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*The Digital Fundraising Book* American Bar Association  
 Publisher's description: After the glamour of working in the field is over, you now face the daunting challenge of transforming your field notes and interview tapes into a completed study. But where do you start? In *Transforming Qualitative Data*, Harry F. Wolcott guides you through the process of completing your research study. Beginning with an introductory chapter that presents his views on ethnography, he explores the transformation process by breaking it down into three related activities: description, analysis, and interpretation. To illustrate each point, he critically examines his own work, using nine of his previous studies as illustrations. Then he shows you how to learn--and to teach--qualitative research by applying the three principles outlined in the volume. Written with the usual wit and brilliance shown in Wolcott's work, *Transforming Qualitative Data* is a major statement on doing research by one of the master ethnographers of our time.

### How Women Decide

John Wiley & Sons  
 What happens when a Prospect Researcher moves from a higher education advancement army of data analysts and researchers to strike out on her own at a community non-profit? Sole Searcher learns how to deal and even thrive. Learn more about how Preeti handled her first years in this new and exciting role. She did a bit of everything, from crafting profile templates to handing out name cards at donor events. She suffered through silence at strategy sessions, cleansed a bloated prospect pipeline and bid farewell to a great fundraiser. She traveled to hang with other researchers, hated on big data and then eventually learned to like it. Then came all the data (or lack thereof) on women, her best philanthropic prospects. As forewarned by colleagues, being Sole Searcher was both fun and frustrating. Prospect Researchers in shops of all sizes will identify with her challenging adventures. Fundraisers and other advancement professionals in the back office will also relate to Sole Searcher.

### Major Donors

Allyn & Bacon  
 Despite 21st-century fears of a modern "epidemic" of loneliness, its history has been sorely neglected. *A Biography of Loneliness* is the first history of its kind to be published in English, offering a radically new interpretation of loneliness as an emotional language and experience. Using letters and diaries, philosophical tracts, political discussions, and medical literature from the eighteenth century to the present, historian of the emotions Fay Bound Alberti argues that loneliness is not an ahistorical, universal phenomenon. It is, in fact, a modern emotion: before 1800, its language did not exist. As Alberti shows, the birth of

loneliness is linked to the development of modernity: the all-encompassing ideology of the individual that has emerged in the mind and physical sciences, in economic structures, in philosophy and politics. While it has a biography of its own, loneliness impacts on people differently, according to their gender, ethnicity, religion, outlook, and socio-economic position. It is, Alberti argues, not a single state but an "emotion cluster", composed of a wide variety of responses that include fear, anger, resentment and sorrow. In spite of this, loneliness is not always negative. And it is physical as well as psychological: loneliness is a product of the body as much as the mind. Looking at informative case studies such as Sylvia Plath, Queen Victoria, and Virginia Woolf, *A Biography of Loneliness* charts the emergence of loneliness as a modern emotional state. From social media addiction to widowhood, from homelessness to the oldest old, from mall hauls to massages, loneliness appears in all aspects of 21st-century life. Yet we cannot address its meanings, let alone formulate a cure, without attention to its complex, protean history.

*Alternative Investments: A Primer for Investment Professionals*  
 Oxford University Press

Essential tools for implementing right-sized prospect research techniques that help nonprofit organizations reach their fundraising goals  
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 Features a companion website with a variety of online tools to help readers implement key concepts  
 Part of the AFP Fund Development Series  
 Prospect Research for Fundraisers provides fundraisers with an understanding of what prospect research is and which resources are available to small organizations that have limited internal capacity, medium-sized organizations building capacity, and large organizations wanting to maximize their strengths. It offers a practical understanding of the relevant tools at the disposal of development officers and managers responsible for hiring, outsourcing, purchasing, managing, and implementing prospect research within their organizations.

*The Collapse of Complex Societies* HMH

This primer helps new fund raisers learn the basics, from the

vocabulary of fund raising to the nuances of major trends affecting nonprofit fundraising today. With up-to-date case studies and real-life examples, this practical guide will provide an overview of the field and give development staff, managers, and directors a platform from which to operate their fund raising programs. This guide is a must-have for anyone new to the fund raising arena.

