

Gender Studies Journal Collection

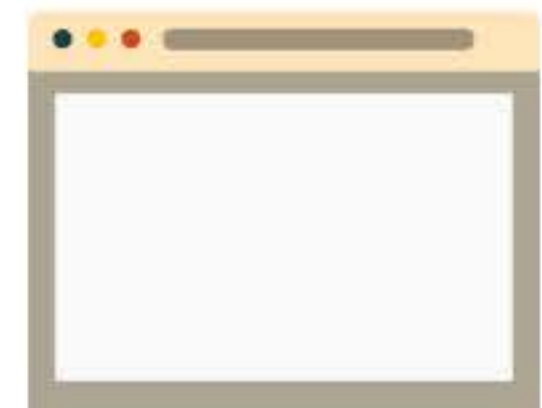
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Introduction

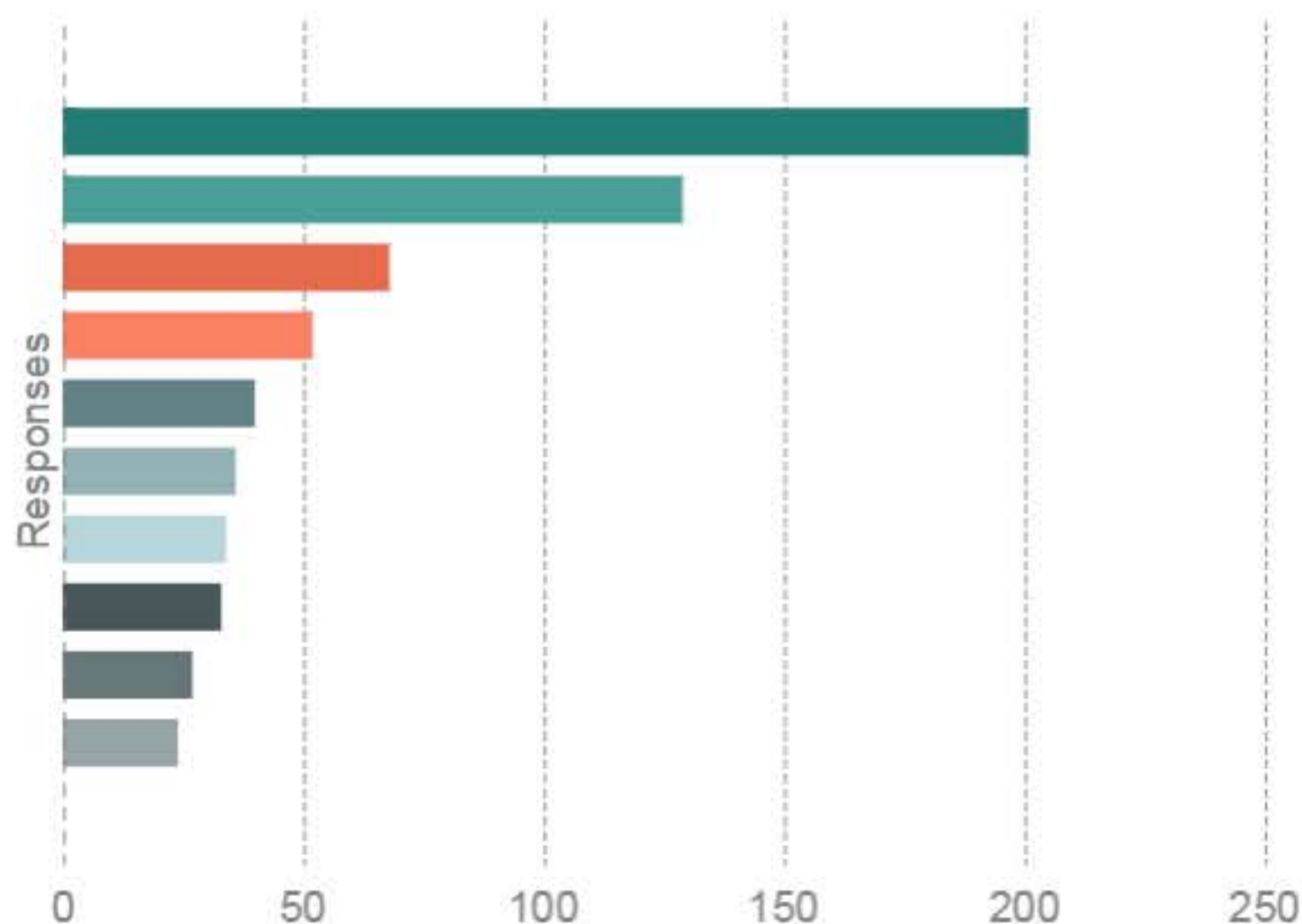
This report presents the results of a Master's capstone project completed through the UT School of Information in conjunction with UT Libraries. I analyzed the UT Libraries collection of journals in Women's, Gender, Feminist, LGBTQ, and Sexualities Studies to determine where the collection might need to grow to support current and future scholarship on campus. Based on the results of a national survey of scholars in these areas, journal impact factors, and subject bibliographies, I outlined a list of 15 titles that I recommend be added to the library's collection.

