

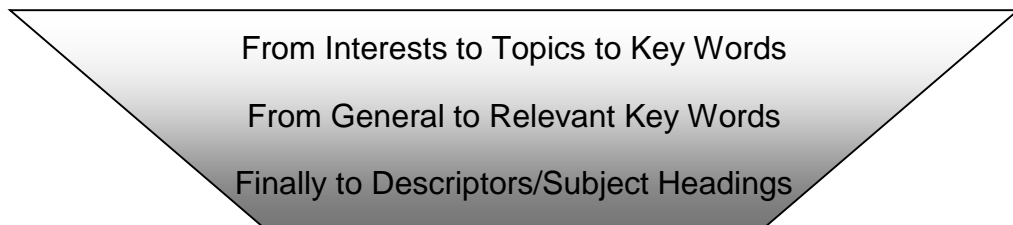
Finding Research Sources Starting from Ground Zero

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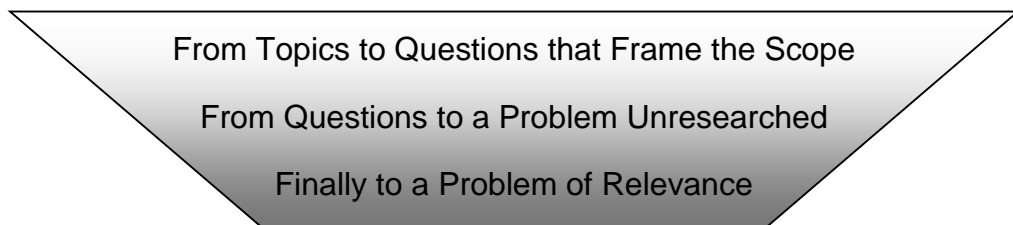
From Topics to Questions to Problems to Sources

[From Booth, Colomb, & Williams. (1995) *The Craft of Research*, chs. 3-6.]

Use interests to find topics for potential research. The first movement is from an interest to a broad subject area which must then be narrowed to a plausible topic. The narrowed plausible topic can be found by building a bridge between a) the program's social research requirements, b) what can be accomplished within the limits of your research opportunity, and c) advances your calling to make a difference within your professional field. Remember that faith-learning integration will also need to be done in the process.



The second movement is from a plausible topic which must then be narrowed to a problem of relevance.



The third movement is from a relevant problem to the literature review process to identify the right sources.

