

PSYCH 249/Striano
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1. Off campus access to databases. You can get the list of Hunter databases from <http://library.hunter.cuny.edu/databases>. To get into a database from off campus simply click on the name of the database. You'll then be prompted for your Hunter email user name and password. For more information about Hunter email see <https://cfml.hunter.cuny.edu/emaillook>.

2. Scholarly (refereed or peer reviewed) journals.

3. Databases that we'll be looking at. (All databases are available at <http://library.hunter.cuny.edu/databases>.):

PsycInfo (EBSCO): indexes scholarly and professional literature in psychology, including many topics relevant to education and learning; has some full text.

Web of Science: will tell you what the most cited articles on a given topic are.

Jstor: a multidiscipline scholarly database which includes several high profile journals in psychology.

4. Google vs. Psycinfo

5. Keyword searching

6. Connectors:

and narrows: stimulus and response retrieves only those records in which both terms occur.

or broadens: stimulus or prompt retrieves articles containing either term.

* truncates: *colo** retrieves *color, colour, etc.*

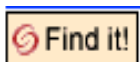
7. Limiting to peer reviewed journals: **Peer Reviewed**

8. Limiting by date:

A date range selection interface. It features a horizontal slider with arrows at both ends. Below the slider, there are two input boxes: the left one contains '1994' and the right one contains '2009'.

9. Re-sorting by relevance:

A 'Sort by:' dropdown menu. The current selection is 'Date'. The dropdown list is open, showing the following options: 'Date', 'Author', 'Source', and 'Relevance'. The 'Relevance' option is highlighted in blue.



10. **Find it!** Where citations don't link to the full text, they will feature this link. If Hunter has full text access to the article cited, **Find it!** will take you to it. If Hunter doesn't subscribe to the full text, **Find it!** will check CUNY+ (Hunter's catalog) for you. (See below for complete information on how to search CUNY+ for journal articles.)

11. **Cited References** and **Times Cited in this Database.** Most article records will include a **Cited references** link. Clicking on this link will take you to citations of all the articles cited by the article in question. This can be a good way to find other relevant articles published prior to the article in question.

Some articles will also include the link **Times Cited in this Database**. This links to later articles in this database that cite the article in question. This is also an effective way to find (more recent) articles on your topic.

12. The thesaurus: The thesaurus is the place to go to check to see that the keywords you are using are part of Psycinfo's official vocabulary. It will also provide more information about the term.

Example: *evolutionary psychology*

13. Combining Psycinfo with other EBSCO databases. Click on **Choose databases** from the top of your search screen. Other relevant EBSCO databases include Academic Search Premier, Psycarticles, and Socindex (sociology database).

14. Web of Science: Web of Science enables you to determine what the most cited articles on a given topic are. It also enables you to determine which articles have cited a given article.

15. Jstor: includes several high profile journals in psychology. Word of warning: All Jstor journals have an embargo, generally between two and seven years.

16. Google scholar:

a. Find a full citation when you only have partial information.

b. Use as a citation index: find articles that cite the article you're interested in.

Example: "[Social-cognitive development in the first year](#)"

Nice feature: When searched on campus, Google Scholar provides links to the full text of many journals that Hunter subscribes to.

17. End Note and Ref Works:

a. For establishing an account in End Note see <http://library.hunter.cuny.edu/endnote.htm> .

b. For establishing an account in Ref Works see <http://library.hunter.cuny.edu/refworks> .

18. Working with folders in Psycinfo. You can put citations aside to read, print, email, or send to End Note or Ref Works later by clicking on the folder beneath the citation.

19. Saving citations in End Note and Ref Works:

a. Select at least one citation.

b. Click on **Export** (right side of the screen).

c. Choose either End Note or Ref Works.

20. Saving your folder items for later. Click on **Sign in**. You'll be asked to set up an account. Once you do, you'll be able to look at the items in your folder anytime, anywhere.

21. Tracking down journals. From <http://library.hunter.cuny.edu>, click on **Journal Title List** on the left side of your screen. Type in the name of the magazine or journal you're seeking. If Hunter owns it electronically, you will find information about holdings and links to the full text. If Hunter has only the print version, click on the link **Hunter Print Holdings**; then the title of the journal; and then Hunter Main.

22. Finding Books. Getting in to the catalog (CUNY+): Go to <http://library.hunter.cuny.edu> and choose **CUNY+ (Catalog)**.

23. Requesting books from other CUNY libraries: **Select all CUNY Libraries**

24. Above the call number click on  and follow the instructions.

25. Asking reference questions remotely. Hunter belongs to a 24/7 consortium for reference questions. From <http://library.hunter.cuny.edu> click on Ask a Librarian (bottom left of screen).