THINK BEFORE SEARCHING

- What are you being asked to do?
- What is the deadline?
- What does the end product look like?
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Spend time on background and search strategies before the search so you spend less time completing the search process.
START AT LAW LIBRARY
HOME PAGE

http://www.law.ucdavis.edu/library

Where you can find:

- Articles
- Books
- Databases

For remote access log on through the VPN FIRST
CHAPTER OR ARTICLE?

Erin Murphy, How to herd law students, 43 U.C. Davis Law Review, 144 (2009)

Erin Murphy, A Librarian’s Guide to Surviving Law School, in Law Librarian’s Survival Guide 90 (Peg Durkin ed., 2008)
ASSIGNMENT 1:

Find law review articles on Wexis

- Articles can be 50-100 pages so use terms & connectors (see advanced search on WestlawNext), use date restrictions
- If you find a relevant older article then Keycite/Shepardize to get newer ones
- Coverage is typically from mid-1980s – current
- Take citation to Heinonline for PDF version to send to professor
- If asked to get a particular article, go straight to Heinonline
  - SSRN for to-be-published articles
ASSIGNMENT 2:
FIND BOOKS ON A TOPIC

- Books are a great resource! (And we don’t just say that because we are librarians – really.)
- MORT is our catalog
- Melvyl is UCs’ catalog
- Use “title” field only if you know the title
- Use “keyword” to do a topic search
ASSIGNMENT 3:
FIND X = WE LOVE GOOGLE!

- You’re not searching all of the web as it exists today
- Put phrases in quotation marks
  “Law of the Seas” + treaty v. AROUND v. NEAR
- Advanced Search: limit by domain name or format (i.e. pdf)
- Evaluate results: accuracy, authority, currency, bias
ASSIGNMENT 4:
FIND ARTICLES ABOUT WORKING CLASS ATTITUDES RE: HIGHER EDUCATION (LEGAL EDUCATION)

- Faculty research increasingly interdisciplinary (psychology, sociology, political science)
- Find articles in niche journals to get different perspectives/other resources
- Find news articles to get contextual information, mentions of report/studies
- Blogs can be great but evaluate!!
ASSIGNMENT 5:
FIND THE PDFs OF THESE CITATIONS

- If law related, go to Heinonline and use Citation Navigator
- If non-law related, go to A-Z journal list on right hand side of library home page
RECAP OF RESEARCH TIPS

- Be creative with search terms
- Read the search screen
- Use any limiters that are available
- Read “search tips” or “help”
- Research log