

# **Africana Studies**

## **a selective guide to resources**

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## SCOPE OF GUIDE

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### Library Research in AFRICANA STUDIES - University at Albany

The interdisciplinary nature of Africana Studies requires the use of multiple subjects to cover a topic comprehensively. Relevant titles are found throughout the general collection and will not be found in only one call number area. Selected reference sources on Africa and the African diaspora in the uptown Library Reference area are the primary focus of this guide. Please refer to other handouts and subject guides from other campus libraries. Librarians are scheduled to assist you at the Reference Desk with source selections and search strategies. *Please ask* questions and *sign up* for our free classes.

**To locate books** and other materials, Use ADVANCE, the online catalog of the University Libraries. This catalog contains materials owned by this library including books, videos, CD=s, newspapers, microform and journal titles. To search for **journal articles by topic** you must search print or electronic abstracts, indexes, or bibliographies. Print sources for more current information are often duplicated in electronic databases accessible in Reference and by remote access. However, looking for information published before 1980, print and microform sources are often essential.

## SUBJECT TERMS AND SEARCH STRATEGIES

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**Searching for Books** - ADVANCE (on-line public access catalog) can help you find library materials the University at Albany owns and also provides call numbers to find where they are located. You can search by author, title, call number, journal title, organization, or subject.

When searching ADVANCE for books, it helps to know the structure of Library of Congress Subject Headings. LCSH is a list of standardized terms that most academic libraries use to catalog topics.

**The Library of Congress Subject Headings** bound volumes are located on high tables near the Reference Area across from the long row of ADVANCE terminals. **If you obtain zero results on a particular search in ADVANCE or any other database, please see a Reference Librarian to assist you in finding appropriate terms for your topics.**

The Library of Congress uses the subject heading AAfro-American@ (as an adjective) or Afro-Americans not Black Americans. AAfrican Americans@ is a heading but does not include everything under Afro-Americans, so you may have to search both. "Blacks" as a subject heading is used to describe works on blacks as an element of the population; "Black race" is used to describe works from an anthropological point of view. Related Library of Congress subject headings include:

Africa -- Politics and government	Civil Rights--United States
Africa RelationsBUnited States	Colonies or Colonialism or Decolonization
African Americans	Democracy--Africa
African Diaspora	Developing Countries - Colonial Influence
Afro-Americans--Race Identity	Imperialism or Anti-imperialist Movements
Afro-Americans--Bibliography	Nationalism
Afro-American Women Artists	Race Discrimination
Afro-Americans B Sources	Racism
Afro-Americans in Mass Media	School Integration--United States
Afro-Americans--History	Slavery--United States
Afro-American Women--Social Conditions	United States--Race Relations--History
Black Power--United States	Women--Africa--Bibliography
Blacks [in combination with United States]	Women LandownersBAfrica
Blacks in Literature	Women in Politics--Africa

**KEYWORD SEARCHING** - Many databases have a keyword option. Using this you will probably

retrieve more results. Also, if you do not know specific subject headings, keywords can be searched throughout the record or the full-text article. These options vary depending on the database. **Please consult with Reference librarians, especially if you have difficulty retrieving results.**

Example of a simple keyword subject search or keyword title search.  
ethnograph\* and kinship and afr\*

**Example** of a broad combined topic search on *African Americans and Civil Rights*.

**(afr\* or blacks or race or racial or ethnic\* or minorit\*) and (civil rights or discrimination or segregation or boycotts or riots or protest or social movements)**

The asterisk \* acts as a wild card and looks for any word/s with that root. So afr\* will also find the words African Americans and Africans as well as Afro-American. Using parentheses with synonyms separated by Aor@ allows you to add like or related terms. Intersecting the sets of related terms with Aand@ allows one to search for multiple topics, while locating at least one of the Alike terms@ from each of the sets.

### Searching For Articles by Topic

Many of the indexes and abstracts below are available via the University Libraries= Web Site (<http://www.library.albany.edu>). To search for journal articles by topic you must search print or electronic abstracts, indexes, or full-text sources and bibliographies. Print sources are often duplicated in electronic databases and sometimes found on the Internet. As of September 2001, online journals and databases can be accessed from one large list under **Databases and On-line Journals** from the library home page. One can search by title for a known journal or database. **However, you cannot search for articles by topic in this section. You must go to a specific subject index/database or to an individual journal site to search by topic.**

Perhaps the best method is to go directly to the Research a Subject link, then choose Africana Studies (or other subject) and then click on Key Resources to find the list of key resources on a topic recommended by each Subject Librarian. Unless a database is described as only being available in the library, you can use it from any computer on campus with Web access. Use the AAbout@ button to find out more about each of the databases listed.

**There are several places one might have to search to find articles. Here are a few.**

**"YES, this can be very confusing! Please feel free to call or ask for assistance at the Reference Desk!"**

\*Electronic Journals only available on the Internet, by scholarly associations ex) <http://sdr.lib.uiowa.edu/ejab/>

\*Full-text articles can be searched by topic from a particular database if the database contains full-text.

\*Full-text articles appear in JSTOR or MUSE full-text journal packages. (See description below)

\*Full-text articles can be searched from Aaggregator databases@ such as EBSCO or Contemporary Women=s Issues or International Index to Black Periodicals. Other databases will list citations and possibly abstracts but may not include full-text, like African Studies, Sociological Abstracts, Women=s Resources International, International Political Science Abstracts. After finding the citations in print or electronic indexes, bibliographies, reference sources, you must then check our catalog to determine if we own the journal in print and it is stored on the library shelves.

**\*Print indexes and abstracts**

Example: Newman, Richard. *Black Index: Afro-Americana in Selected Periodicals, 1907- 1949*.  
(E185 Z999 N48X)

### Locating Periodicals

\* ADVANCE Library Catalog has only the titles of the journals we own, some online journals are currently included but not all.

\* Journal titles could also be listed in an "aggregator database index" called the "Serials Solutions" list -- this list provides titles of journals and the corresponding database or index where the full-text journal appears.

### Select examples of print journals found in the Periodicals Room:

Afro-American Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal. ULIB Per E 184.7 A33

Afro-Americans in New York Life and History. ULIB Per E 185 A35

Journal of Afro-American Issues. UAlbany Main Library Per E 185.5 J68X  
Journal of Black Studies. UAlbany Main Library Per E 185.5 J8  
Journal of Negro History. UAlbany Main Library Per E 185 J86

If the Libraries so not subscribe to a particular journal our own a book you need, you can order from our *Interlibrary Loan Service*. Please allow at least 3 weeks for this service.

## **ABSTRACTS, INDEXES, DATABASES (Electronic and Print)    \*\* = Key Indexes**

### ***Africa Bibliography.* (DT 32999A374)**

**\*\* *African Studies.* Available via the University Libraries= Web Site.** 19<sup>th</sup> century +.

A combination of databases providing access to multidisciplinary information on Africa. Coverage includes sources gathered by Africans, Europeans and North Americans.

### ***The Afro-American Periodical Press, 1838-1909.* [PN 4882.5 B8]**

***AIDSearch* 1980+ Available via the University Libraries= Web Site. Broad range of resources on AIDS.**

**\*\* *Alternative Press Index.* V.1 1969 - V. 25 1993 [REF AI 3 Z999 A48] Also available via the University Libraries= Web Site. 1991+.**

Indexes periodicals that indexes non-mainstream points-of-view.

**\*\* *America: History and Life.* [E 11 Z999 A44] Also available via the University Libraries= Web Site. 1982+.**

Includes abstracts of articles on U.S. and Canadian history.

### ***Analytical Guide and Indexes to the Crisis, 1910-1960.* Westport, Conn. : Greenwood Press. 3**

vols. 1975. A selective index designed for users interested in locating the important items dealing with social change and reform. (Per E 185.5 C923 R67 1975).

