The Government Publications Library is a regional depository of the U.S. government. This means that we receive most titles published by the federal government. It is also a United Nations depository, a European Union Depository, a State of Colorado depository, and has significant collections of state, foreign and international materials. In addition, the library collects technical reports issued in microfiche by the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), a self-supporting agency of the federal government.

Chinook includes records for federal publications, most from 1976 to the present. Selected international and foreign publications have been cataloged from 1989 on. Much of our material, however, is not in Chinook. In the department, we have various print and electronic tools to identify and locate these publications.

Online Census Information

- Measuring America: The Decennial Census from 1790 to 2000  
  http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS50135  This is a guide to the decennial census, it includes the questions asked for all the censuses. It also has a nice guide in the back showing when a particular question was asked.

- Guide to Census Information  http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/govpubs/gd/census.htm  The census is available in the library in a variety of formats, many of them uncataloged. This is a guide, by state and year to the census information available in our collection. This is only a guide to the decennial census, it contains only a few of the special reports. For a comprehensive list of census publications, check out Bureau of the Census, Catalog of Publications, 1790-1972, available in the Government Publications Index area under C 56.222/2-2:790-972.

- American Factfinder  http://factfinder.census.gov/  This is the Bureau of Census web site for census data from 1990 and 2000. It also contains data from the American Community Survey, Annual Population Estimates, and Economic Census.

- Race Data  http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/race.html  This is the Bureau of Census web site on race data, it links to sources for data as well as briefs and reports which provides analysis of racial data.

- Census CDs  http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/govpubs/lan/census.htm  This is a list of the census CDs we have available on computers in the Government Publications library. Data are available for the 1970 census forward.

Direct link to this handout:  http://ucblibraries.colorado.edu/govpubs/handouts/ETHN3500.pdf
Direct link to blog entry for this class:  http://cubgovpubs.blogspot.com/2006/03/research-methods-in-ethnic-studies.html