

PROFILE

KAREN

Faculty, History and Library Science
Small Private East Coast University

After recently publishing a book (which took 30 years to complete), she is now starting work on her next book, focused on Operation Breakthrough, George Romney, and the Detroit Fair Housing movement.

CURRENT WORK

Scanning books about pre-Watergate Nixon for references of George Romney. This is to gain proper context for her study.

UNIQUE EXPERTISE

She knows how to laser focus in on what she needs. She is able to review lengthy books in less than 5 minutes by targeting just the narrow topic she cares about.

TOOLS I USE

APPLICATIONS USED



Preview



Word

WEBSITES USED

- Library website
- WorldCat
- JSTOR
- EBSCO
- ProQuest
- Google

DEVICES USED



SUPPLIES



“I don’t have a smartphone, I have a dumb phone”.

STUDY LOCATIONS

Library and office on campus. Her apartment.

ARCHIVE TRAVEL

National Historical Archive, Washington DC.
State Archives, Michigan and Massachusetts



BREAK

Visit with family in Boston.



HOW I WORK

HOW I FIND RESOURCES



Keyword search in WorldCat Library catalog Scan the stacks



Review of conference materials. (Order forms). Library catalog Scan the stacks

HOW I EVALUATE



Scan TOC and index for topics or people relevant to her focus

Read a few pages

HOW I USE A MONOGRAPH



Take photos of relevant pages

Print pages

Read and mark relevant sections

Add to her writing

File Prints

“When you go to the archive the clock is running.”

She uses newspapers and popular magazines from a given era to “understand what the average person was reading.”

WHAT I CHOOSE

CITATION MINING

She flips from TOC to Index and the select pages. She is comfortable doing this in a physical book.



EXTRACTING SPECIFIC INFO

She marks the book or copies with pen then types out the points to be made in a word document.



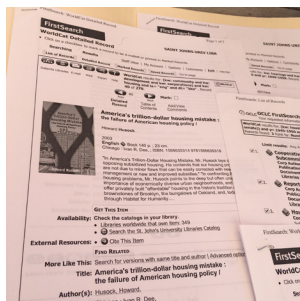
CLOSE READING

She always reads the physical book or a print out of select pages.



REUSING -OR- REVISITING A TEXT

Physical file cabinets are her primary way of organizing research sources.



Finishing this book was “a herculean effort.”