### ***Anthropology Bibliography.* CD-ROM. 1979+. Request at Reference Desk.**

A collection of non-article records in the discipline of Anthropology. The database contains more than 100,000 entries for books, monographs, manuscripts and maps.

### ***Anthropological Literature.* CD-ROM. 1866 - 1998. Request at Reference Desk.**

Index to periodical articles and essays published in colloquia, festshriften, symposia and collections received at the Tozzer Library, Harvard University.

### ***Archives USA.* Available via the University Libraries= Web Site.**

Information of more than 4,800 repositories. Indexes to over 109,000 special collections.

### ***Article First.* Available via the University Libraries= Web Site. 1990+.**

An electronic index of items listed in the tables of contents of approximately 12,500 journals on a broad range of topics. Updated daily, so it has current info not contained in other databases.

### ***Bibliography of Native North Americans.* CD-ROM. 16<sup>th</sup> Century - 1993. Request at the Reference Desk.**

Citations to works published from the 16th century through 1993, including monographs, essays, journal articles and government documents.

### ***Biography and Genealogy Master Index.* [Z 5305 U5 B56XA] Also available via the University Libraries= Web Site.**

Index of names and their biographical sources, including biographical dictionaries, subject encyclopedias and literary criticism.

**\*\* *Black Studies On Disc.* CD-ROM. 1988+. Request at the Reference Desk. (Access on stand-alone terminals A - C.)**

Contains information on materials by and about African Americans, Africa and peoples of African ancestry. It is based on the holdings of the New York Public Library=s *Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture*. It also

indexes and abstracts journal articles previously indexed in AIndex to Black Periodicals@ from 1989 to the present .

**\*\*Contemporary Women=s Issues. 1992+. Available via the University Libraries= Web Site.**

Offers full-text coverage from mainstream periodicals, alternative press, hard-to-find newsletters and NGO research reports. Focuses on the critical issues and events that influence women including health, the workplace, parenting, human rights, reproductive rights and legal issues.

**DIALOG@CARL. Available via the University Libraries= Web Site.**

Indexes the Atlanta Constitution, New York Times and other newspapers.

**Dissertation Abstracts. Available via the University Libraries= Web Site. 1861 + Indexing dissertations; 1980 + Abstracting dissertations; 1988 + Abstracting Theses**

The complete range of academic subjects appearing in dissertations accepted at accredited institutions.

**\*\*EBSCO Available via the University Libraries= Web Site.**

Primarily indexes popular magazines but does also index some scholarly articles (especially in the humanities and social sciences) from over 1500 journals and magazines. Includes some abstracts and the full-text of some articles.

**\*\*EconLit Available via the University Libraries= Web Site. 1969+ Indexing. 1984+ Abstracting (selected).**

Indexes economics literature. Very useful for economic research on Africa.

**ERIC Available via the University Libraries= Web Site. 1966+.**

Complete database of educational materials from the Education Resources Information Center covering education literature from preschool to higher and adult education. The database is derived from the print publications *Current Index to Journals in Education* and *Resources in Education*.

**Essay and General Literature Index. [REF AI 3 E752]**

An author subject index to essays published in collections, with particular emphasis on materials in the humanities and social sciences. Entries cover philosophy, religion, social and political science, economics, law, education, linguistics, science, the various arts, literature and history.

**\*\* Ethnic NewsWatch. Available via the University Libraries= Web Site. Mid 1980s+.**

U.S. ethnic newspapers. Full-text coverage.

**Expanded Academic ASAP. Available via the University Libraries= Web Site. 1980+.**

General database covering astronomy, religion, law, history, psychology, humanities, current events, sociology, communications and the general sciences.

**GenderWatch <http://www.softlineweb.com/genderw.htm> (free trial for Fall 2001)**

Full-text database of publications focusing on gender, Gay, Lesbian studies, sociology, history, public policy and more. Coverage back to 1970's.

**\*\* Geobase. Available via the University Libraries= Web Site. 1980+.**

Index and abstracts to worldwide literature on geology, geography and ecology. This database is particularly useful for social issues and gender studies within cultural geography.

**HarpWeek. 1857-1865. Available via the University Libraries= Web Site.**

The Civil War segment of Harper's Weekly. Full-text, full-image electronic version of Harpers Weekly for the nineteenth century. May be useful for topics an slavery, abolition movement. Includes political cartoons.

**\*\* Historical Abstracts. Available via the University Libraries= Web Site. 1982+.**

Indexes citations of books and periodicals on history outside of the United States and Canada.

**History Universe. Available via the University Libraries= Web Site.**

Finding aids to selected microform publications, some of which are owned by the University Libraries.

***Human Relations Area File (HRAF).* Available via the University Libraries= Web Site. 1991+.**  
Covers information on all aspects of social and cultural life from selected cultures around the world.

***Humanities Abstracts.* Available via the University Libraries= Web Site. 1984+ Indexing. 1994+ Abstracting. (*Humanities Index* 1974+ [REF AI 3 H86X])**  
Subject fields indexed include archeology, and classical studies, area studies, folklore, history, language and literature, performing arts, philosophy, religion and theology and related subjects.

***Index Islamicus: a catalogue of articles on Islamic subjects in periodicals and other collective publications.* 1906 - 1985. Print Index. [REF DS 36 Z999 I53]**

**\*\* *Index to Black Periodicals.* 1950 - 1998. [REF AI 3 O4]**  
Indexes African American periodicals of general and scholarly interest. Coverage extends back to 1950, under its previous title, *Index to Periodical Articles by and about Blacks*.

**\*\* *International African Bibliography.* 1975+. [REF Z3501 I58X]**  
Indexes current books, articles and papers in African Studies. Selectively annotated.

**\*\**International Index to Black Periodicals* 1988+. Available via the University Libraries= Web Site.**  
Includes current and retrospective bibliographic citations and abstracts from over 150 scholarly and popular journals, newspapers and newsletters from the U.S., Africa and the Caribbean and full-text coverage of 31 core Black Studies periodicals. Coverage is international in scope and multidisciplinary spanning cultural, economic, historical, religious, social and political issues of importance to Black Studies.

**\*\**International Political Science Abstracts.* Available via the University Libraries= Web Site. 1989+.**  
Abstracts to the world's literature in international affairs. Extremely useful to locate academic articles on international topics.

### ***JSTOR.***

Fully searchable text and page images from 16 major historical journals, including American Historical Review, Journal of American History, Journal of Modern History, and William and Mary Quarterly, among others (doesn't include most recent years). Available to University at Albany students and faculty only.

**\*\* *The Kaiser Index to Black Resources, 1948-1986.* [REF Z 1361 N39 K34]**  
An important source to consult for information on individual African Americans, history and culture. This source indexes material for the period for periodicals such as the *Crisis*, and newspapers such as *Bilalian News*, (Baltimore), *Afro-American*, *Chicago Defender*, *Pittsburgh Courier*, *New York Age*, *New York Amsterdam News*, and *Muhammad Speaks*. Material was collected from a file compiled at the *Schomburg Center for Research on Black Culture* of the New York Public Library. Also consult *Black Studies OnDisc*.

***Latin America Database.* Available via the University Libraries= Web Site. 1986+.**  
Indexes information on Latin American affairs.

**\*\* *Lexis-Nexis.* Available via the University Libraries= Web Site.**  
Full-text law review articles. Daily, world and foreign language news.

***MLA Bibliography.* 1921+. [REF PB 1 Z999 M53] Available via the University Libraries= Web Site. 1963+.**  
Indexes articles in literary journals.

**\*\* *New York Times Index.* 1851+. [REF AI 21 N453 1990]**  
Print Index from 1851 to the present.

***Peace Research Abstracts Journal* [JX 1901 P38] Also available via EBSCO.**  
Summaries of significant world-wide literature on conflict and its resolution, sponsored and compiled by Peace Research Institute-Dundas. Dates Covered 1996 +.



