A Philosophy of Finding Research

June 1 2022

Schedule Overview

7:05 EST: How do you approach finding literature?

7:10 EST: Share as group

7:20 EST: Structuring and executing a successful literature review
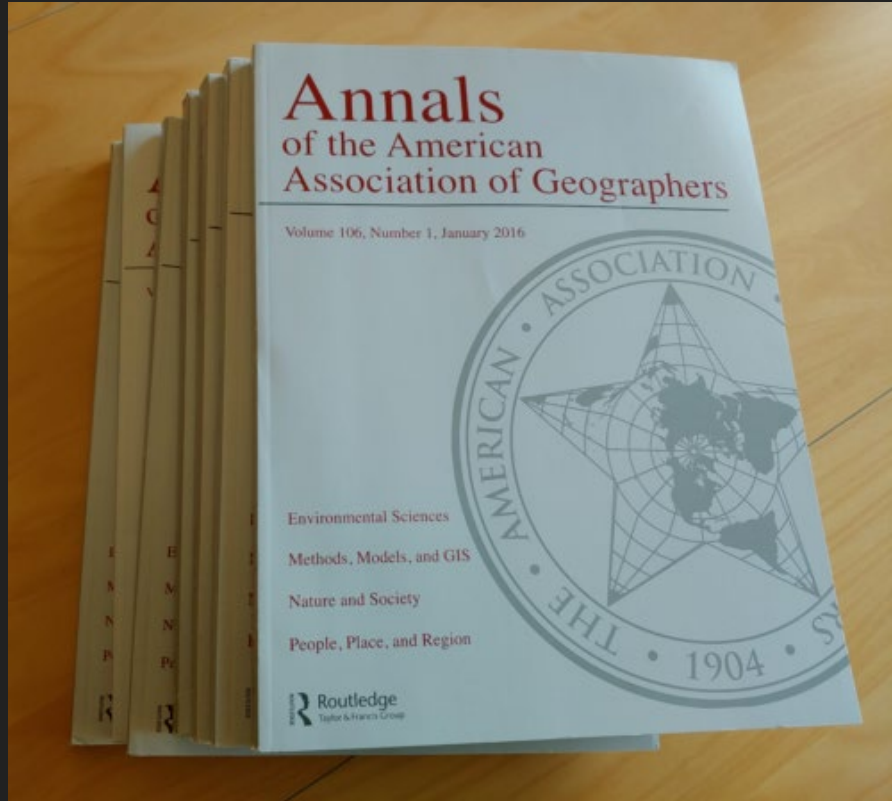
8:00 EST: Reflect in small groups

8:10 EST: Share out and next week's prep

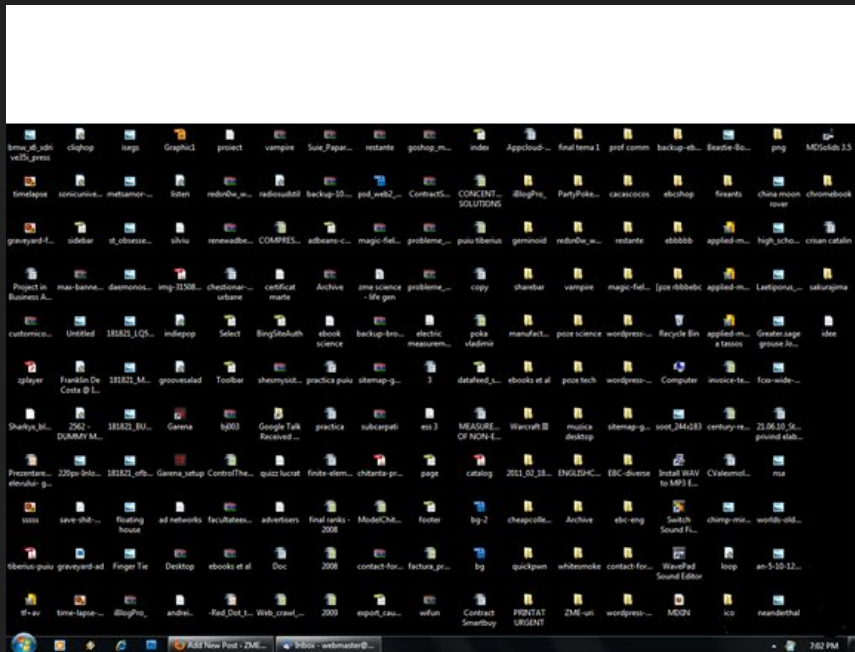# How do you approach finding literature?

