Library Connections

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New branding for research consultations with librarians revealed—Take FLIGHT with a Librarian!

Who's that in the Library? Rebekah Baker, Evening & Weekend Supervisor

By Chelsea Post

We have several new faces at the Library this semester, and we'd like to introduce you to one of them: one of our Evening & Weekend Supervisors, Rebekah Baker. Below are her answers to a Q&A session; stop by and say hello!

Q: What made you choose to work at Eastern?

A: "Working at Eastern was actually my mom's idea. She did the online MBA program, and has brought me to campus so I could see where she went to school."

Q: What is your educational background?

A: "I graduated from Emory University in 2020 with a major in political science with a concentration in American Politics and a minor in history."

Q: Describe yourself in one word.

A: "Eclectic (I just really like the way that word sounds :))"

Q: What do you enjoy the most about your job?

A: "The aspect which I enjoy the most is seeing people gain confidence in their library skills. Whether it is students learning how to find sources for their research or student workers getting the hang of Library of Congress classification—I love helping people learn how to do things. My great-aunt, who I spent a lot of time with growing up, taught 8th grade for a long time so it's a quality that she's tried to instill in me."

Q: Name something people might not know about you (i.e. a "fun fact").

A: "When I was a teenager, I almost got stranded on top of a mountain. My family and I were hiking Mt. Washington, and almost missed the last shuttle back to the start of the trail. If we had gotten there 10 minutes later, we would've had to hike down in the dark."

Q: What do you like to do outside of the library, any hobbies?

A: "Most of my time outside of work is spent with my eleven-year-old pit bull mix, Sadie. We like going to the nature trail near my house- she's the best running and hiking buddy. When I can't be outside with her, you can find me in the yarn aisle at the craft store looking for supplies for my next knitting or crochet project."

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- **In-Person at the Information Desk**
- **Click the button on the library homepage and sign up**
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Reserve a Study Room

New section of the library stacks: Social/Racial Justice Collection

By Rebekah Baker

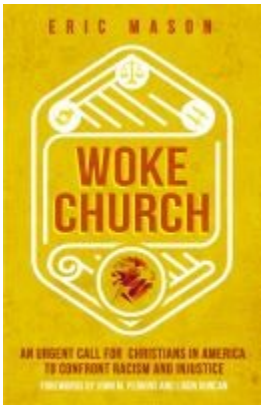
This year we have a new addition to our main stacks: the Social / Racial Justice Collection! Located on the main level, these four bookcases can be found between the computer area and the atrium.

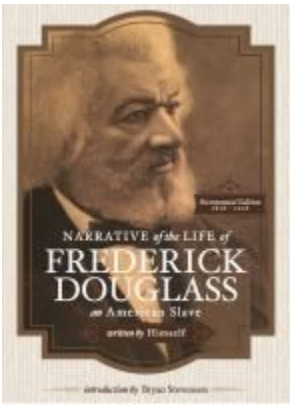
Like many colleges and universities, Eastern University recognized the need to respond to the racial reckoning that was happening in this country during the summer of 2021. As an institution, the university prides itself on a legacy of Biblical belief that is active in making the world a more righteous and just place. Within the campus community, Warner Memorial is included in the institutional commitment to social and racial justice. Library director Joy Dlugosz recognized the need for a creative response; and thus, the social & racial justice collection was born.

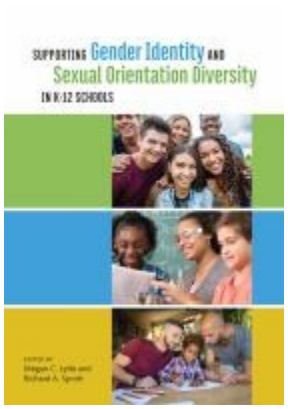
To make these materials most useful, we wanted to make them easily searchable. The stacks are organized by LC call number like the rest of the library. The digital catalog allows users to filter results by collection - just select "SOCIAL RACIAL JUSTICE."

