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Forging the Future

Connecting Research to Communities

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Research for Practical Policy Solutions

COVID-19 and Minority Health Disparities in NYS Engaged Researchers Working Group

- Partnerships (NYSDOH, Northwell, other community orgs)
- Issue brief published
- Final report published
- White paper collection in Scholars Archive
- Other original research
Connecting Scholarship with Non-Academic Readers

Forthcoming book chapter (2023)


ENY/ACRL poster (2022)

● *Beyond the academy: Readership and impact of a white paper collection*

ALA poster (2022)

● *Beyond the academy: Connecting research and policy*

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Survey

Information Users in State Government & Nonprofit Organizations (NYS)

Spring 2022

What information sources are most important?
Where do they look for information?
What factors affect how they look for information?
Importance of Information Sources

- News
- Polices, Procedures
- Websites
- Government information
- Journal Articles
- Social Media
- Magazines
- Books and e-books
- Blogs

Legend:
- MOST
- SOMETHAT
- LEAST
How Users Find Information for Their Work

- Web search engine (e.g., Google, Google Scholar, Bing, etc)
- News (print, broadcast, or online)
- Government agency or department websites
- Other publications (e.g., newsletters, trade publications, etc.)
- Nonprofit or NGO websites
- Direct requests to individuals
- Legislative body websites
- My organization's subscription database(s)
- RSS or alerts
- Archives
- University repositories
- Other freely available legal information websites
- Other government websites
- Court websites
- Library search (e.g., academic library, public library, state library, etc)
- Subject repositories
- Other
Most Important Qualities

1. Available free online
2. Contains the most current information available
3. Produced by an author or institution I trust
4. Easy for me to read and understand
5. Published in a peer-reviewed journal
6. Includes visual aids, such as graphs or photos
7. Short enough for me to read quickly
When I encounter a Paywall I...

- Do not search further for a copy
- Request a copy through ILL
- Request a copy from my professional network
- Request a copy from the author
- Search the Web for a free version
- Pay for access

Legend:
- Always
- Frequently
- Sometimes
- Rarely
- Never
Future Research

- Repeat survey
- Qualitative content analysis
- Alternative formats