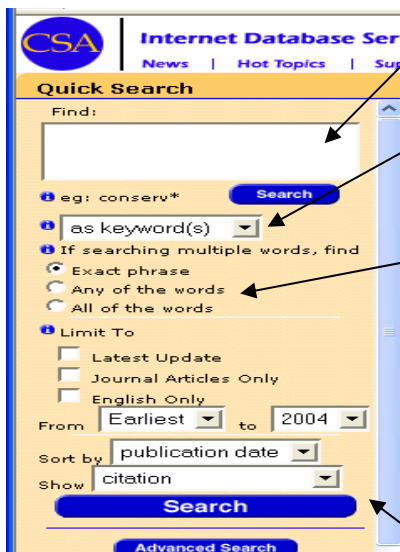


# Searching the PsycINFO Database

PsycINFO provides access to international literature in psychology, cognitive science, and related disciplines. Coverage is from 1840-present and includes citations and abstracts to journal articles, book chapters, books, reports, theses and dissertations. Many journal articles are available online (full-text.) PsycINFO is a department of the American Psychological Association (APA.)

From the Social Sciences and Humanities Library webpage (sshl.ucsd.edu), click SSHL Databases A-Z, then the letter P, and then click on PsycINFO Database.

## Quick Search



Type a single word or multiple words into the search box.

Use this drop-down menu to select which part of the record you want to search. **Keywords** searches the title, abstract, descriptor, and identifier fields. **Anywhere** searches all fields of a record.

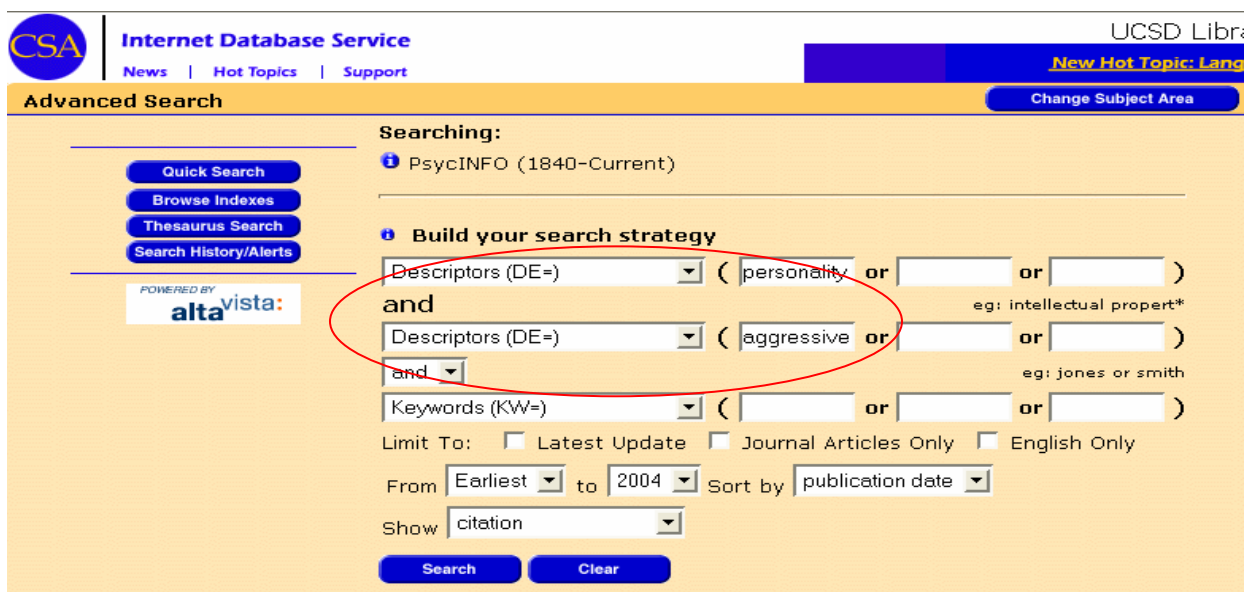
If searching multiple words:

- Choose **Exact Phrase** to find records that contain all words immediately adjacent as entered (e.g., personality traits.)
- Choose **Any of the Words** to find records that contain one or more words (e.g., gender sex.)
- Choose **All of the Words** to find records that contain all words entered, not necessarily adjacent (e.g., cognition children will search for cognition AND children.)

Click **Search**.

