# Casting a Wider Net

Fishing in New (Data) Streams to Find the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Wherever it Might be Hiding

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## Where does SoTL get disseminated?

- Articles in SoTL journals
- Articles in education journals
- Articles in discipline journals
- Conference proceedings
- Theses
- Books
- University newsletters



# What's the best way to find it?

- big 'umbrella' tools:
  - Google Scholar/Google Books
  - Mendeley
- education databases
- discipline databases



# Why Google Scholar?

- Searches across disciplines
- Searches every word
- Picks up what databases miss



## Make the most of Google Scholar

- Check to see if your library has a link
- Use 'Preferences' to show your library's holdings
- Use 'Cited by' to expand your search
- "Quotes go around phrases" also works for names
- Use allintitle: or intitle:
- Use advanced search tricks
- Set up alerts
- Keep track of keywords



## **Searching Google**

- Use allintitle:
- Use site:edu for US academic sites
- Use site:edu.au for Australian, site:ac.uk for UK
- Use this to search Canadian academic sites:

http://tinyurl.com/cdnacademic



# **Searching education databases**

- **⇒** ERIC
- Education Research Complete
- Dissertation Abstracts



## Searching databases in your discipline

- Use terms beyond SoTL, e.g. student\* and "group work" and learn\* and concept\*
- Get to know which journals publish SoTL



## Searching Mendeley - http://mendeley.org

- Searching resources found and shared by others
- Search with statements like:

+teaching +mathematics +"group work"

title: teaching mathematics



## **Using Mendeley**

- Organize what you find
- Mark up your documents
- Cite relatively painlessly
- Share what you find across groups
- Disseminate your work



# Mendeley – Three part harmony

- Mendeley Web
- Mendeley Desktop
- Mendeley Cite-O-Matic

#### **Mendeley Web**

For finding, tagging and sharing materials

#### **Mendeley Desktop**

For working with citations and reference lists

**Mendeley Cite-O-Matic** 

For citations and references



## **Mendeley Web**

- Download other pieces here Desktop and Cite-O-Matic
- Dashboard set up your profile
- My Library what you've saved
- Papers what everyone in Mendeley has saved



## **My Library**

- Filter and search by tags, authors, etc.
- Access your PDFs and links
- Manage groups, add materials to groups
- Papers what everyone in Mendeley has saved



## **Mendeley Desktop**

- Drag PDF files from your desktop into Mendeley and magic happens
- Clean up citation info, add notes and tags
- Open sources to add highlights and sticky notes
- Email annotated versions to colleagues
- Colleagues' annotations and notes appear in different colours
- Remember to synchronize as you go



## **Mendeley Cite-O-Matic**

- Lives in Word toolbar
- Insert citation takes you to Mendeley desktop to select source
- Insert bibliography adds references for everything you've cited
- Choose from a range of formats
- ▶ YOU STILL HAVE TO CHECK YOUR CITATIONS
  - -but it's more accurate than most



## Making Mendeley work with Google Scholar

- This requires your Import to Mendeley button in the browser
- Search Google Scholar
- Click Import to Mendeley
- → Import from this screen

You can also import from other databases but I find saving a PDF to the desktop and dragging it into Mendeley Desktop easiest. More Mendeley info can be found on their site and here: <a href="http://libguides.ucalgary.ca/Mendeley">http://libguides.ucalgary.ca/Mendeley</a>.



Thank you!

Questions?

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