International Women's Health Coalition (International Women's Health Coalition) and health policy work Programs and the promotion of the rights of women and girls health. Founded in 1984, the International Federation of Women's Health Project Creating the political will and influence governments, donors, policy, and international Agencies to ensure that girls and women's sexual and reproductive health and rights. First of all, the International Federation of Women's Health Provide professional assistance and financial support, in Africa, Asia, regional organizations, as well as Latin America. Second, the International Federation of Women's Health continue to monitor closely the debate informed of current information to The United States and abroad. Finally, the organization advocated the intergovernmental conferences and other international agencies. The site provides information about policy issues, contact current information such as meetings, and in the organization's key information on four issues: Youth health, HIV / AIDS; safe abortion, and women have the right to control their own sexuality.

Another useful site is the health of women from the World Health Organization <http://www.who.int/topics/womens_health/en/> which provides live coverage of women's health, Questions and links to other websites.

Global Issues

International Women's Research Centre.

<<http://www.icrw.org/>>

International Centre for Research on Women, founded in 1976 to fill the blank Understand the complex reality of women's lives, their role in development. International Women's Research Center Engineering and research and public awareness of other women's

organizations in partnership Special attention to the following areas: adolescence, HIV / AIDS, nutrition and food security, Poverty reduction, reproductive health, violence against women, women's rights. In each of these project areas, use, discovery research reports, and list of activities currently being carried out.

International Women's Rights Action Watch.
<<http://iwwraw.igc.org/about.htm>>

International Women's Rights Action Watch (Women's Rights Watch), founded in 1985 in World Conference on Women in Nairobi, Kenya to promote women's human cognition Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination of rights under the form of women of Discrimination the Convention of All (Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women), a basic international human rights treaties. The right to observe the functions of Major international non-governmental organizations to promote the human rights of women and families.

The website provides links to publications, the Fourth World Conference on Women's Information In Beijing in 1995 to eliminate discrimination against women and the current actions, and links to other Web sites state. As The importance of eliminating discrimination against women, to promote women's human rights exporting countries, which is an important source of current news on the rights of women around the world.

Women Watch.
<<http://www.un.org/womenwatch>>

Women Watch is the central portal of information and resources on women's rights through the United Nations system. Resource directory, including some United Nations gender Mainstreaming of women in international instruments and treaties, thematic, data from all Regions of the world and gender training information. Particularly useful feature of a Woman Watch is "Statistics and indicators," including reports and statistical databases for women and children. Is

worth noting that the report include the World's Women 2000: Trends and Statistics highlight the wide range of areas, including family, health, education and data Situation of children in the world of work, human development reports; and other reports to the host From United Nations agencies and other intergovernmental bodies.

According to United Nations entities, categories, users will be directed to other United Nations agencies and Organizations on Women problems. It is worth noting that institutions such as the United Nations Development Fund for Women <<http://www.unifem.org/>>, women in the United Nations fund to provide financial and Technical assistance program to promote women's human rights, political participation and Economic security. For the Advancement of Women <<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/index.html>> Founded in 1946, claims the Status of women in the world and their equality with men to improve performance. Finally, the Institute, the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, <<http://www.uninstraw.org/en/index.html>> research and training activities Committed to the advancement of women.

Femininity

African American feminism.
<<http://www.library.ucsb.edu/subjects/blackfeminism/>>

African American Feminist, by Sherry Barnes, deputy director of the compilation of the University of California, Santa Barbara, is a bibliographic reference, the source in the subject field Humanities, social sciences, health, medicine and science. The time period in the nineteenth Century to the present, and most people refer to a very influential representative of Contemporary black feminism that emerged in the 20th century, 70's and continues today. The Bibliography is divided into four disciplines: arts and humanities, social sciences; Education, health, medicine and science, and includes six parts of the format: biography, Memoirs and personal narratives,

interviews; speak; multi-disciplinary anthology; Journal: Special issue; and websites. Further broken down into four disciplines each More specific categories. Each category begin with a quotation by a famous African American women, and the sources are listed alphabetically by author's last name. Barnes includes the Citation of the professional, academic, popular, mainstream and alternative magazines, journals, Newspapers and books.

Women of Color Network.

<<http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/grhf/WoC/index.html>>

Mission of the Women of Color site is to provide access to works on Reproductive health of women of color in the global forum at Harvard in the United States to create School of Public Health, the authors provide a feminist, works acquired characteristics, Related to reproductive health and rights of women of color. Each time a user needs three parts The full text of articles or papers, including bell hooks leading feminist writer, Patricia Shahi Kirby Springs And Barbara Smith. The site also provides teaching tools, including curricula, a list of organizations, And a link to the discussion list.

Statistics

Gender statistics: Gender Statistics Database.

<<http://devdata.worldbank.org/genderstats/home.asp>>

Gender statistics, gender statistics, electronic databases, through the existing World Bank. The data in different

modules, including the message digest Countries; thematic data; gender monitoring data, or data from the various regions of the world. Topical Including poverty indicators, education, health, basic population, labor force indicators. The Continuously updated database, the data sources include national statistics, the United Nations sources, and the World Bank survey.

WIDNET.

<<http://www.focusintl.com/widnet.htm>>

WIDNET, in the development of the network of women, including statistics from the Organization The following regions of the world: Africa, Asia, Oceania, the Americas and Europe. Each region, including Health, population, family, family education and training, statistics, labor, and power, These statistics the number of women in government. Statistics from the United States United Nations publication, World's Women 1995 - Trends and Statistics.

Conclusion

Clearly, the field of women and gender studies has become increasingly mainstream, in the past Years. With the development of the subject, the subject literature also evolved. In the case of women Study, has been steadily growth of online database, including indexes and abstracts Services, full text databases and digital collections. In addition, the World Wide Web sites have is created, many of which the library services, academics as an important reference resources for Students. This provides women with some of the best overview and network resources on Gender studies.