Jamboard link: https://jamboard.google.com/d/1niAIQ45bOb3R5J-3r5i7V2OzadZZ3Kzi0n3c3bAZQ2U/edit?usp=sharing

Setting the Stage: A Literature Review of Literature
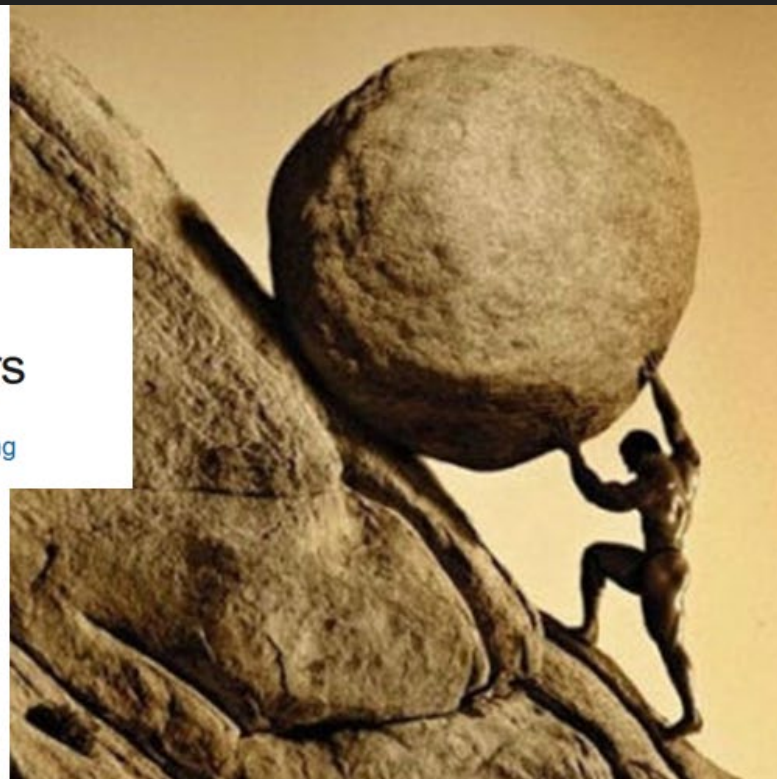
The Old

The New

Global scientific output doubles every nine years

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Sisyphean task

How do we manage a literature review?
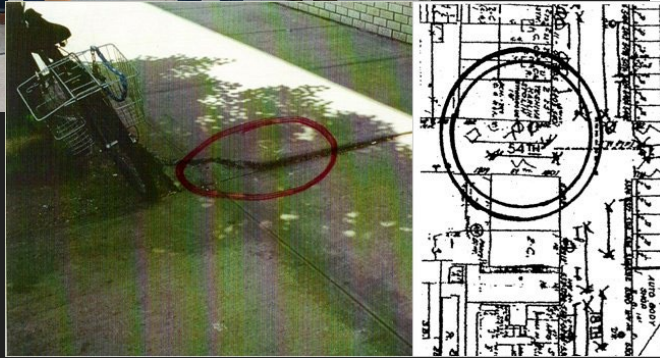
A Simple (ha) Process*

Define topic/area of interest

Search!

Develop keywords

Develop search terms

*Not really cyclical

Our Results Speak for Themselves:

Over $500 *Million*

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The sidewalks in our city are prone to hazardous conditions, including:

- Potholes
- Cracks
- Snow
- Ice

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Neoliberal Risk Management in Urban Areas as expressed through Maps

Developing Keywords

Step 1: Distill your interests into a phrase

Step 2: Identify the various constituent parts of that phrase and how they connect

Example

Neoliberal Risk Management in Urban Areas as expressed through Maps

- **Neoliberalism:** city administration, property ownership
- **Risk Management:** insurance, litigation
- **Urban Areas:** NYC, sidewalks
- **Maps:** use of maps in risk management

Search Terms

- "new york city" "risk management"
- "new york city" "risk management" "sidewalks"
- "new york city" "sidewalks"
- etc ….

Spend 5 mins to creating a list of search terms

Search Operators

" " Quotation Marks

- "New York City"

AND, OR, NOT

- "New York City" and "Sidewalks"
- "New York City" or "London" and "Sidewalks"
- "New York City" not "Pavement"

Spend 5 minutes creating a list of search phrases based off of your search term lists

Where to Search

- Your library
- Google Scholar
- Specialized Databases!!
  - JSTOR
    - Lots of back issues, free in most cases
  - Worldcat
    - search holdings of thousands of libraries
  - Ebscohost "Academic Search" series
    - Indexes a huge number of journals
  - Journal websites
    - Especially useful if writing for a journal article

Getting Access

- Institutional access
- For journal articles: Sci-hub (https://sci-hub.se/)
- For books: Zlib (https://b-ok.cc/)
- Interlibrary Loan (ILL)

Don't forget about advanced searching!

https://www.worldcat.org/

A Protip

Take notes while you're doing a literature search--helps you to understand what you've searched, how your thinking has evolved, what you might be actually interested in, and what others might actually want to know

Exercise

Spend 15 minutes taking the search phrases you developed and using them to search for literature. In the process think about the following:

- How do you evaluate literature once you've found it?
- What sort of searches were useful/not useful?
- How often did you have trouble getting access to articles?

We will reflect on these questions afterwards

As you find useful literature, copy the links and save them in a Word doc (for next class).

For next meeting…

- How to become a Zotero power user!
- Make sure you have Zotero downloaded