**POPLINE 1970 +. (with selected material back to 1886) Available via the University Libraries= Web Site.**

Provides worldwide coverage of population, family planning, and related health issues, including family planning technology and programs, fertility, and population law and policy. In addition, POPLINE focuses on particular developing-country issues including demography, AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, maternal and child health, primary health care communication, and population and environment. This database is available on the free Grateful Med site sponsored by the National Library of Medicine.

**Public Affairs International Service. (PAIS)V. 1 - 1915+. [REF H 1 Z999 P83]. Available via the University Libraries= Web Site. 1972+.**

Includes some books and government documents, as well as periodical articles. Covers all subjects that bear upon international (U.S. included), contemporary public issues and the making of public policy, irrespective of source or traditional disciplinary boundaries.

**PsycINFO. Available via the University Libraries= Web Site. 1887+. (Psychological Abstracts 1927+ [REF BF 1 P65] )**

Covers the international literature in psychology and related behavioral and social sciences including psychiatry, sociology, anthropology, education, pharmacology and linguistics.

**\*\* Race Relations Abstracts. V. 1-2. 1968-1970. Series 1-3. 1973-1974. Continued by Sage Race Relations Abstracts V. 1 (1975)+. (REF GN 320 R23xa)**

Published by the Institute of Race Relations. A quarterly guide to American and Foreign periodical articles on race relations. Indexes over 160 magazines and journals. Contains an author and cumulative subject index. Quarterly issues are cumulated annually with cross references.

**Readers Guide to Periodical Literature. 1890+. Ref AI3 R47, AI3 R48 1900. Reader=s Guide Abstracts, Available via the University Libraries= Web Site. 1983+.**

Popular periodicals published in the U.S. and Canada. Includes current events and news, fine arts, fashion, education, business, sports, health and nutrition, consumer affairs, and others. Useful for tracking down primary source materials from the 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

**\*\* Sage Race Relations Abstracts. (REF GN 320 R23xa)**

Guide to current race relations literature. Includes summaries and evaluations of European, Scandinavian, American and Latin American material.

**Social Science Electronic Data Library. Available via the University Libraries= Web Site.**

Six topically focused data archives which provide a source of high-quality health and social science data and documentation.

**Social Sciences Abstracts. Available via the University Libraries= Web Site. 1983+ Indexing. 1994+ Abstracting. (Social Sciences Index [REF AI 3 S63x])**

Covers the fields of anthropology, area studies, community health and medical care, economics, family studies, geography, gerontology, international relations, law and criminology, planning and public administration, political science and corrections, policy studies, political science, psychiatry, psychology, social work and public welfare, sociology, and urban studies.

**Social Work Abstracts. Available via the University Libraries= Web Site. 1977+.**

Covers journals and dissertations in social work and related disciplines from the NASW.

**\*\* Sociological Abstracts. [HM 1 S67 Bldg Only] 1953+. Available via the University Libraries= Web Site. 1974+.**

Electronic index to literature on social behavior of individuals, small groups, large organizations, communities, institutions, and societies.

**\*\* Studies on Women Abstracts [REF HQ 1180 S78X]**

While there is some overlap in journals indexed in other sources, it does provide some international coverage on women.

**\*\* Women's Resources International (WRI). Available via the University Libraries= Web Site. 1972+.**

Electronic index which includes bibliographic information for journals and books drawn from a variety of women's studies sources and essential databases from 1972 to the present. . WRI provides electronic access to Women's Studies Abstracts, Women's Studies Database, Women's Studies Librarian, Women of Color and Southern Women: A Bibliography of Social Science Research, and Women's Health and Development: An Annotated Bibliography.

**Women Studies Abstracts. [REF HQ 1101 W64x]. Also available via EBSCO.**

Indexes scholarly and radical women's journals. Citations also available on *Women=s Resources International* and *selectively indexed in EBSCO*.

**Women Writers Online. Dates of coverage 1400-1850. Available via the University Libraries= Web Site.**

Full-text database of early women writers, in English, from 1400-1850. All texts are fully searchable and the collection is continually growing.

**Women's Studies Index. [REF HQ 1101 W68x] 1989+.**

Print Index includes a wide range of women's publications, including both popular and scholarly titles.

**World Bank Africa database. CD-ROM. Request at Reference Desk.**

## **AFRICA - Selected Reference Sources**

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### **Encyclopedias, Handbooks**

***The African studies companion : a resource guide & directory. Hans M. Zell & Cecile Lomer. (DT 19.8 Z45 1997)***

***Area Handbook Series. (Search for country within this series.)***

***The Cambridge Encyclopedia of Africa. (Ref DT 351 A37)***

***The Cambridge Encyclopedia of Latin America and the Caribbean. (Ref F 1406 C36 1992)***

***Encyclopedia of Africa South of the Sahara. (Ref DT 351 E53 1997)***

This is a four volume set covering East West, Central and South Africa. Range of topics include religion, political figures, literacy, development, art and cultural symbols. A bibliography is provided after each entry.

***Encyclopedia of Precolonial Africa: Archaeology, History, Languages, Cultures, and Environments. (Ref DT 2 E53 1997)***

This work focuses on archaeology but also provides insight and interpretation of environmental, political and cultural histories of Africa. Social phenomenon such as urbanization, migration, language patterns, and political development are discussed using archaeological foundations as evidence.

***Encyclopedia of the Third World. (Ref HC 59.7 K87 1992 v.1-3)***

A general dictionary offering coverage of Africa as well as many of the countries inhabited by African people within the African diaspora. Arranged alphabetically by country, it offers information on issues such as religion, language, history, government, manufacturing and agriculture.

***Encyclopedia of World Cultures. (Ref GN 307 E53 1991 v.9)***

This is a general encyclopedia which offers regional coverage. Volume 9 focuses on ethnic groups within Africa. Includes a list of all the major ethnic and sub-ethnic groups by country as well as detailed discussion of history, cultural traditions, geographical locations, and languages. See also: *The Peoples of Africa: an Ethnohistorical Dictionary*. (Ref GN 645 O47 1996)

***Middle East and North Africa. (Ref DS 49 M5 1999)***

***Political and Economic Encyclopedia of Africa. (DT 20 A75x 1993)***

Contains entries on countries, organizations, individuals. Alphabetically arranged. Provides an overview of problems or topics common to a number of countries or the region as a whole. Includes a chronology of

important political events.

***Political and Economic Encyclopedia of South America and the Caribbean.* (Ref F 1410 P69 1991)**

Detailed coverage of organizations. Political Parties and international alliances particular to the region, such as CARICOM are described. Lists political leaders and various colloquialisms. Includes demographics, statistical information and brief country descriptions.

**Dictionaries**

***Africa South of the Sahara* (REF DT 351 A37 2001) also on the Internet**  
<http://www-sul.stanford.edu/depts/ssrg/africa/guide.html>

***African Historical Dictionaries Series, The University Libraries* have over 90 volumes in this valuable series.** Individual titles are held in Reference as well as in the Main library collection, call numbers vary.

***African Acronyms and Abbreviations: a Handbook.* (Ref DT2 H35 1996)**

An exhaustive list of abbreviations, and their meanings for the entire African continent.

***Dictionary of African Historical Biography.* (Ref/DT 352.6 L56 1986)**

The focus of this work is on major political leaders from colonial and independence eras in Africa.

***Dictionary of Black African Civilization. Dictionnaire des civilisations africaines.* (Ref DT 352.4 D5213 1974)**

African cultural perspectives include coverage of major ethnic groups, interpretation of the body, blood, fashion, heaven, kinship, and migration. Illustrated.

