

SEARCHING FOR LITERATURE FOR SOTL PROJECTS: A HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

Some Search Strategies or Tips Other than Electronic Databases

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- Use multiple search strategies—electronic databases, interpersonal contacts, ‘hand’ searches, etc.
- Have an idea, based on your SoTL project, journal missions, etc. the specific publications or conferences or websites to which you plan to submit your SoTL work. You want to be especially careful to find and cite related work in these outlets or venues.
- At Milner or online, read the titles of articles in recent issues of major SoTL journals (cross discipline-general, cross discipline specific, and in your discipline) looking for related work. Links to such journals are available on our ISU SoTL webpage.
- Online, go to the sites of major SoTL conferences such as ISSOTL, the SoTL Commons, Lilly conferences and check for proceedings or materials or lists of presentations of recent conferences looking for related work. If bibliographies are not posted, email the presenters of related work for their ideas about sources and their paper or presentation or a bibliography.
- Online, go to sites that are ‘repositories’ of SoTL work such as the Visible Knowledge Project at Georgetown, the Carnegie Foundation Keep Snapshots of Carnegie Scholars and other SoTL work, and the University of Nebraska course portfolio site looking for related work. If bibliographies are not posted, email the creators of the posting for their ideas about sources.
- When you have found a useful, recent article or other source, carefully review their bibliography for other useful sources.
- *Ideas or tips from participants?*