Finding Scholarly Sources for a Historiography

Historiography – Definition

- “identify, compare and evaluate the viewpoints of two or more historians writing on the same subject” (Rampolla, 32)
- How did authors living at the same time treat the same topic differently?
- How was a topic treated differently over time by different authors?
- How did historians from different historical “schools” treat a topic differently?
- Not “two or three book reviews glued together” (Rampolla, 33)

• Start with a broad keyword search.

• Use Tags to get more specific (e.g. religion from the slave’s perspective).

• Click on the Subject Heading assigned to this book to get a list of all the books in our collection that have been assigned that subject heading.

• Use “slave religion” to do a more specific keyword search in Encore.
- Click on ConnectNY and WorldCat to find holdings beyond SLU.

- Use the Holdings statement in WorldCat to get a high level indication of key works.

**JSTOR**

- You can limit your search in JSTOR to only BOOK REVIEWS or only ARTICLES.
• Use the **Choose Databases** link to search several indexes simultaneously.

• Restrict your search to **Scholarly Journals** only.

• On the results screen, click on **Reviews** to limit your search to **BOOK REVIEWS**.
• Books with numerous reviews might be key works.

“Reviews in American History provides an effective means for scholars and students of American history to stay up to date in their discipline. Each issue presents in-depth reviews of over thirty of the newest books in American history. Retrospective essays examining landmark works by major historians are also regularly featured”. (taken from journal website)

• You can restrict your search to a specific journal using the SOURCE field.

• Use the NOT connector to remove book reviews from the results list.
Use the Cited by field in Google Scholar to help identify key works.