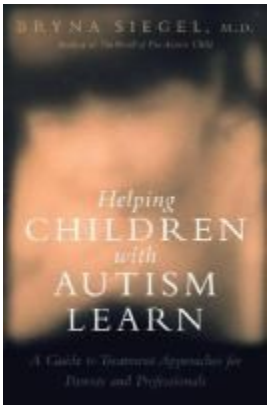
In curating the materials that make up the collection, it is important that there is a broad selection. For that reason, it includes children's and young adult materials in addition to DVDs from our media collection.

Encompassing a diverse array of titles and authors, these materials are united by a theme of addressing social issues. It includes resources on economic inequality, disability, sexuality, environmentalism and criminal justice. We have popular titles like *Woke Church* by Eric Mason and classics like *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*.









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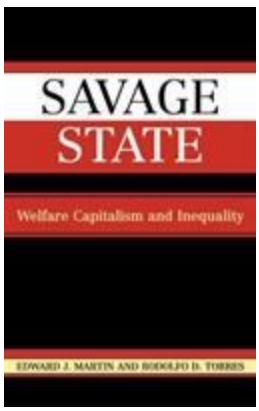

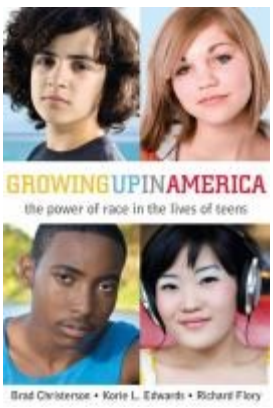

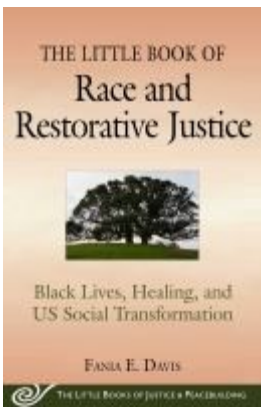

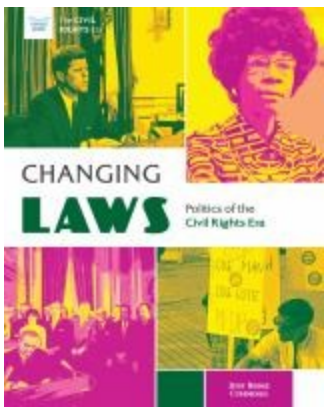

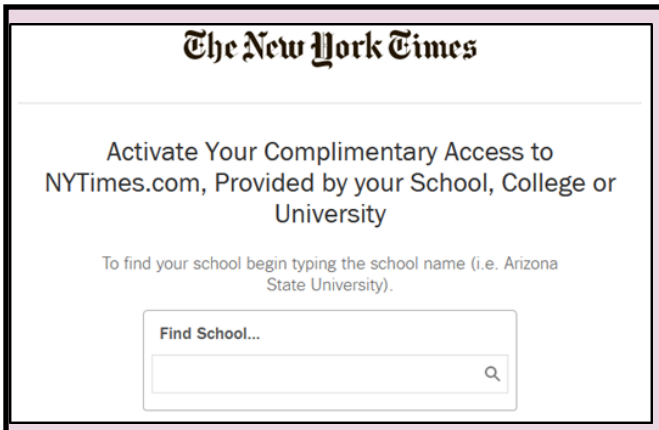

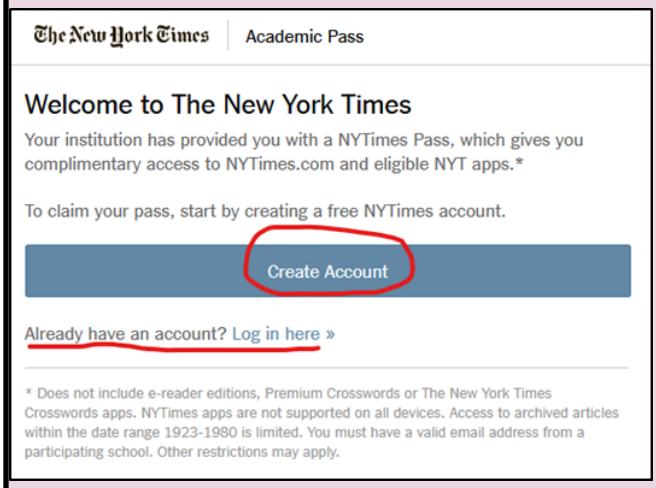

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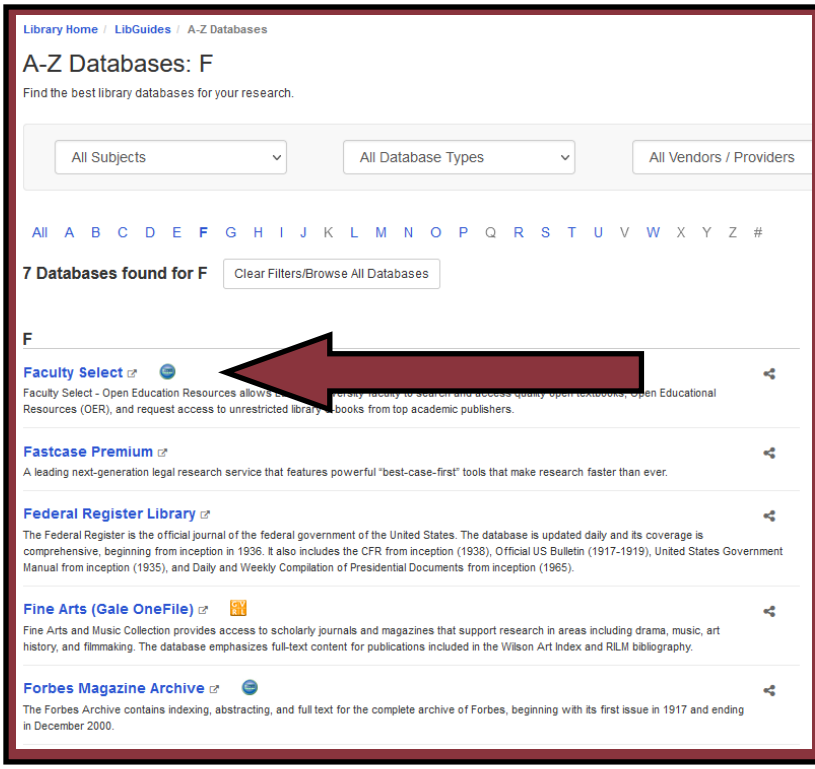

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New database added: World Bank Data

By Rebekah Baker

This semester we have acquired a new database: World Bank Data. The World Bank is a financial institution which provides resources to developing countries in order to aid their economy and society. Their data is sourced from their own analysis, self-reporting by various nations and other NGOs.

World Bank Data provides specially curated datasets which analyze indicators of a country and/or region's economic development. Users can browse topically or explore different collections.

