

Sociology 206 Subject Guide (Race and Ethnic Relations)

http://www.unc.edu/depts/wcweb/handouts/literature_review.html this is a handout from the Univ. of North Carolina on what a literature review is and how to conduct one.

http://www.dartmouth.edu/~writing/materials/student/soc_sciences/sociology.shtml a nice introduction to writing the Sociology paper. From Dartmouth.

Cuesta Databases

Below are some of Cuesta's databases, with some specific keywords and keyword phrases that work for each one. Remember to always use a variety of keywords to get the best articles. **The lists below are only a starting point.** Use different groupings of keywords, such as race, ethnicity, criminal justice, statistics, etc. Notice in the example below that an entry from *SIRS* shows all the other **subjects** you can directly link to, including Race, Statistics, etc. *EBSCOhost* allows you to directly link to related subjects as well.

An *SIRS* entry using the keyword search phrase: **Ethnic relations united states**

[Population: A Lively Introduction](#); Population Bulletin , McFalls Jr., Joseph A.

Dec. 2003 | pg.3-40 | Lexile Score: 1350 | Size: 146K | SIRS Researcher

Summary: "Most people think demography is just math in disguise--a sort of dry social accounting. Once exposed to the subject, many change their minds. They come to appreciate the profound impact demographic forces have on societies. This has never been more true than during the past half-century, a period in which the United States and other societies have experienced unprecedented social and demographic change." (Population Bulletin) This article presents "the basic what, why, and how of the study of demography."

Subjects: [Age groups](#), [Childbirth, Statistics](#), [Demography](#), [Emigration and immigration](#), [Fertility, Human, Statistics](#), [Life expectancy](#), [Migration, Internal](#), [Mortality, Statistics](#), [Population density](#), [Population forecasting](#), [Population geography](#), [Population, Statistics](#), [Race, Statistics](#), [Sex ratio](#), [Life spans \(Biology\)](#)

EBSCOhost:

Ethnic inequality AND United States

Race AND justice

Ethnicity

Social ethics AND United States

SIRS: (you can link directly to the *SIRS'* subjects below)

Some topics under the **Leading Issues** list:

[Acculturation and Assimilation](#)

[Discrimination in Criminal Justice Administration](#)

[Ethnic Relations](#)

[Hate Crimes](#)

[Immigration](#)

[Racial Discrimination](#)

[Racial Profiling](#)

Other *SIRS* subject headings, not in **Leading Issues**.

[Americans, Attitudes](#)

[Demographic transition](#)

[Economics, Sociological aspects](#)

[Hispanic Americans, Attitudes](#)

[Interracial marriage](#)

[Pluralism \(Social sciences\)](#)

[Race, Classification](#)

[Race, Statistics](#)

[Hispanic Americans, Population](#)

ProQuest National Newspaper Index: (for very current topics)

If you wanted information about ongoing issues, such as the Arizona Immigration Law, you could use this index. It also provides editorials and opinion pieces.

Some useful keyword phrases include:

Race AND Criminal Justice

Racial Equality United States

Minority & ethnic groups

Demographics

Social conditions & trends

Cultural identity

Polls & surveys

Hispanic Americans (Asian Americans, etc)

eLibrary: the Cuesta book and eBook catalog

Cuesta has many books and eBooks on various aspects of race, ethnicity and culture. While our 13,000 eBooks are included in the main book catalog, you can also view just the eBook collection by choosing *eBooks* instead of *eLibrary* from the Library home page, or from myCuesta.

Below is a sampling of some of the books (both in print and online) available to you from the Cuesta Library.

Nelson, David Erik. [Racial profiling : opposing viewpoints](#) (HV7936 .R3 R323 2009)

Nguyen, Tram. [We are all suspects now \[electronic resource\] : untold stories from immigrant communities after 9/11](#) (eBook Online)

O'Brien, Eileen [The racial middle \[electronic resource\] : Latinos and Asian Americans living beyond the racial divide](#) (eBook Online)

Some useful keyword phrases that return good results in our book catalog are:

Race and ethnicity (57 titles on the subject)

Racial inequality united states

African Americans, Asian Americans, etc.

Internet Sites

<http://www.trinity.edu/~mkearl/index.html#in> a sociological tour through cyberspace, with good information on many sociological topics, including race and ethnicity. From Trinity University.

<http://www.aclu.org/human-rights/reports-un-cerd-race-and-ethnicity-united-states> the ACLU has several online reports on this subject, including racial profiling.

Here is an example of a sociological research paper. Always cite (give credit to) any source you use in your research.

<http://web.ebscohost.com/ehost/detail?vid=8&hid=108&sid=314d1a0d-8e6a-41a7-9996-cb28ab21bc53%40sessionmgr112&bdata=JnNpdGU9ZWwhvc3QtbGl2ZQ%3d%3d#db=afh&AN=6845640#db=afh&AN=6845640>

The SLO Public Library uses different databases from the ones at Cuesta. A library card is free and enables you to remotely access the databases they have.

As a Cuesta student you also have access to Cal Poly's Kennedy Library. You can use their databases from inside their library, and can check out books with a Cuesta picture i.d. from the current semester, or by bringing in your Banner Registration information.