The annual subscription cost for each title ranges from \$277 to \$1,420, with an average cost of \$609.46. The total cost for all 15 titles is \$9,142 per year.



Top Journals in Women's, Gender, Feminist, LGBTQ, and Sexualities Studies

I used the results of a national survey of scholars to create a comprehensive list of journal titles, which I then checked against the UT Libraries' collection and a list of highly regarded journals in the field. The top ten journals from that survey are listed below, along with the top ten most used journals in the UT Libraries' collection.



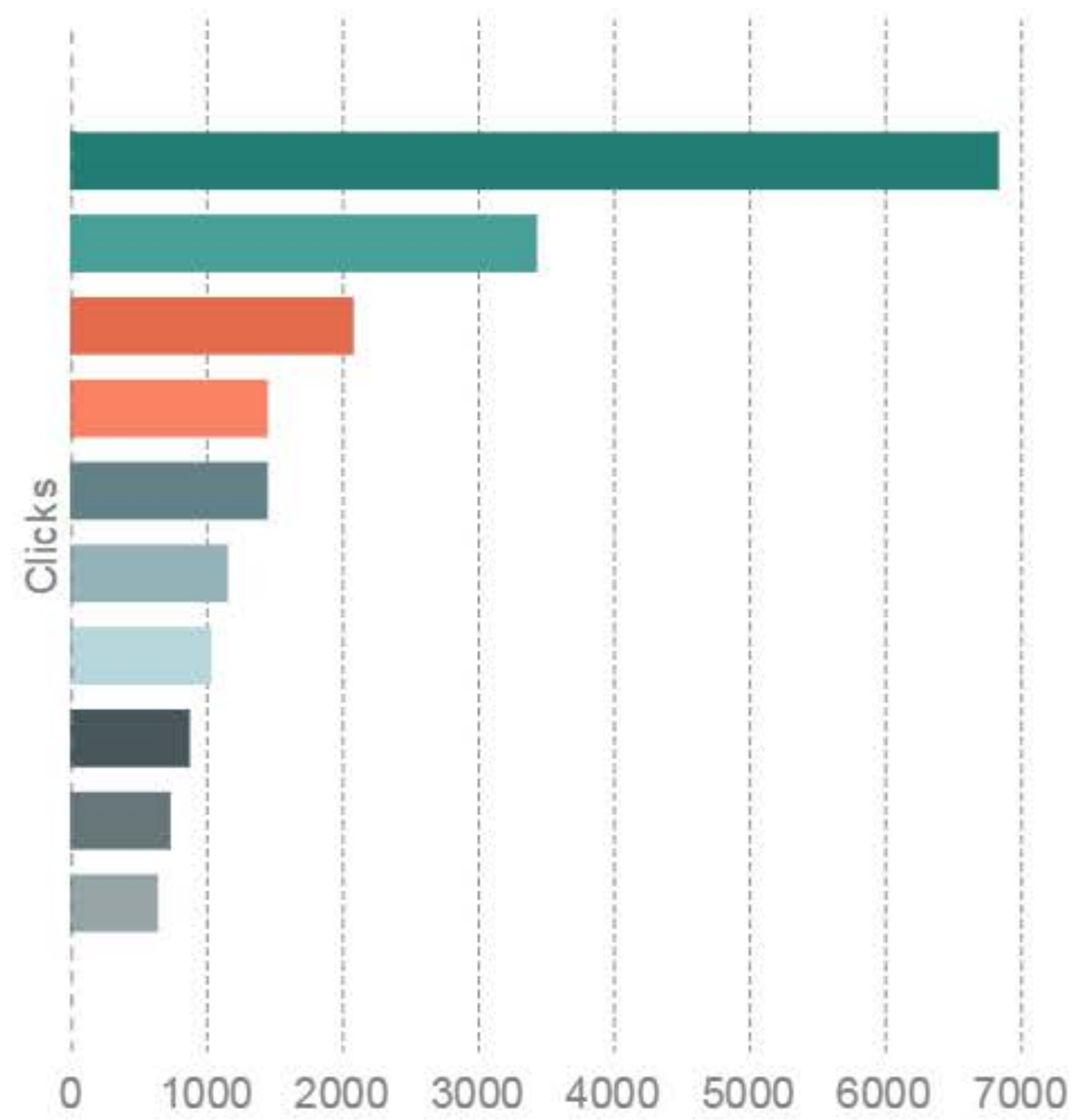
Top Journals from National Survey

- Journal of the Motherhood Initiative for Research and Community Involvement
- Signs
- Gender and Society
- Feminist Studies
- Frontiers: A Journal of Women's Studies
- Hypatia
- Feminist Formations
- GLQ: Gay and Lesbian Quarterly