Data can be used in various downloadable file formats in addition to viewing in Data Bank and WDI tables. Data Bank displays information in customizable tables, charts and maps. It also provides a summary of the countries and variables used in the analysis. The WDI tables tool displays World Development Indicators in a spreadsheet format listed by country and includes special categories of global regions and income brackets.

Additional features of Data Bank include links to other open access databases, the ability to create and save reports using data from the website, access to reports made by other databank users to help structure your own, a place for users to save datasets when compiling sources, and a list of key terms to explain commonly used variables.

The WDI collection also includes key data points across focus areas; Poverty and shared prosperity; People; Environment; Economy; States and markets; and Global links.

In addition to the breadth of data available, a great functionality of the World Bank Data database is its graphs and charts which provide eye-catching and easy to understand analysis.

Keep in touch with all the library's updates on the following social media!

UPDATED HOURS FOR THANKSGIVING TO CHRISTMAS BREAK!

Library OPEN on November 23 from 8AM-5PM
Library CLOSED from November 24-28 for Thanksgiving Break
Library on normal hours from November 29-December 9
Library on Finals hours from December 10-17 (see below)
Library begins Christmas break hours on December 18 (see below)

Finals Hours (12/10-17)

Friday: 8AM-9PM
Saturday: 10AM-9PM
Sunday: 2PM-Midnight
Monday-Thursday: 8AM-Midnight

Christmas Break hours (12/18-23)

Saturday: CLOSED
Sunday: CLOSED
Monday-Friday: 8AM-5PM

Don't forget to return your items before the end of the semester!

Use either the indoor or outdoor drop slot to return your library materials before they're due!

Hint: Finals Week is ideal...