LIBRARY HOME PAGE
http://www.library.virginia.edu/

VIRGO, THE ONLINE CATALOG
http://search.lib.virginia.edu
♦ Catalog of the U.Va. collections of books, journal articles, journals, video recordings, manuscripts etc.
♦ Renew books, request interlibrary loans

RESEARCH PORTAL
http://www.library.virginia.edu/research/
♦ “Popular” databases
♦ Subject guides – databases and other information arranged by subject. Contact info for subject librarian.
♦ A-Z list of databases and by type of information – government information, maps, newspapers…
♦ Research “tips & tools”

SOCIOLOGY SUBJECT GUIDE
http://guides.lib.virginia.edu/sociology
♦ Sociological Abstracts - includes “cited by” information
♦ Includes data, polling, survey, media and other resources.
♦ Linked from Sociology Department home page

AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES SUBJECT GUIDE - http://guides.lib.virginia.edu/afam_hist
♦ Covers many U.Va. databases, primary sources, and statistics. Includes our microfilm resources, often primary source materials. (see http://guides.lib.virginia.edu/aframericanmicfilm)

ACADEMIC SEARCH COMPLETE
♦ Interdisciplinary, covers both academic and popular journals.

ETHNIC NEWS WATCH
♦ Full-text of newspaper, magazine, and journal articles from 200 ethnic, minority, and native publications in the U.S., in English and in Spanish. 1985 to present

PBS VIDEOS
♦ Streaming videos originally broadcast on PBS. Includes several of Ken Burns’ series, American Experience, Scientific American Frontiers, and many others.
♦ Titles are listed in Virgo. Access requires a NetBadge login. Viewing requires QuickTime.

CHICAGO DEFENDER, 1910-1975

FACTIVA and LExis/NEXIS
♦ Best databases for news coverage. Factiva is particularly good for foreign news.

WEB OF KNOWLEDGE
♦ Allows citation searching & citation chaining.
SERVICES

Interlibrary Loan (ILL)
http://www.library.virginia.edu/services/ils/
U.Va. doesn’t have what you need? No problem. We’ll borrow it from another library, or have an article scanned and emailed directly to you.

Reference
http://www.library.virginia.edu/askalibrarian/
We are available to help with your research daily from 8am-midnight. You can chat, email, phone, text, or come visit a library in person!

Research Consultations
http://guides.lib.virginia.edu/sociology
Don’t know how to focus your topic, or find on-point academic articles, or just the right statistic to support your view? You know your topic and interest, I know research resources. I might just be able to help. Give it a try!
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TOOLS

EZ Proxy
♦ Connect to U.Va.’s databases from your apartment or home.
♦ Be sure to go to the database via a U.Va. Library page, then just Netbadge in. Simple!

RefWorks
http://www.refworks.com
♦ Format bibliographies and citations automatically in over 400 styles including ASA, MLA, etc. Use in conjunction with WORD to write papers, dissertations, etc.
♦ Access your RefWorks account from any computer, anywhere

Writing Help
http://guides.lib.virginia.edu/writinghelp
Tips & how to avoid plagiarism.

EVALUATING WEB RESOURCES
♦ Currency – check the date of the page. When was it last updated?
♦ Reliability – verify facts. Is the page accurate?
♦ Authority – who created the page? Is the author an expert in the subject of the page? Is there independent evidence of that – news interviews (think a Lexis/Nexis search), congressional testimony?
♦ Purpose – why was the page created? Is it a mask for advertising? An “unbiased” non-profit might not be so “unbiased.” Even .mil and .gov pages may have a point of view.

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