*Nonprofit Resources* Jones & Bartlett Publishers

Fundraising for Social Change is one of the most widely used books on fundraising in the USA. This thoroughly revised and updated edition includes hands-on, practical strategies and accessible techniques for practitioners who want to make a difference in their organizations.

**Great City Parks** Vintage

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*Manufacturing Religion* Cambridge University Press

Providing a step-by-step approach to raising large and repeat gifts, this book shows charities how to diversify their fundraising portfolio, get a high-return, cost-effective income stream, and attain sustainability through relationship-building and planned gifts and legacies.

Cambridge University Press

Prospect Research: A Primer for Growing Nonprofits is a detailed

guide to expanding your donor base by implementing an advancement research plan. Written by a prospect researcher, this unique book provides you with the tips you need to find your next major gift donors. Novice researchers and fundraisers will appreciate step-by-step instructions to identifying new donors, planning effective donor cultivation, tracking progress, organizing resources, and implementing a successful research strategy. Experienced researchers at established nonprofits will want to refresh their skills by reviewing the approach, the sample forms, analytical techniques, screening ideas, and tracking procedures covered in this guide.

*Currents* John Wiley & Sons

This is the guide for charities and nonprofits to help you learn all you need to know about digital fundraising. It covers everything from the very basics, right up to the tricky stuff, like maximising conversion rates. A must-read for anyone wanting to develop their digital fundraising strategy.

*Prospect Research in Canada* BlogIntoBook.com

"An authoritative guide to help women navigate the workplace and their everyday life with greater success and impact" (Forbes). So, you've earned a seat at the table. What happens next? We all face hard decisions every day—and the choices we make, and how others perceive them, can be life changing. There are countless books on how to make those tough calls, but *How Women Decide* is the first to examine a much overlooked truth: Men and women reach verdicts differently, and often in surprising ways. Stress? It makes women more focused. Confidence? Caution can lead to stronger resolutions. And despite popular misconceptions, women are just as decisive as men—though they may pay for it. Pulling from the latest science on decision-making, as well as lively stories of real women and their experiences, cognitive scientist Therese Huston teaches us how we can better shape our habits, perceptions, and strategies, not just to make the most of our own opportunities, but to reform the culture and bring out the best results—regardless of who's behind them.

*The Bibliographic Index* Jossey-Bass

Biophysical Measurement in Experimental Social Science Research: Theory and Practice demonstrates the use of biophysical measurement in laboratory-based experimental social science research and the ways biophysical measures can inform analyses of human behavior. Noting the practical limitations of laboratory-based biophysical measurement, its contributors provide hands-on guidance about biophysical measurement devices. Its introductory and concluding chapters address ethics, measurement options, and historical and scientific contexts. Highlighting examples of device adoption in experimental social science lab settings, this book makes these tools understandable and accessible to all. Demonstrates the strengths and limitations of tools in both research objectives and practicality Provides hands-on guidance for device usage and data implementation, integration and assessment Compares and contrasts the uses of biophysical data in research objectives and disciplines

*Taft Corporate Directory* Civil Sector Press

There is a great deal of misunderstanding surrounding the subject of climate change, often leading to profound confusion regarding

its potential impacts on natural resource systems and public well-being. Well-intentioned but misguided attempts by the media to call attention to the prospect of climate change have left much of the public with the impression that the Earth's climate system is either poised at the brink of cataclysmic change or that global climate change is a myth that they can safely ignore. Neither of those extreme views provides useful guidance to anyone attempting to make informed decisions about the management of climate-sensitive resources. In this report, the research team summarized the best available scientific evidence on climate change, including both natural changes and changes that may be caused by human activities. In particular, this primer focused on what is known about the implications of climate change for the water cycle and the availability and quality of water resources. This report is available as a pay-per-view item only.

