## **Goal**

Find 2 peer-reviewed journal articles (that present original research) on your women’s studies topic. By the end of the session, email/save/print your articles.

## **Recommended Steps**

1. Identify a topic of interest and **narrow** it down

(Note: This may require some initial, background research)

***Examples:***

*Maternal mortality*:Why is it so high in the US? Why is it so much higher for African American women? What are the primary causes - discrimination, lack of access to health care (prenatal/postpartum), income level, insurance coverage, C-sections?

*Gender pay gap*:Is it “real” or a “myth”? What are the primary causes – gender stereotypes (“women’s work” vs. “men’s work”), discrimination, family (“motherhood penalty”), maternity leave, salary negotiation, education level?

1. Identify **keywords** that can be used to find an article in the library databases:

***Example:***gender pay gap, gender wage gap, gender inequality and wages, economic inequality, income inequality, motherhood penalty, equal pay, pay equity, discrimination and employment, United States

1. Use your keywords to **find peer-reviewed articles** in Cabrillo Library databases

Cabrillo Library homepage > “SuperSearch” or “Articles and Databases”

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## **Tips**

* Limit to **Full Text** and **Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals**
* Check the **Abstract or Full Text** for terms such as *Methods* and *Results*
* Experiment with several different ways of expressing the same idea
* Add any new keywords you find while searching; Modify your topic as necessary
* **Email/Print/Cite** the article using the “Tools” menu on the right side of the page

## **Notes**

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| **Title** of potential article: |  |
| **Summary** of article/evidenceHow do you know this is **original research** (not a literature review or meta-study)? |  |
| Who is the **author**? What are their credentials or background? |  |
| Describe the **journal** this article is published in: |  |

Other notes: