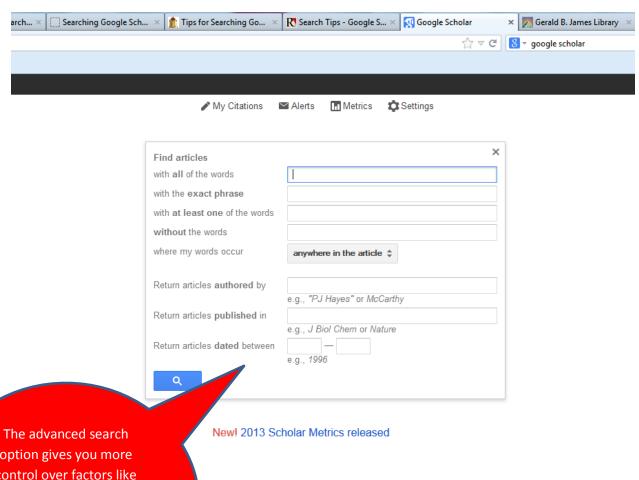
# **Quick Tips for Searching**

Google Scholar (<a href="http://scholar.google.com/">http://scholar.google.com/</a>)

#### WHY USE GOOGLE SCHOLAR?

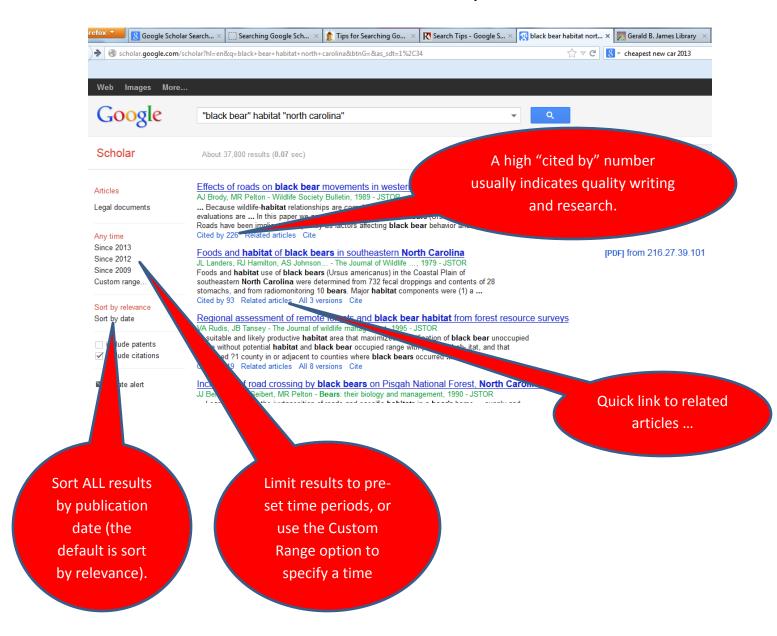
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The advanced search option gives you more control over factors like publication date, author name(s), search terms and phrases, and words to exclude from search results.

#### **Search Results Details and Options**



#### **More Search Tips**

Remove "noise" words and type in the most important search terms:

Instead of typing in "Are female engineers compensated as well as male engineers", try "female engineers pay". If results are limited, try similar nouns (compensation ...) to increase results.

## Re-arrange search terms for different results

In Google, word order affects search results. Changing "North Carolina 2005 drunk driving deaths" to "drunk driving deaths 2005 North Carolina" will alter the number of results and order of results.

### Eliminate useless or unwanted results with a minus sign

A search for "Asian immigrants educational attainment" turned up many results that included marriage data. Changing the search to "asian immigrant educational attainment –marriage" eliminates the unwanted material from search results.

# Limit results by filetype

Included a filetype limit in your search statement to limit results to one type of media file; try "filetype:pdf", "filetype:ppt", etc.

#### Use AND to search within search results

If your initial search statement turns up too many results or seems imprecise, enclose the original search statement in brackets, then add AND along with an additional search term or phrase in quotes; "drunk driving united states teenagers" is revised to ("drunk driving" "united states" teenagers) AND "annual fatalities"