- Journal of Women's History
- Women's Studies Quarterly

Of the top journals in the national survey, UT has complete paid access to all but one: Hypatia.

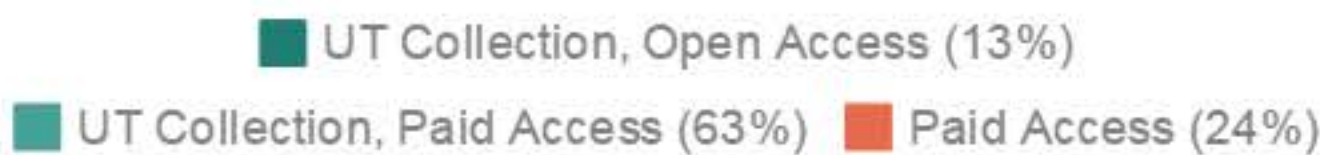
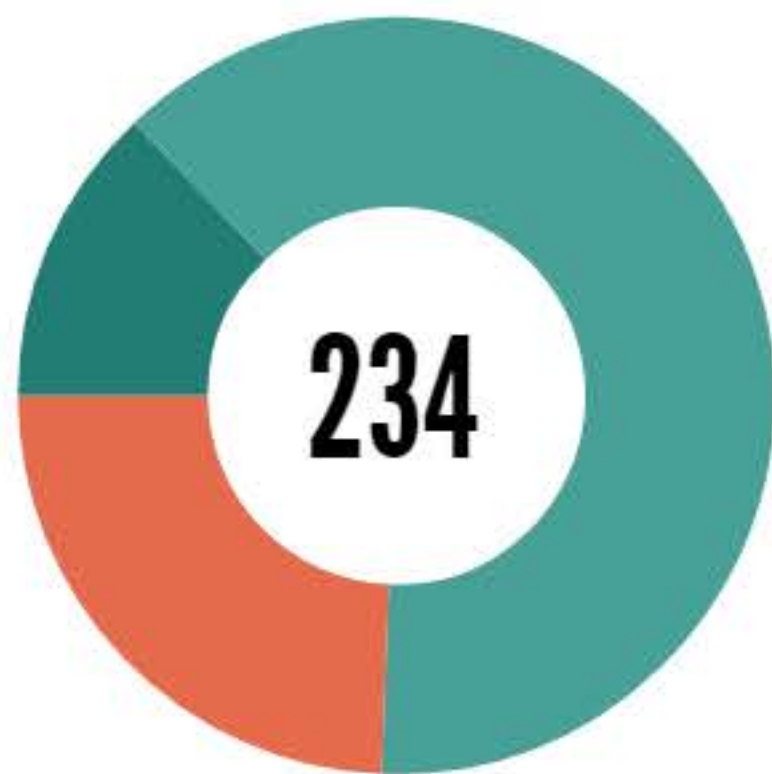
Top Journals in Women's, Gender, Feminist, LGBTQ, and Sexualities Studies, cont.

Top Ten Electronic Journals by UT Usage, 2012-2014



Data represents journals paid for by the UT Libraries' Gender Studies Fund.

WGS Journals Landscape



UT's collection is fairly comprehensive as related to the results of the survey and comparisons with Feminist Periodicals, a bibliography of recommended titles, and with high-ranking journals in the field as ranked by Google Scholar and SCImago. The collection could be strengthened in the area of LGBTQ and Sexualities studies, as evidenced by Interlibrary borrowing requests from the last two years.

