Gender Studies Collection Development Policy

Purpose of the Collection
The Gender Studies collection primarily supports research and instructional activities within the gender studies minor. Attention is also given to the research and instructional activities of affiliated departments, programs, and faculty.

Academic Department/Program Description
The Sarah Isom Center for Women and Gender Studies offers a gender studies minor, an interdisciplinary course of study that will help students understand how and why notions of "masculinity" and "femininity" have changed at different times and in different cultures. Analysis of gender also includes attention to other social categories, such as race, ethnicity, class, nationality, ability, age, and sexual orientation. Students may choose to pursue an optional emphasis on sexuality within the gender studies minor. Students can select from a variety of cross-listed courses.

Subject Parameters
Collection priorities include works related to the role women, men, and cisgender people play in scholarship across disciplines. LGBT, feminism and gender issues are covered, with special attention given to social justice issues and issues concerning intersectionality, genders and sexualities, and productive and reproductive labors.

Scope
Subjects
Writers and literary criticism is primarily collected by the English literature liaison.

Geographical Coverage
Geographic coverage is global; emphasis is placed on women in America and more specifically the American South.

Language
English is the primary language of the collection. English translations will also be acquired. Foreign language materials are collected by the Modern Languages library liaison.

Chronological Limits/Period Coverage
Emphasis is on current research and developments. No strict time limit is imposed on any materials. Retrospective materials will also be purchased.

Types of Materials Collected
University press research monographs are widely acquired. Scholarly research from trade, small and alternative presses are selectively acquired. Selected scholarly databases, journals, and media are also acquired.

Formats
Print and eBooks selection is made on a case-by-case basis. Print and eBooks selection is made on a case-by-case basis; online access to academic journals is strongly preferred.

Appendices

Policy Last Updated: November 2017
• Library Bill of Rights:  
  http://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/librarybill
• Freedom to Read Statement:  
  http://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/statementspols/freedomreadstatement
• People’s Right to Libraries:  
  http://www.njla.org/content/peoples-rights-libraries
• The First Amendment:  
  http://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/censorshipfirstamendmentissues/firstamendment