***Dictionary of Development: Third World Economy, Environment, Society.* (Ref/HC 59.7 D513 1990 v.1-2)**

Lists organizations, dealing with development issues in general, and development organizations in specific countries. Included are the names, addresses and brief descriptions of each organizations function. Covers issues such as global warming, the environment, culture, and debt. Includes country information.

***Dictionary of Race and Ethnic Relations* (REF GN 496 C37 1996)**

Introductory scholarly essays on race and affiliated social issues and has a global focus. Useful for identifying key terms. Includes bibliographies at the end of the essays.

***The Peoples of Africa: An Ethnohistorical Dictionary.* (Ref GN 645 O47 1996)**

This dictionary provides brief descriptions of most of the major ethnic groups in Africa. Primary and sub-group identification for each ethnic group is documented. See also: *Encyclopedia of World Cultures.* (Ref GN 307 E53 1991 v.9)

**Politics**

***Africa.* (Ref DT 31 B395 1996)**

Provides an analysis of various factors affecting African life on the continent. Policies originating from the International Monetary Fund, structural re-adjustment programs, class conflict, urbanization, population increase, imperialism as well as the effects of colonialism are discussed. Brief country coverage and demographics are also given.

***Africa Contemporary Record.* (REF / DT 1 L43)**

Important historical scholarly essays on social conditions and factual information on African countries, 1945-1960.

***African Political Facts Since 1945.* (Ref DT 30 C594 1991)**

A compilation of major political facts related to the African continent from 1945-1990. The unique aspect of this work is the attention given to political parties, foreign affairs, conflicts, coup d=etat facts, and treaties. The work is divided into subject categories, under which individual countries are discussed. Includes a limited index and bibliography.

***Black Africa: a Comparative Handbook.* (Ref/DT 352.8 M67 1989)**

Contains illustrated tables ranked by country. Table criteria includes language, ecology, geographical area, urbanization, economic and social development, and political violence. Includes country profile.

***Latin America and Caribbean Contemporary Record.* (Ref F 1401 L3253 v.1-8, 1981-1989)**

This multi-volume set provides bi-yearly coverage on Latin America and the Caribbean. Includes excerpts of speeches given by political leaders; statistical data by country on education, labor force, population; political election information including the vote count; as well as economic data and external debt. There

are also analytical essays provided by scholars on Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as information about their areas of interest. Includes brief bibliographies.

***New African Yearbook 1978-1996. (DT 1 N58x)***

Political coverage of African countries. This work gives the reader a description of the history, economics and politics for each country from independence to the present. Gives details of internal political factionalism, resulting conflicts and changes in leadership. Also provides GNP and demographic information.

***West Africa Annual. (Ref DT 471 W394)***

Provides a descriptive economic analysis on West African economic climates. Includes initiatives being implemented or discussed. Statistical tables for each country are found on pages 462-542.

## **History**

***Black Chronology : From 4000 B.C. to the Abolition of the Slave Trade. (Ref DT 17 D5 1983)***

Sizeable range of years covered. Discussions of civilizations and dynasties from Ancient Egypt, West, Central, and South Africa. Covers the years 1520-1865 with primary focus on the on issues concerning the enslavement of African people.

***General History of Africa (UNESCO) 1978-1993. (DT 20 G45)***

***Pan-African Chronology: a Comprehensive Reference to the Black Quest For Freedom in Africa, the Americas, Europe and Asia, 1400-1865. (Ref DT 17 J46 1996)***

Text provides a year by year chronology of events occurring from 1400-1865. Focus is on external contact of Africans with Asians and Europeans. Detailed index.

***The United States and Africa: Guide to U.S. Official Documents and Government-Sponsored Publications on Africa, 1785-1975. (J85 LC1.12/2 Af8/ 2/785-975) Government Documents Section.***

Former Africana Librarian of Congress, Julian W. Witherell compiled this very thorough annotated bibliography of U.S. government documents.

## **Literature**

***African Authors: a Companion to Black African Writing. (Ref PL 8010 H38 1973)***

Discusses a variety of authors from the African continent, including literary and presidential authors. A list of the author=s major works is provided after each entry, as well as author photographs and some book jacket reproductions.

***African Writers. (Ref PL 8010 a 453 1997. 2 vols.)***

Provides detailed biographical essays about cited authors. Analysis on the life context of the authors, writing styles in their major works are discussed.

***Fifty Caribbean Writers: a BioBibliographical Critical Sourcebook. (Ref PR 9205 A52 F54 1986)***

This work is rare because it provides a list of authors that are very central to the Caribbean literary experience, but who are commonly missing from other works. For each author entry there is biographical information as well as an analysis of the authors work, honors received and a list of the authors works. Authors like Louise Bennet (Ms. Lou) are represented. There is also a very detailed index.

***Twentieth-Century Caribbean and Black African Writers. (Ref PS 129 D53X V.125, V. 157)***

This volume is a part of the multi-volume *Dictionary of Literary Biography (D.B.)* set. It offers detailed essays about each author and their work. Each major work is summarized and briefly analyzed to provide a view of the contextual reality of each author. The bibliography cites books, periodical articles, and other works such as films and documentaries. Provides illustrations and author photographs as well as reproduced book jackets. There is also a list of references used in the compilation of the entry. 2nd & 3rd Series.

## **Statistics**

***African Development Indicators, World Bank Africa database (ReadyRef HC 800 A1 A3562X)***

***African Development Report 1990-. (HC 800 A1 A354)***

***African Statistical Yearbook. Annuaire Statistique pour l'Afrique.* (HA 1955 U5) Published by the Economic Commission for Africa, United Nations, 1974 -**

This work is a series which provides the most recent United Nations data, in a multi-part set, by region. Statistical coverage is provided in categories of information for Part I of each volume; data in Part II is given by country.

***Atlas of World Development.* (Ref G 1046 E1 U5 1994)**

***International Historical Statistics: Africa, Asia & Oceania, 1750-1988* (Ref HA 4675 M58x 1995)**

This work is divided into categories. Statistical coverage under some categories go back as far as 1826. Statistics are provided by geographical region, and then listed by country. Topics include: population, labor force, agriculture, industry, education, transportation, communication, and finance.

***Index to International Statistics.* (Ref HA I54 I53x) Ask at the Reference Desk.**

***The State of the Health Atlas (Survey of World Health)* (Ref G 1046 E5 M3 1993)**

***Third World Atlas.* (Ref HC 59.7 C76x 1994)**

## **AFRICAN AMERICANS - Selected Reference Sources**

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### **Encyclopedias, Handbooks, Directories, and Sourcebooks**

Encyclopedias and Handbooks can provide useful descriptions, overviews, in-depth essays submitted by scholars in the field. Often a list recommended reading on a topic is included after each entry.

***The ABC-CLIO Companion to the Civil Rights Movement.* (Ref. E185.61 G895 1993)**

A guide to the Civil Rights struggle from the end of the great Civil War to the present day. It contains concise, encyclopedic entries arranged in alphabetical order.

***The African American Almanac: a Reference Work on the Afro-American.* (Ref. Desk E185 .N385). 1994. I**

Includes significant documents, a list of "Black Firsts," essays on history, art, film, the military, and organizations.

***African American Almanac: Day-By-Day Black History.* (REF E 185 R815 1997)**

***African American Desk Reference.* (REF E 185 N48X 1999)**

***The African American Encyclopedia.* (REF E 185 A253 1993)**

A six volume set on the subject of African American life, contains bibliographies and essays on variety of topics. Broader in scope than the *Encyclopedia of Black America* (below).

***The African American Theatre Directory, 1816-1960: a Comprehensive Guide to Early Black Theatre Organizations, Companies, Theatres and Performing Groups.* (REF PN 2270 A35 P48 1997)**

***Afro-American Reference: an Annotated Bibliography of Selected Resources 1986.* (Ref Z1361 N39D37)**

Focuses on all aspects of African American studies: covers bibliographies, bibliographical guides, indexes, dictionaries, almanacs, or directories.

