Web of Science Guided Author Name Search
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This is particularly useful for searching for authors with fairly common names.

Do not use the regular Author search found on the dropdown menu to the right of the search bar. Use a “guided” Author search which gives you the ability to limit author searches by research domain and/or “institution.”

Just above the search box are several links – basic search, advanced search, etc. – click on + More

It gives you an option for an Author search. It does not say it is a guided search, but try it!

Type in your author surname and a first initial followed by * (do not use any other punctuation)
Examples: Morgan S* ODonnell M*

Below the search boxes, click on Select Research Domain

If the author publishes in interdisciplinary areas, ignore the research domains.

On the right side of the screen click on Select Organization

Look for and click on box next to Iowa State University and any other relevant institution names (clicking on multiple institution names can be handy if the author has authored papers while working at different institutions)

Click on Finish Search (near top right of screen)

Web of Science will then display a lot of results.

Above the list of results look for: Author Search Results: xxx Records xx Article Groups

Click on Article Groups and then click on the 1 author you want … then, either above or below the chart click on View Records.

This should give you accurate results…and you could then Create Citation Report for those records.

Once you have generated the Citation Report, be sure to scroll down to look through the list of publications to see if these really are all publications by the correct author. If any are not ones that you want in the list, simply check the box to the left of the offending publication(s) then click on GO button just above the list of publications. This will re-generate the Citation Report minus the ones you deleted.