JSTOR Alive and Well at Cornell — Check It Out!

By Mary Iber

Cornell faculty and students now have access to all the titles that JSTOR offers, thanks to Dimensions providing the significant start-up fees. JSTOR is a full-text PDF archive of over 582 titles, and it is growing. There is a rolling wall, so most titles will not have the most recent 3-5 years. Since most of our other databases do not index titles more than 20 years into the past and frequently do not provide full text, JSTOR fills a huge void.

Your librarian would be happy to work with you to help you get acquainted with the options available.

Try it out by clicking on JSTOR on the library’s home page. Click on Search, then Advanced Search, then look below the search boxes to see the disciplines covered. Choose the area(s) of interest to you and try a search.

Got Data! ICPSR Data Sets Available at Cornell

By Mandy Swygart-Hobaugh

The library now has a subscription to ICPSR—the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, thanks to the Economics and Business Initiative. ICPSR is accessible from the Research by Topic—Social Sciences page.

ICPSR provides access to an archive of social science data, valuable for faculty and student research as well as instructional purposes. You can search by keyword or browse by subject area for data files that can be downloaded and analyzed via SPSS, SAS, STATA, and Excel (smaller files only). Over 200 of the data files are equipped for online data analysis—useful for quick statistical analysis exercises that do not require downloading entire data sets.

Questions about ICPSR can be directed to either Amanda Swygart-Hobaugh or Jessica Johanningmeier.
Technology Tips—Customizing Your Email Inbox

By Annette Beck

When you use Outlook to check your e-mail, would it be convenient to know which messages were sent only to you? In addition, would it be helpful to immediately recognize emails from certain people? There are ways to use Outlook in order to get a sense of what has arrived in your inbox.

You can determine which messages were addressed only to you by color-coding them. You can also color-code messages from particular senders. Doing so allows you to sort these more individualized messages from the other messages you receive and perhaps help you prioritize your replies.

Under the Tools menu in Outlook, the Organize feature allows you to do both. To enable these features, complete these steps:

- Under Ways to Organize Inbox, click Using Colors.
- After Color messages, choose from and a frequent sender of your choice. Choose your color and click Apply Color.
- After Show messages sent only to me in, choose your color and click Turn on.

Challenges of Reading Research Articles

By Jessica Johanningmeier

Many classes require students to read research articles. This can be challenging for students, especially the first time they do it. Three of the most difficult tasks are reading the tables and graphs, following a detailed method, and understanding the statistical language used to give the results.

A brief overview of what students should expect to find in a research article can be helpful for them. This could include telling the students what to look for in each section of the article, pointing out that information in tables is also in the text, and specifying which statistics to focus on.

Jessica Johanningmeier in the Quantitative Reasoning Studio is available to talk to your classes about these methods, as well as to consult with students individually if they are struggling with reading research articles.