## Advanced Search

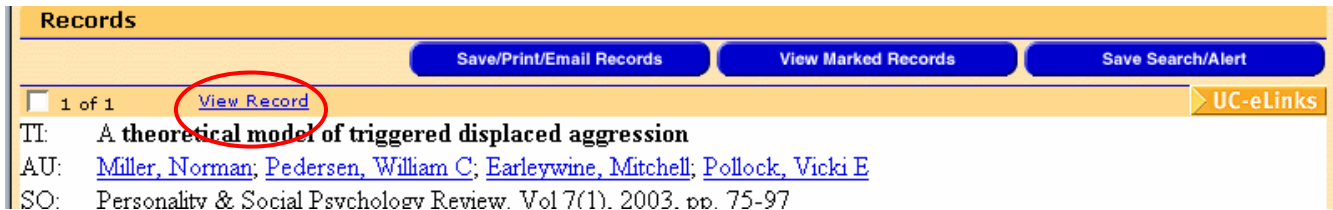
To do complex searches such as combining terms, click on Thesaurus Search to see if your terms are listed as descriptors (subject headings.) Note: Descriptor searching is more precise than Keyword searching, but if your term is not listed as a Descriptor, search your term as a Keyword. You can also conduct searches using both Descriptors and Keywords.



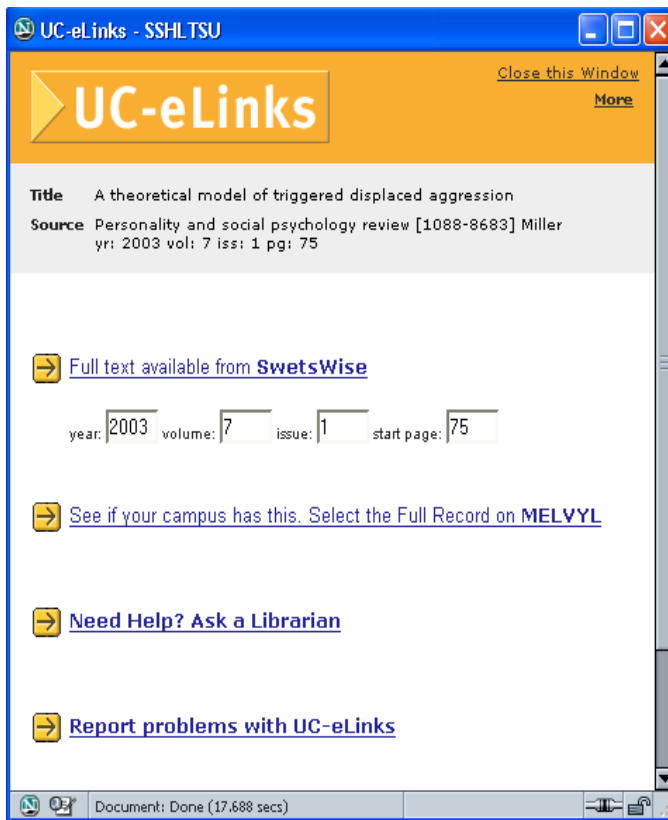
For assistance with **Advanced Search**, ask for help at the Social Sciences & Humanities Library Reference Desk.

## View Record

Click on **View Record** to see the full record which includes the **abstract (summary)**, **publication type**, **population descriptors** which were assigned to this record, etc.



## UC-eLinks



### Journal article:

- If the journal article is available online (full-text) you will be linked to the article.
- If the journal article is not available online, you can check the ROGER Catalog to find out if the UCSD Libraries owns the journal in print.
- If the library does not own the journal, you may request the journal article through Interlibrary Loan.

### Book:

- Most books are not yet available online; however, check the ROGER Catalog to find out if the UCSD Libraries owns a copy of the book.

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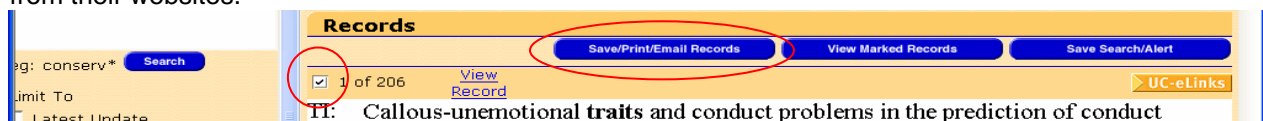
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### Dissertations:



- Full-text UC dissertations from 1997-present and abstracts for dissertations from 1980-present are included in the Digital Dissertations database.

## SAVE/PRINT/EMAIL Records

Save records in a list for printing or emailing by marking the box next to the record numbers. Then click on **Save/Print/Email Records**. *Note:* This function does not apply to full-text online journal articles; email or print those directly from their websites.



## Help

For general help with **PsycINFO**, click on the small  button next to the database name **PsycINFO**. For help with a specific function, click on  next to that function.