Interdisciplinary Support for Paid Access Journals

UT Libraries allocates funds for collection development based on subject area. The 147 paid-access journals that UT Libraries already subscribes to are supported by funds from the following areas:

American Studies	History
Anthropology	Kinesiology/Health
Art	Law
Australian Studies	Linguistics
Biology	Maps
Business	Nursing
Caribbean Studies	Public Affairs
Education	Religion
English	Radio/TV/Film
Gender Studies	Sociology
General	Social Work
Germanic Languages	Theater/Dance
Hebrew Studies	



Open Access Journals in the UT Libraries Collection



These journals were published on open access models and are freely accessible on the Internet. Many of them are peer-reviewed. Twenty-one of them were already discoverable via the search feature on the UT Libraries website. My analysis uncovered an additional nine titles that have since been added to the search. This will make them more easily discoverable by UT users.

Titles Already Searchable in the Libraries Collection

Atlantis
 Biology of Sex Differences
 Canadian Journal of Sociology
 Feminist Africa
 Feminist Periodicals
 feminists@law
 Gender Forum
 Intersectionalities
 Journal of Feminist Scholarship
 Journal of Interdisciplinary Feminist Thought
 Medieval Feminist Forum
 MP an online feminist journal
 n.paradoxa
 Outskirts: feminisms along the edge
 Religion and Gender
 Review of Women's Studies
 S& F Online
 Sextures
 Studies in Social Justice
 Visual Culture and Gender
 Women in Judaism

Titles Added Recently

Ada: a Journal of Gender, Media, and New Technology
 Canadian Online Journal of Queer Studies in Education
 Age, Culture, Humanities
 Films for the Feminist Classroom
 InterAlia
 Journal for Research on Women and Gender
 Journal of Men, Masculinities, and Spirituality
 Studies in the Maternal
 Trivia: Voices of Feminism

Titles Recommended for Purchase

Culture, Health & Sexuality	\$1,420.00
Journal of Gender Studies	\$1,159.00
Australian Feminist Studies	\$1,071.00
Journal of Women, Politics and Policy	\$796.00
International Feminist Journal of Politics	\$774.00
Journal of GLBT Family Studies	\$738.00
Journal of Lesbian Studies	\$551.00
Journal of Bisexuality	\$444.00
Journal of LGBT Youth	\$431.00
Feminist Legal Studies	\$371.00
Studies in Gender and Sexuality	\$324.00
Journal of Women and Minorities in Science and Engineering	\$303.00
Journal of LGBT Issues in Counseling	\$282.00
Hypatia	\$277.00
NASPA Journal About Women in Higher Education	\$201.00

Cost estimates based on current vendor prices and can change. UT Libraries may be eligible for a discount on titles from certain publishers.

I recommend that these fifteen titles be added to the UT Libraries collection in support of campus scholarship in Women's, Gender, Feminist, LGBTQ, and Sexualities Studies. These titles were selected for their importance to the field, as evidenced by high impact factors, interlibrary borrowing requests initiated by UT students and faculty, and self-reported data from scholars.

Cost Sharing Support

We hope that the Center for Women's and Gender Studies will consider partnering with UT Libraries to support the cost of adding these journals to the library's collection. This is an important step in supporting campus research and scholarship in Women's, Gender, Feminist, LGBTQ, and Sexualities Studies. Working together, we can ensure that scholars working in these areas have access to a collection of journals that is complete, up to date, and supports their research.

Embargoed Access

UT Libraries users have partial access to the content of some scholarly journals through our subscriptions to databases. Because the library is not directly subscribing to the journal, this access is often embargoed by one to two years. For important journals in a field, it is often better to subscribe directly to the journal. This supports the journal and ensures that UT users have access to the most current articles.

Feminist Periodicals

Feminist Periodicals is a bibliography of feminist scholarly journals published quarterly by librarians at the University of Wisconsin.

Impact Factors

Journal impact factors are a measure of how much impact articles published in that journal have on the rest of the field. There are several different formulas that can be used to calculate impact factors, but they often take into account how often articles published in a given journal are cited and for how many years after they have been published.

Open Access

Journals and books published on an open access model make their content freely available to users, with no cost to use, print, or share the material. There are a variety of models for funding the publishing costs, but the end goal is that anyone can have access to research. These journals are often peer reviewed and can have high impact factors.

Subject Funds

UT Libraries' collection development budget is allocated into different funds based on subject area. The librarian responsible for each subject area chooses which books and journals should be purchased using the funds allocated to the area. They often work with faculty members to ensure that the titles chosen support current campus scholarship.



Sources

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