

Quick Guide for ECON 248 Spring 2009

Prof. Geoff Gilbert – Poverty and Welfare

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Background

International encyclopedia of public policy and administration / Jay M. Shafritz, editor in chief. *REF H97 .I574 1998*

Poverty in the United States. *REF' HC110 .I5P6' 1987*

*Poverty in the United States : an encyclopedia of history, politics, and policy / edited by Gwendolyn Mink and Alice O'Connor. *REF HC110.P6 P598 2004*

*Rich and poor in America : a reference handbook / Geoffrey Gilbert. *HC110.I5 G55 2008*

Statistical abstract of the United States / prepared by the chief of the Bureau of Statistics, Treasury Department. *REF HA202 .A3*

Statistical portrait of the United States : social conditions and trends / edited by Mark S. Littman ; [contributors: Mark S. Littman ... [et. al.]]. *REF' HA214 .S84 1998*

Featured Databases

WorldCat – catalog of library materials (books/reports significant) across the US. Use *limits*: English language, books, not juvenile, non-fiction, rank (sort) by date

Expect to use **InterLibrary Loan** with many of these databases: sources can be outside the HWS Library. Library web page: "Library Services" – "Interlibrary Loan" – "First time users click here" to set up if you do not have an account.

EconLit – the first choice for economic journal articles. Use "double quotes" for a phrase, "*" (asterisk) for wildcard. "Rank by" date to float new material to top.

ProQuest Direct – newspaper, magazine and journals broadly covered with good full text. Use "double quotes" to search a phrase, wildcard is "*" (asterisk)

Survey with:

[Ebsco Masterfile](#) (may go away in March)

*[ProQuest Direct](#) – covers many of the journals Prof. Gilbert recommends as starting points, economics/sociology journals on the ECON 248 “level”

[Public Affairs Information Service \(PAIS\)](#)

Look for **economic** journal literature:

*[EconLit](#)

Look for **policy** or legal background:

[Social Sciences Index with full text](#)

[P.A.I.S.](#)

[Lexis/Nexis Academic](#), *Legal* tab

Political or sociological analysis in journal articles (may be secondary for some of the class):

[Political Science Abstracts](#)

[Sociological Abstracts](#)

Consult with the reference librarians

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Statistical Resources

Michael Hunter, Reference Librarian, prepared a webpage of statistical resources for this class last year. It is located at:

<http://people.hws.edu/hunter/Poverty08.html>