***Black American Colleges & Universities: profiles of two-year, four-year & professional schools.* (REF LC 2781 H54 1994)**

This source profiles two-year, four-year and professional schools.

***Black Americans.* ( E 185.5 B512 Bldg Only)**

Provides an extensive collection of tables which display information on a wide variety of topics: population, education, health, crime, government, employment, and income are some of them.

***Black Americans Information Directory.* (REF 185.5 B513 1994/95)**

Contains approximately 5,300 information resources for and about African Americans, including non-profit associations, scholarships and awards, broadcast media, religious and cultural organizations, and publishers and publications.

***Black Women in America: an Historical Encyclopedia.* (REF E 185.86 B542 1993)**

Darlene Clark-Hine edited this two volume set which contains scholarly biographies of individual African American women. Documents organizations and social participation of these women. Topics which played a central role in black women's history include "Sexual Harassment," "Religion," "Beauty Culture". Entries are submitted by major scholars in African American History and Women's Studies. Bibliographies include key primary source references.

***Chronology of African-American History: Significant Events and People from 1619 to the Present.* (REF E 185 H64 1991)**

Entries are arranged chronologically by year and then by month and day and include important births and deaths, thumbnail biographies, rebellions, demonstrations, elections, and awards.

***Civil Rights: a Current Guide to the People, Organizations, and Events.* (JC 599 U5 B85 1974)**

***Encyclopedia of African-American Civil Rights.* (REF E 185.61 E54 1992)**

Contains over 800 short articles on a wide variety of individuals, organizations, events, and court cases focusing on the period since emancipation.

***Encyclopedia of African-American Culture and History.* (REF E 185 E54 1996)**

This 5 volume set covers all aspects of the African-American experience. It contains biographic essays, entries on events, legal cases, areas of cultural achievement (music, architecture, the visual arts), professions, sports, and places.

***Encyclopedia of African-American Education.* (REF LC 2717 E53 1996)**

***Encyclopedia of African-American Heritage.* (REF E 185 A455 1997)**

***Encyclopedia of African American Religions.* (REF BR 563 N4 E53 1993)**

Covers African American religious leaders and groups, and major issues raised by the development of African American religious life. Contains a chronology and a directory.

***Encyclopedia of Black America.* (REF E 185 E55)**

A comprehensive resource to all aspects of African American life: contains articles and brief biographical entries. "Bibliographies/Biographies/Guides" (pp. 174-179) cites many useful sources.

***Encyclopedia of Civil Rights in America.* (REF E 185.61 E544 1998)**

***Encyclopedia of Southern Culture.* (REF F 209 E53 1989)**

Includes a chapter on "Black Life" in the South.

***Facts on File Encyclopedia of Black Women in America.* (REF E 185.96 F2 1997)**

***Gale Encyclopedia of Multicultural America.* (REF E184 A1 G14 2000)**

***The Harlem Renaissance: a Historical Dictionary for the Era.* (REF NX511 N4 H37 1984)**

A source book of important people, works of art, places and other facets of this 1920's period.

***Harvard Encyclopedia of American Ethnic Groups.* (REF E184 A1 H35)**

***Reference Library of Black America.* (REF E 185 R44 1997)**

***Voices of Multicultural America: Notable Speeches delivered by African, Asian, Hispanic and Native Americans 1790-1995.* (PS 663 M55 V64 1996)**

*The Negro Almanac: a reference work on the Afro-American.* (E 185 N385 1989)

*The State of Black America.* (REF E 185.5 N317)

*We the People: An Atlas of America's Ethnic Diversity.* (REF G 1201 E1 A4 1988)

Surveys people from Africa as well as the Caribbean. Excellent demographic maps.

### Dictionaries and Biographical Resources

Biographical Sources can help you locate information about individuals in history.

**Hawkins, Walter L. *African American Biographies : profiles of 558 current men and women.* Jefferson, N.C. : McFarland, c1992. (E 185.96 H38 1992)**

***African American Generals and Flag Officers.* (Ref E181 H38 1993)**

Biographies of over 120 Blacks in the United States Military, with an emphasis on contemporary officers. Included are all African American officers who have attained the rank of general or its naval equivalent. Navy Flag officers are those ranking about captain.

***Afro-American Biographies: A bibliography.* Sara Mitchell, Editor. Huntington, NY:Nova Science, 2000. (Ref E 185.96 Z999 A47 2000)**

An extensive list of biographies particularly for science, arts, performers, sports, civil rights, women. Brief summaries and Library of Congress subject headings and numerical classifications.

***Black Americans in Congress, 1870-1989.* (REF E185.96 R25 1990)**

***Black Biography, 1790-1950: a Cumulative Index.* (Ref. Desk Z1361.N39 B52 1991, vols. 1-3);**

An index to the Black Biographical Dictionaries microfiche (mfiche 1182), containing over 30,000 names of historical figures, authors, religious personages, sports legends, and representatives of every conceivable aspect of African American culture and society.

***Black Biographical Sources: an Annotated Bibliography.* (Z1361 N39 B46 1970)**

***Black Biographical Sources: an Annotated Bibliography.* (Z1361 N39 B46)**

***Black Biography; a Selected List of Books on Africa, Africans, and Afro-Americans.* (Z 1361 N39 C18)**

***Black Firsts: 2,000 Years of Extraordinary Achievement.* (REF E 185 B574 1994)**

A collection of nearly 3,000 most-significant firsts achieved by blacks, with an emphasis on African-American efforts.

***Black Women in America: a Historical Encyclopedia.* (Ref E 185.86 B542 1993)**

Darlene Clark-Hine edited this two volume set which contains scholarly biographies of individual African American women. Documents organizations and social participation of these women. Topics which played a central role in black women's history include "Sexual Harassment," "Religion," "Beauty Culture". Entries are submitted by major scholars in African American History and Women's Studies. Bibliographies include key primary source references.

***Contemporary Black Biography: Profiles from the International Black Community.* (REF E 185.96 C66)**

This series provides informative biographical profiles of the important and influential persons of African heritage who form the international black community; men and women who have changed today's world and are shaping tomorrow's.

***Dictionary of Afro-American Slavery.* (REF E441 D53 1988)**

This is the most comprehensive work of its kind, including a chronology and articles on events, people, laws, and subjects related to slavery in the US. References to the best published sources on each subject are appended.

***Dictionary of American Negro Biography.* (REF E 185.96 D53 1982)**

Provides articles on more than 7000 significant African Americans spanning three centuries (until 1970).

***Dictionary of Literary Biography.* (REF PS 129 D53x)**

Has several volumes that focus on black writers working in different genres and eras. (see volumes 33, 38, 41, 50, 51, 76). Also see volume 8 of the *Dictionary of Literary Biography Documentary Series* (PS 129 .D4 1982 vol. 8).

***Distinguished African American Scientists of the 20th Century.* (REF Q 141 D535 1996)**

This volume contains 100 articles about different scientists, ranging from George Washington Carver to Mae Jemison, practicing research in different fields (mathematics, chemistry, physics, biology, geology, engineering, and anthropology).

***Juba to Jive: a Dictionary of African-American Slang.* (PE 3727 N4 M34 1994)**

Contains definitions, etymologies, and cross-references for common and obscure African American expressions.

***Freedom's Lawmakers: a Directory of Black Officeholders During Reconstruction.* (E 185.96 F64 1996)**

Eric Foner, distinguished Africana scholar compiled this comprehensive list and presentation of biographical information about black officials during Reconstruction. Contains 1,465 entries on major state officials, members of constitutional conventions, and legislators.

