Beyond Google

Another Look at Finding Government Information Online

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Agenda

- "Universal" search tips
- Federal Statistics and Data
- Digitized Historical Publications
- Deep web searching
- Q & A

"Universal" Truths

- Understanding the question & hurdle
- Information could be anywhere, nowhere, or everywhere
- The right tool for the good enough search
  - "Single" or "Meta"
- Advanced "search syntax"
  - Basic
  - Advanced
  - RegEx

Advanced Searching: Universal

- Use **<u>UPPERCASE</u>** to do Boolean searching
- Use parentheses to combine search terms
- Use – to have words not appear. They must be the last words
- Add **<u>site:domain</u>**
- Filetype: **<u>f</u>** (e.g. f:pdf)

Finding Federal Data and Statistics

Finding Data & Statistics

- [U.S. Census](#)
  - [Data.gov](#)
  - [State Data Center (SDC)](#)
  - [Missouri Census Data Center](#)
- Non-Government Sources
  - [ICPSR](#)
  - [iPUMS](#)

"Historical" Government Information

Born Tangible

- Non-existent or missing catalog records
- Non-existent or missing metadata

Born Digital

- Deadlinks
- Restricted access

Finding Aids

- [Internet Archive: Wayback Machine](#)
- [Hathi Trust: United States Federal Government Documents Registry](#)
- [UNT Libraries: CyberCemetery Home](#)
- [National Archives Catalog](#)
- [Library of Congress Online Catalog](#)

Alternative Search Engines

- [DuckDuckGo](#)
- [Dogpile](#)
- [IxQuick](#)

- ... [Google](#)

DuckDuckGo

- inbody **b:**
- intitle **t:**
- Filetype: **f** (e.g. f:pdf)

Google: Advanced Search Paramenters

- allintext:
- intext:
- allintitle:
- intitle:
- Asterisk for missing word

Recommended Reading

- Search Engine Watch. https://searchenginewatch.com/
- "Search Operators". *Google Guide.* http://www.googleguide.com/advanced_operators_reference.html.
- U.S. Census Bureau. (2002). *Measuring America : The decennial censuses from 1790 to 2000*. Washington, DC: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Economics and Statistics Administration, U.S. Census Bureau. http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS50135