**A Research Primer for Communication Sciences and Disorders** Jones & Bartlett Learning

"This country's leading hell-raiser" (The Nation) shares his impassioned counsel to young radicals on how to effect constructive social change and know "the difference between being a realistic radical and being a rhetorical one." First published in 1971 and written in the midst of radical political developments whose direction Alinsky was one of the first to question, this volume exhibits his style at its best. Like Thomas Paine before him, Alinsky was able to combine, both in his person and his writing, the intensity of political engagement with an absolute insistence on rational political discourse and adherence to the American democratic tradition.

*Rules for Radicals* Routledge

Prospect Research Jones & Bartlett Learning

**An Introduction to Petroleum Technology, Economics, and Politics** IWA Publishing

The authors document how four forces—exponential technologies, the DIY innovator, the Technophilanthropist, and the Rising Billion—are conspiring to solve our biggest problems. "Abundance" establishes hard targets for change and lays out a strategic roadmap for governments, industry and entrepreneurs, giving us plenty of reason for optimism.

*How to Find Philanthropic Prospects* John Wiley & Sons

Great City Parks is a celebration of some of the finest achievements of landscape architecture in the public realm. It is a comparative study of thirty significant public parks in major cities across Western Europe and North America. Collectively, they give a clear picture of why parks have been created, how they have been designed, how they are managed, and what plans are being made for them at the beginning of the twenty-first century. Based on unique research including extensive site visits and interviews with the managing organisations, this book is illustrated throughout with clear plans and photographs— with this new edition featuring full colour throughout. Tate updates his seminal 2001 work with 10 additional parks, including: The High Line in NYC, Golden Gate Park in San Francisco and Westergasfabriek, Amsterdam. All the previous city parks have also been updated and revised to reflect current usage and management. This book

reflects a belief that well planned, well designed and well managed parks and park systems will continue to make major contributions to the quality of life in an increasingly urbanized world.

*Documentation Abstracts* Prospect Research

Now in its second edition, *Nonprofit Resources* is a handy reference tool for all nonprofit professionals. With more than a thousand entries pointing readers to a wide variety of references in the nonprofit field, this accessible guide will provide users with a running start on researching any topic. Unique, user-friendly, and compiled by industry experts, *Nonprofit Resources* will point readers to key information sources on dozens of topics ranging from accounting to lobbying to volunteers.

*Prospect Research for Fundraisers* Simon and Schuster

A fully updated second edition of this popular introduction to applied choice analysis, written for graduate students, researchers, professionals and consultants.

*Searcher* CFA Institute Research Foundation

Boost Your Nonprofit's Success! Written by a sterling group of experts for their nonprofit peers, *Major Donors: Finding Big Gifts in Your Database and Online* supplies all types of nonprofit organizations with the best strategies for navigating the ever-changing world of fundraising on the Internet. Truly international in its examples, research, advice, and knowledge, this book is rich with avenues and ideas about approaching prospective givers—and generous with cross-cultural tips about conducting cultivation and solicitation in various countries. "At last, a practical book that helps us move our thinking in the critical future area of major gift fundraising. As one of the oldest techniques in the fundraiser's armory, we have sat for too long using the same frameworks and techniques; this book offers new thinking, new insights, and new approaches that will help fundraisers harness the potential of the growing band of high-net-worth individuals within their country and internationally. This book is packed with up-to-the-minute, practical information that will enhance existing major gift programs as much as it will help beginners get their head around where to start." --Tony Elischer, Managing Director, THINK Consulting Solutions "Institutional advancement is a deeply personal process that requires in-depth understanding of our supporters, to the degree to which specific aspects of our own priorities reflect our donors' personal aspirations and interests. Prospect research is indispensable to this process and to identifying possible supporters from thousands of possible donors—it would have been impossible for the University of Toronto campaign to have succeeded in the absence of our investment in prospect research." --Dr. Jon S. Dellandrea, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Development and External Affairs, University of Oxford "Major Donors offers some of the best advice from some of the world's leading prospect researchers, and it will help you to become a much better fundraiser. It is a great resource and an important part of any fundraising library. When you follow the advice in this book, you will raise much more money." --Harvey McKinnon, President, Harvey McKinnon Associates author of *Hidden Gold* and *How Today's Rich Give*, and coauthor of the international bestseller *The Power of Giving*

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