***Harlem Renaissance and Beyond: Literary Biographies of 100 Black Women Writers, 1900-1950.* (REF PS 153 N5 R65)**

***In Black and White: Afro-Americans in Print.* (REF E 185 Z999 S65x 1976)**

A guide to Africans and Americans who have made contributions to the United States of America. a two volume index to publications about 15,000 black individuals and groups.  
*In Black and White: Race and Sports in America.* (GV 706.32 S48 1996)

***Notable Black American Women.* (REF E 185.96 N68 1992, 1996 )**

Contains 500 biographies of African American women, ranging from colonial times (1700's) to the (1990's).

***On the Trail of the Buffalo Soldier: Biographies of African Americans in the U.S. Army, 1866-1917.* (Oversize (\*) U 52 O5 1994)**

Contains numerous biographical entries, some detailed, some sketchy, on the Black Soldiers who fought for the 9 and 10th cavalries.

***St. James Guide to Black Artists.* (REF N 40 S78 1997)**

Publication of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. Biographical information on diasporan artists along with lists of their work and exhibitions. Art medium index is included.

**Logan, Shirley Wilson. *With Pen and Voice : a critical anthology of nineteenth-century African-American women.* (PS 663 N4 W5 1995) Carbondale : Southern Illinois University Press, 1995.**

***Who's Who Among African Americans.* (REF E 185.96 W52)**

Contains entries on over 17,000 living professionals. Latest 2 volumes in Reference, earlier editions in the stacks.

***Who's Who Among Black Americans.* (REF E 185.96 W52)**

Contains entries on over 17,000 living professionals. Latest 2 volumes in Reference, earlier editions in the stacks.

## **Bibliographies**

Bibliographies help you identify books and articles on a subject. Some include short descriptions called annotations. a sampling of relevant materials in the library's collection includes the following:

***African-American Woman, Social and Economic Conditions: a Bibliography.* (HN 17.5 Z999 C53x No. 32)**

Contains citations for books, pamphlets, dissertations, government docs, works from small presses and activist organizations on topics such as: female-headed families, education, health, AIDS, crime, violence against African-American women, teen pregnancy, male/female relationships, families, feminism, and politics.

***African-American Mosaic.* (GovDocs J85 LC 1.6/4: AF 8)**

Produced by the Library of Congress, this is a collection of (book) bibliographies in essay form that covers topics such as slavery, the Antebellum period, Civil War, Reconstruction, World War I and World War, as well as the Civil Rights Era.



***African Americans: Social and Economic Conditions 1992.* (HN 17.5 Z999 C53x No. 27)**

A collection of bibliographies on a current topics such as: education, social conditions, crime and criminal justice, health, AIDS, substance abuse, environmental issues, women, men, family, youth, and statistics.

***Afro-American Folk Culture (2 volumes) 1978.* (REF GR 103 Z999 S95x)**

Covers writings on black culture from North, Central and South America, as well as the West Indies.

***Afro-American History: a Bibliography.* (REF E185 Z999 S56X)**

This is a two-volume set containing approximately 7,000 abstracts of journal articles from *America: History and Life* (1954-78).

***Afro-Americans and Africa: Black Nationalism at the Crossroads.* (Z3507 A45 n.s. no.3)**

Contains 400 entries on this subject.

***American Black Women in the Arts and Social Sciences.* (E 185.86 Z999 W55x 1994)**

Features works by or about African American women in the arts and social sciences.

***Bibliographic Checklist of African American Newspapers.* (REF PN 4882.5 Z999 H45x 1995)**

***Bibliographic Guide to Black Studies.* (REF E 185 Z999 S36X)**

***Black Adolescence: Current Issues and Annotated Bibliography.* (REF E 185.86 Z999 B528X 1990)**

Covers the topics of psycho-social development, psychological health, physical health, drug abuse, suicide, academic performance, education and occupational choice, teen pregnancy, adolescent relationships, sexuality.

***Black Bibliography; A Selected List of Books on Africa, Africans, and Afro-Americans.* (Z 1361 N39 C18)**

***The Black Family in the United States: A Revised, Updated, Selectively Annotated Bibliography.* (E 185.86 Z999 D39x 1986)**

Includes books, articles and dissertations on the state of the Black family from slavery to contemporary times.

***Black Labor in America, 1865-1983: a Selected Annotated Bibliography.* (HD 8081 A65 Z991 1986)**

Bibliographies and indexes in Afro-American and African studies; no. 11.

***Black Music in the United States: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Reference and Research Materials.* (ML 128 B45 F6 1983)**

***The Black Press in America; a Guide.* (Z 6944 N39 L3 1972)**

Historical information on Black publishing organizations.

***Black Rhetoric: a Guide to Afro-American Communication.* (E 185 Z999 G44x 1976)**

Focuses on speeches and essays by African Americans (1760 to 1973), as well as articles and books.

***Black Separatism and Social Reality: Rhetoric and Reason.* (Oversize (\*) E 185.6 B63 1976)**

Includes works that explore both the historical and contemporary dimensions of black separatism in the US.

***Black Women in Television: An Illustrated History and Bibliography.* (PN 1992.8 A34 H55 1990)**

This book spans 50 years (1939-1989) of television history and highlights the exceptional contributions Black women have made to the medium. Contains extensive bibliographies broken down into subject such as "Personalities," "Programs," "News/Sports," "Off-Camera," and others.

***Black Women in United States History.* (E 185.86 B543) Bldg Only**

**volume** This sixteen volumes series published in 1990, includes more than 10,000 entries on black women's history. Many of the entries utilize primary resource material. There is a "comprehensive guide" at the end of each volume which divides the volumes by monograph titles such as "*To Better Our World: Black Women in Organized Reform, 1890-1920.*", "*Daughters of Sorrow: attitudes toward Black Women.*" Sometimes the contents of each monograph title are listed and sometimes one must actually look at the particular monograph to determine what the contents are. There is also an author and subject index at the back of each, indexing that specific volume. Included are historic illustrations, extensive notes and excellent bibliographies.

***Blacks in America: Bibliographical Essays.* (Z 1361 N39 B56)**

Combines narrative and interpretation of African American History and culture.

***Blacks in the Humanities, 1750-1984.* (E 185 Z999 J68x 1986)**

***Civil Rights Movement: References and Resources.* (E 185. 615 Z999 M87 1993)**

Gathers significant published studies about the civil rights movement in the southern United States between 1955 and 1968 (from the arrest of Rosa Parks to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.).

***The Progress of Afro-American Women: Selected Bibliography and Resource Guide.* (E 185.86 Z999 S54x 1980)**

Remains one of the most comprehensive work covering the experience of black women in the US. Non-print as well as printed materials are included.

***U.S. News Coverage of Racial Minorities: A Sourcebook, 1934-1996.* (Ref PN 4888 M56 N48 1997)**

Assembles and organizes multidisciplinary materials on news coverage of Americans of African, Native, Asian, Hispanic or Pacific Islander origin in the U.S. mainstream media. Excellent historical essays include sources. A selected bibliography is found at the end of each chapter.

***Women of Color and Southern Women.* (HQ 1421 Z999 W65 1988)**

Cites social science research on women of color between 1975 and 1988.

***Women of Color in the United States.* (HQ 1410 Z999 R43x 1989)**

Concentrates on recent (1975+) scholarly works on African American and other women of color. Along with the previous bibliography, it is the most current source on women cited here.

**Education**

***Black Women in the Academy: Promises and Perils.* (LB 2332.3 B53 1997)**

***Black Women in the Academy: The Secrets to Success and Achievement.* (LC 2781 G74 1999)**

***Encyclopedia of African-American Education.* (Ref LC 2717 E53 1996)**

**Literature**

***A Bibliographical Guide to African-American Women Writers.* (PS 153 N5 J677x 1993)**

Focuses on both the creative products of black women and the critical citations about the writers. Covers writers from 1746 to 1991.

