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GUEST SPEAKER

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TOPIC

How to find information in chemistry from the resources of the NJIT Library

ABSTRACT

The aim of this seminar is to familiarize students with the scholarly communication process and many print and online sources of information in chemistry and related disciplines. Graduate students come to NJIT with different levels of information seeking skills. As students progress at NJIT, they will develop skills to find information needed for their courses and research. I will show how the scientific method can be used to develop a strategy to efficiently find information which must be evaluated for relevance. I will emphasize the use of Scifinder and Scopus the two best databases to find journal articles in chemical engineering and related disciplines. Students will be invited to present search questions so that I may show how strategies are developed. I will also show several research guides that I have compiled in chemistry related disciplines. There will be follow up sessions with small groups of students to answer specific questions not covered in the large seminar.

BIOGRAPHY

Bruce Slutsky has been a technical reference librarian at NJIT since September 1992. He is the library liaison for chemistry, chemical engineering, civil and environmental engineering, physics and materials science. In this role he regularly teaches students and faculty to use the print and electronic resources provided by the library. He worked as a librarian/information specialist for Schering Corporation, the New York Public Library and St. John's University before he came to NJIT. He is active in the American Chemical Society Division of Chemical Information and the Career Consultants Program. Since 2000 he has been the Convener of a Science Librarians Special Interest Group affiliated with the Metropolitan New York Library Council. He recently published articles in Science and Technology Libraries and The Reference Librarian.