CDIS6001
Introduction to Library Research

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Scholarly Research

- conferences
- faculty offices
- cafés & bars

conversation

- lectures/tutorials
- scholarly publications
scholarly publications

- articles
  - scholarly | peer-reviewed
  - popular press

- books
critical evaluation

- purpose
- authority
- currency
- relevance
- accuracy
A literature review

- Surveys scholarly sources relevant to a particular issue, area of research, or theory
- Provides a description, summary, and critical evaluation of each work
- Offers an overview of significant literature published on a topic
- Gives future research context by telling the story of work done so far

(adapted from http://library.ucsc.edu/ref/howto/literaturereview.html)
Functions of Literature Reviews

- Understand the structure of the problem
- Demonstrate your knowledge of the field
- Synthesize previous perspectives and develop your own perspective
- Point the way to future research
# Digging Into the Literature – How?

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Put it all together, you have a literature review!
Literature Reviews

More resources can be found at:

http://researchguides.library.yorku.ca/awg
Cited reference searching

- updates to earlier research
- responses to particular research
- influence of an article
- research on similar themes
Scott Library Research Desk (2nd floor) or any of the York Libraries

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