***Black American Writers: Bibliographical Essays. 2 volumes 1978.* (REF PS 153 N5 B55)**

Covers criticism and works by major black writers.

***Black American Writers Past and Present: A Biographical and Bibliographical Dictionary.* (REF E 185 Z999 R87x 1975) *An extremely useful source, provides documentation of authors work and criticism.***

***Black Literature Criticism.* (REF PS I53 N5 B556 1992)**

***Contemporary African American Fiction* (PS 374 N4 B78 1998)**

***Dictionary of Literary Biography.* (REF PS 129 D53x)**

Has several volumes that focus on black writers working in different genres and eras (see volumes 33, 38, 41, 50, 51, 76). Also see volume 8 of the *Dictionary of Literary Biography Documentary Series* (PS 129 D48 1982 vol. 8).

***Harlem Renaissance and Beyond: Literary Biographies of 100 Black Women Writers, 1900-1950.* (REF PS 153 N5 R65 1989)**

***Masterpieces of African-American Literature.* (PS 153 N5 M264 1992)**

Contains 149 essays on works of literature by African American Authors, arranged alphabetically by title.

***Oxford Companion to African American Literature* ( REF PS 153 N5 O96 1997)**

An excellent first stop for almost any topic within African American literature. Provides detailed, scholarly essays which analyze genres and influences in African American literature. The Aliterary history@ section begins with coverage of the colonial and early national eras to the present day. Excellent coverage of anthologies. William L. Andrews, Frances Smith Foster, Trudier Harris; editors,

**Statistical Information**

***American Statistics Index.* (REF Z 7554 U5 A46) (Government Documents Microfiche set)**

***The Black Population in the United States March.* (GovDoc J85 C3 186:P-20/442)**

These tables present data on the demographic, social, and economic characteristics of the Black population in the United States from the March 1995 supplement to the *Current Population Survey (CPS)*. Topics covered include geographic distribution, marital status, educational attainment, family and household type, labor force status, occupational distribution, earnings, family income, and poverty status.

***Historical Statistics of Black America.* (REF E 185 H543 1995)**

***Negro population 1790-1915.* (REF HA 205 A33)**

***Statistical Abstracts of the United States.* (ReadyRef HA 202)**

Provides a wealth of statistical information from a variety of government and non-governmental sources.

***Statistical Record of Black America.* (Ref E 185.86 S745x 1997)**

Tables and figures from both public and private sources.

***Statistical Reference Index (SRI)* (REF HA 195 Z999 S78X )**

***1990 Census of Population. Subject Summary Tape File (SSTF) 21: Characteristics of the Black Population.***

**(GOVDOC CMEDIA J 85 C 3.286:CD 90 SSTF 21 C)**

**Primary Sources:**

**Frazier, Thomas R. *Afro-American history : primary sources.* Chicago, IL. : Dorsey Press, 1988. (ULIB E 184.6 A35 1988)**

**Examples of Primary Sources:**

New York Times Newspaper (see chronological index in Reference.)

Autobiographies

Diaries

Newspapers (see attached list)

The Crisis (Microfilm)

New York Age ( New York Age Defender) MIC PER MIC News

**Historical Newspapers:**

Atlanta Constitution June 1868- Dec. 1900; Jan, 1971-Dec. 1989

Frederick Douglass Newspaper June 1847- 1855, 1859-1863

**African-American Newspapers by State**

Antebellum Black newspapers : indices to New York Freedom's journal (1827-1829), The

Rights of all (1829), The Weekly advocate (1837), and The Colored American (1837-1841) / edited by Donald M. Jacobs, assisted by Heath Paley, Susan Parker, and Dana Silverman. (ULIB E 185.5 J33)

Henritze, Barbara K. Bibliographic checklist of African American newspapers. Baltimore, MD : Genealogical Pub. Co., c1995. UAlbany Main Library (REF PN 4882.5 Z999 H45X 1995)

La Brie, Henry G. The Black newspaper in America: a guide. [Kennebunkport, Me., Mercer House Press] 1973.(ULIB Z 6944 N39 L3 1973)

### **Primary Sources in Monograph format:**

*Black Women Oral History Project (E 185.86 B545 1991)*

This source includes a guide to oral histories. The index and the oral histories are shelved together.

### **Primary Sources in Microform:**

*Afro-Americans and the Race Problem MIC Film E185 P38 1920A*

*Charlotte Eugenia (Hawkins) Brown, 1883-1961 MIC Film LA 2317 B66 C43x 1984 REEL 1 POS.*

*Crisis (periodical) v.53-54,57+ 1946-47, 1950+ (iss. miss.) ULIB MIC Per E 185.5 C92. HOLDINGS: (microfilm) v.1-70 1910-1963.*

*Federal Surveillance of African Americans MIC Film E185.2 F43x 1985 REEL 1*

*Guide and Index to Women=s Diaries Segment I: New England Women REF HQ 1418 A442x 1984*

*Ku Klux Klan: Official, Unofficial & Anti-Klan Sources MIC Film HS 2330 K63 K82x*

*National Women=s Party Papers, 1913-1974 MIC Film HQ 1904 N37x*

*Papers of the NAACP MIC Film E 185.61 N23x 1982*

*Records of the National Association of Colored Women=s Clubs 1895-1992 MIC Film E185.86 R37x*

*Records of the Women=s Bureau of the U.S. Dept. of Labor, 1918-1965 MIC Film HD 6095 U62X 1986*

*The Slave Trade, 1858-1892 MIC Film HT 1162 S53x 1977*

*Women and Law: Microfilm Edition of the Women=s Law Library of the Women=s History Research Center. Section VI. Black and Third World Women and Law. MIC Film KF 478 W64X*

*Works of Frederick Douglas: 1817-1895 MIC Film E185 D68x*

### **Primary sources in Special Collections and Archives:**

For more information on these resources, refer to the M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives home page at <http://library.albany.edu/speccoll/>. The Special Collections Reading Room is open 9-5 Monday-Friday and Tuesday and Wednesday evenings until 9:00 p.m. Special Collections is located in the Science Library. Please contact University Archivist, Geoffrey Williams at 442-3541.

**Resources for African-American History,** <http://library.albany.edu/speccoll/aaresouces.htm>

M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, Web page by Brian Keough

### **Selected Collections**

Business and Professional Women=s Clubs: 1934-82.

Capital District Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism: 1981-1985.

Caucus on Women=s Rights at SUNY, Albany Chapter: 1972-76.

Empire State Federation of Women=s Clubs: 1938-87.

Isabella Beacher Hooker Project (women=s suffrage).

M.C. Lawton Civic and Cultural Club: 1921-87.

NAACP, Albany Branch : 1968-87.

National Organization for Women, New York State: 1966-88.

Versatile Club of Troy: 1936-1989.

Women=s Press Club of New York State: 1984-89

Women=s Studies Department, SUNYA 1972- and SUNYA Women=s Club 1953-81, 1984, 1987

### **Accessing Other Special Research Collections:**

***African Americans Information Directory.* (REF E185.5 B513)**

***Black Americans Information Directory.* (REF E185.5 B513)**

A guide to the archives of the Hampton Institute. Bibliographies and indexes in Afro-American and African studies; no. 5 (CD 3569 H364 M35 1985)

***Dictionary Catalog of the Schomburg Center for Research on Black Culture of the New York Public Library.* (REF HT 1581.5 N39)**

***Gateways to the Past: a guide to Published Sources (electronic and paper) for locating unpublished archival and manuscript materials in the Greater Capital District, 1993.* (SPE CD 3404 W55X)**

***Guide to Records in the New York State Archives.* (REF CD 3404 N47X 1993)**

***Directory of Archives and Manuscript Repositories in the United States* (REF CD 3020 D49 1988)**

***Directory of Repositories* (REF CD 3400 D57x 1995)**

***Martin Luther King, Jr. Papers Project at Stanford University***

The MLK Bibliography file contains over 2700 references to works focusing on the life and work of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Civil Rights movement that are now being prepared for publication by the *Martin Luther King, Jr. Papers Project*. a printed version, *a Guide to Research on Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Black Freedom Struggle*, is also available at E185.97 K5 Z992 1989.

