Five Databases You May Not Know About

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The UIC Library currently licenses over 300 databases across all disciplines. Below are some quick snapshots of some unusual databases you may not have used. If something appeals to you and/or falls in line with your research, give it a try. You can access all of these from our A-Z Database List.
http://researchguides.uic.edu/databases

**Ageline**

This database is produced by AARP and is searchable through the EBSCO interface. Over 200 journals, books, book chapters, and reports are indexed by AGELINE. This database covers issues related to aging from individual, national, and global perspectives. It includes health sciences, psychology, sociology, social work, economics, and public policy fields. A broad range of materials is included targeted to students, professionals, researchers, and the general public.

**EXAMPLE:** Searching for the keywords “advanced directives” and “caregivers” returns 104 citations include 50 articles, 5 dissertations, 46 books.

**Dirline**

Dirline is an online directory of health organizations provided by the US. Department of Health & Human Services. You can search this by an organization’s name or acronym, or by topic.

**EXAMPLE:** searching for Multiple Sclerosis provides 16 results including the Multiple Sclerosis Association of America and the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation. Each entry contains the organization’s main address, phone numbers, email, URL, type of organization, and an abstract describing the organization.

**EthxWeb**

This is a free online database produced by Georgetown University. Searching will retrieve citations to journal articles, book chapters, bills, laws, court decisions, reports, books and more that relate to bioethics.
EXAMPLE: searching for stem cell Parkinson returns 12 items including book chapters, newspaper articles, journal articles and a government report from the House of Lords, Great Britain. This is produced by Georgetown University so the call number and journal finder links are specific to that institution. However, they have provided a “find in a library” icon which links to WorldCat search to assist in finding the items at other libraries.

**Global Health**

This is a public health database focused on international health, biomedical life sciences, non-communicable diseases, public health nutrition, food safety and hygiene. It contains over a million records dating back to 1973. Its coverage includes journals, books, conference proceedings, and more.

EXAMPLE: A search on coronavirus and respiratory infections yields 151 results include 147 journal articles, 3 conference proceedings, two books, and one dissertation.

**PILOTS**

PILOTS stands for Published International Literature On Traumatic Stress. This database is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and provides citations to PTSD literature and other mental health issues related to traumatic events. It includes citations to journal articles, books, book chapters, dissertations, theses, reports, and working papers.

EXAMPLE: A search for the keyword “trance” yields 34 results including 22 journal articles, 10 books, and 2 dissertations.

If you would like more information or an instructional session on any of these, please contact your library liaison [http://library.uic.edu/lhs/about/liaisons](http://library.uic.edu/lhs/about/liaisons) or contact me.

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