

AI and Ethics

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AI and Privacy

Things to consider:

- What data are companies using to train their AI models?
 - AI and privacy in the news
- AI integration into operating systems:
 - Impact on encrypted apps and any app with personal data/login information.
- For libraries:
 - Monitor license agreements and documentation.
 - Is the AI model training on user prompts? What happens to user data?
 - Gather staff feedback and make collective decisions on new tools.
 - Opt out options

AI's Environmental Impact

- Chip manufacturing
 - Frequency of chip replacement
- Data Centers
 - Use of potable water
 - Use of electricity
- Energy usage per prompt (text, image, and video)
- Considerations for libraries?

AI and Bias

- Generative AI tools have significant biases - including racism and sexism - hard-coded into their algorithms and source data
- Opaque, “black box” nature of most AI makes it impossible to directly examine their code and data for bias
- Bias must be evaluated indirectly by analyzing outputs generated
- Scholars such as Dr. Safiya Noble, Dr. Joy Buolamwini, and Dr. Tiera Tanksley have published and presented extensive research on bias in AI

AI and Copyright

Lawsuits over legislation - Generative AI Copyright Disclosure Act of 2024 has not advanced past the initial committee stage in Congress

Cases to watch

- New York Times v Microsoft & OpenAI
- Authors Guild v. OpenAI
- Andersen, et al. v. Stability AI, Midjourney, and DeviantArt
- Nielsen's Gracenote v. OpenAI (filed March 2026)

Transparency

- Journal publishers, scholarly societies, and many academic institutions call for transparency around gen AI use
- Promoting the only known published discipline / publisher-agnostic framework for AI Disclosure: AID Framework by Kari Weaver
- European Council of Research Integrity adoption as international standard - see <https://council.science/our-work/ai-disclosure-in-research/>
- AID statement builder: <https://aidframework.org/>
- [Exercise](#)

hi there, I need to create an annotated bibliography for an English research methods course. I'm supposed to use humanities research methods for my topic, but my topic is a social sciences topic - specifically the relationship between LGBTQ identities and housing insecurity in Salem, OR. Can you help me find sources for my paper?

Of course. This is a classic challenge in interdisciplinary work, but it's definitely solvable. Your topic is compelling, and you can absolutely approach it using humanities research methods. The key is to shift your focus from *quantitative data* (like statistics on housing insecurity) to *qualitative evidence* (like personal stories, language, and cultural narratives).

Here's a breakdown of how to approach this, along with suggestions for finding the right kinds of sources for your annotated bibliography.

Reframing Your Topic for a Humanities Lens

Instead of proving a correlation with numbers, you'll be exploring the *lived experiences* and *cultural context* of the issue. Think about questions like:

Thank you!