### **New York State Library African American Collections**

New York State Library will loan microfilm through Interlibrary Loan, but not the finding guides.

#### **Manuscript Collections**

***From the Schomburg Center for Research In Black Culture: Guide to the Scholarly Resources Microfilm Edition; Series 3: Civil Rights Advocates***

This collection includes: William Pickens papers, Oakley Johnson papers, Richard Parrish papers, and Alexander Crummell Collection.

#### **The Paul Robeson Collection**

**(Manuscript Collections From the Schomburg Center For Research in Black Culture)**

This collection documents Robeson's artistic and political career from 1949 - 1956. Divided into four series (General, Professional, Passport Case and Organizations), the collection consists mainly of correspondence, manuscripts and printed matter and represents for the most part, office files of the United Freedom Fund, established in 1952. Manuscripts by Paul Robeson include typed letters, handwritten drafts of letters, speeches and articles.

### **The Arthur A. Schomburg Papers**

#### **(Manuscript Collections From the *Schomburg Center For Research In Black Culture*)**

This collection reflects Schomburg's activities as researcher, writer, collector and curator. The collection consists of correspondence, published and unpublished writings, articles about Schomburg and the Negro Collection at the 135th Street Branch, subject and reference files, and material relating to his many speaking engagements and activities in the community and on behalf of the collection. The bulk of the papers dates from 1932 to his death in 1938.

#### ***Black Biographical Dictionaries, 1790-1950***

The guide for this collection is simply a reel guide and doesn't tell you about the collection.

#### ***The Black Culture Collection, from the Holdings of the Atlanta University Library***

The major portion of this collection consists of items selected from the Henry P. Slaughter Collection, acquired by Atlanta University in 1946. The collection includes about 10,000 books, pamphlets, portraits and letters by and about Blacks in Africa, Europe and the Americas.

#### ***American Missionary Association. Archives, 1839-82.***

This collection includes correspondence, circulars, proclamations, pamphlets, photographs, and other papers relating to the Civil War, African slavery, abolition, the Underground Railroad, the colonization of Africa, Black education, Reconstruction, Fisk University and the Ku Klux Klan.

#### **Papers of the NAACP.**

This collection includes Meetings of the Board of Directors, Records of Annual Conferences, major speeches and special reports, 1909 - 1950; as well as, personal correspondence of selected NAACP officials, 1919-1939.

#### **Slavery: Source Material Selected From a Bibliography of Anti-Slavery in America.**

The collection is based on the work of Dwight Dumond, Bibliography of Anti-slavery in America.

#### **Slavery: Source Material Selected From Items Entered Under the Subject Group "Slavery" in the Catalog of the Library of Congress.**

This collection is reproduced from original materials dealing with slavery in the Library of Congress. The set includes material on slavery in other parts of the world, especially the West Indies and South America.

#### **Internet Resources**

##### **Africana Studies Library Web Page, University at Albany**

**(<http://www.albany.edu/~dlafonde/women/afam2.htm>)**

*Focus on African American and sites about Africa*

##### **Research a Subject, University at Albany Internet Resources Web Page**

**<http://library.albany.edu/subject/>**

##### **Resources for African-American History, M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University at Albany**

**(<http://library.albany.edu/speccoll/aaresouces.htm>)**

**Understand the differences between the World Wide Web, databases and libraries** A very important resource to primary source materials held at the University at Albany. This site has links to state, local and regional collections as well.

The Web is not a database and it is not a library.

A database is a compilation of information that is organized into fields and can be searched logically, with dependable results. Databases may be library catalogs, indexes, or bibliographies, or they may be collections of statistics, directories of addresses, or inventories of merchandise stock. The common element is organization and reliable searchability.

A library is a collection of full text resources in many formats that have been selected for

their quality and utility. Libraries are arranged to facilitate research and use databases to provide access to their collections.

The World Wide Web is an electronic means of accessing any information that anyone wants to put on it - academic or frivolous, commercial, altruistic, polemic. Anything goes -- and does! The Web can be searched, and the fill-in-the-blank search screen looks much like its equivalent for a database. But search results on the Web can be puzzling because the Web is not set up to be searched logically. Indeed, some Web enthusiasts still militate against any kind of logical organization because it inhibits the Internet's free spirit, and many sites use unscrupulous tactics to attract hits. *Gretchen Walsh, Boston University*

## Other Useful Sites

Columbia (<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/libraries/indiv/area/Africa/>)

Another good site with access both by country name and broad topic.

African Governments on the Web (<http://www.gksoft.com/govt/en/africa.html>)

A compilation of official government Web sites for each country, as well as a selection of more general informational resources.

Electronic African Bookworm (<http://www.hanszell.co.uk/navtitle.htm>)

Designed originally for publishers and the book trade, this site has grown in size and utility to include sites of interest to researchers and scholars. There is a print version in the African Studies Library.

Africa Index (<http://www.africaindex.africainfo.no/>)

Primarily a news service, with additional information sites.

Penn ([http://www.sas.upenn.edu/African\\_Studies/AS.html](http://www.sas.upenn.edu/African_Studies/AS.html))

The "original" mega-site for African studies. Their country specific pages remain very useful, although no longer comprehensive.

Quarterly Index to Periodical Literature from Eastern and Southern Africa

(<http://www.icipe.org/LOCNairobi/QuarterlyIndex/index.html>)

Provides an online index to the Quarterly Index to Periodical Literature from Eastern and Southern Africa (Z3503 .Q38), as well as selected journals from West Africa. The LOC Field Office will provide paper copies of articles via postal service.

African Periodical Literature Bibliographic Database (<http://www.africabib.org>)

The site consists of two bibliographic databases covering Africana periodical literature (Bibliography of Africana Periodical Literature Database) and African Women's literature (African Women's Database). You will also find a comprehensive bibliography on women travelers and explorers to Africa (Women Travelers, Explorers and Missionaries to Africa: 1763-1999: A Comprehensive English Language Bibliography).

Electronic Journal of African Bibliography (<http://sdrc.lib.uiowa.edu/ejab/>)

A refereed journal of bibliographies and articles about library and archival collections.

Cooperative African Microform Project (<http://www.wrl.uchicago.edu/info/camp.htm>)

Click on CRLCatalog for Africanist holdings of the Center for Research Libraries. CAMP is a group of Africana libraries which cooperatively purchases commercially filmed archives and newspapers, or arranges for the filming of important bodies of documentation.

H-Africa (<http://www2.h-net.msu.edu/~africa>) H-Africa is the Web site of an academic electronic discussion group with logs of discussion topics, book reviews, and links to

other sites, including an expanding "family" of related lists.

### **Search Tips**

Select Search the Internet, Search Engines from the Library Web Page  
<http://library.albany.edu/internet/searchnet.html>

Example of a search engine, Metacrawler is a Meta Search Engine

When you have two concepts in an Internet search with one concept that has a phrase or a name, some search engine conventions expect the following format for best results, however, some require none. Add the second concept by placing the "and" operator "+" before each concept.

+“Precolonial Africa” +women (phrase and keyword search)

+“Women in Development” +Africa

+“Noam Chomsky” +Middle East

+“Women in Development” +Africa

+women +“underground railroad”

**+kindred +“Octavia Butler”**

**When searching for synonyms of like terms on the Web, the standard convention is to use no operators, just a space between word or phrase**

**ex) “abolition movement” manumission antislavery**

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