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Transitions I: Racial Identity in Context

GETTING STARTED IN THE LIBRARY

As you begin your research on your class project on some aspect of racial identity, you will want to go to the [library web page](#). Unless you are already an expert on this topic, some background information or a general overview might be useful. The titles listed below, all located in the reference section of Kelly Library, have good articles on many varied aspects of racial identity. They are examples of **specialized encyclopedias** - they focus on a particular subject, as compared to **general** encyclopedias, such as *Americana* or *World Book*.

Racial and Ethnic Relations in America REF E 49 .R33 2000 vols 1-3
Encyclopedia of American Indian History REF E 77 .E48 2008 vols 1-4
Reference Library of Native North America REF E 77.N378 1997 vols 1-4
Encyclopedia of American Cultural and Intellectual History REF E 169.1 .E624 2001 vols 1 -3 also in [Credo](#)
Salem Decades Series REF E 169.12 .S25 also online in [Salem Online Reference Shelf](#)
Twenties, Thirties, Forties, Fifties, Sixties, Seventies, Eighties, Nineties, 2000s in America
Civil Rights in the United States REF E 184 .A1 C47 2000 vols 1-2
Encyclopedia of Race and Racism REF E 184 .A1 E584 2008 vols 1-3 also in [Credo](#) and [GVRL](#)
Encyclopedia of Racism in the United States REF E 184 .A1 E773 2005 3 vols
Multicultural America: An Encyclopedia of the Newest Americans REF E 184 .A1 M815 2011 vols 1-4
Asian Americans: An Encyclopedia of Social, Cultural... History REF E 184 .A75 A842648 2014 vols 1-3
Encyclopedia of Japanese American History: An A-to-Z Reference REF E 184 .J3 E53 2001
Encyclopedia of Muslim-American History REF E 184 .M88 E876 2010 vols 1-2
Encyclopedia of Latino Culture: From Calaveras to Quinceañeras REF E 184 .S75 E588 2014 vols 1-3
The Oxford Encyclopedia of Latinos and Latinas in the United States REF E 184 .S75 O97 2005 vols 1-4
Encyclopedia of American Jewish History REF E 184.35 .E53 vols 1-2
Milestone Documents in African American History REF E 184.6 M55 2010 vols 1-4 also in [GVRL](#)
Encyclopedia of African-American Culture and History REF E 185 .E54 2006 vols 1-6
Encyclopedia of African American History: 1896 to the Present REF E 185 .E5453 2009 vols 1-5
Encyclopedia of African American History: 1619 – 1895 REF E 185 .E545 2006 vols 1-3
Reference Library of Black America REF E 185 .R455 2005 vols 1-5
Encyclopedia of the Great Black Migration REF E185.6 .E54 2006 vols 1-3
Encyclopedia of Civil Rights in America REF E 185.61 .E544 1998 vols 1-3
The Greenwood Encyclopedia of African American Civil Rights REF E 185.61 .E54 2003 vols 1-2
The African American National Biography REF E 185.96 .A4466 2008 vols 1-8
Encyclopedia of Appalachia REF E 106 .E53 206
New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture REF F 209 .N49 2006
Vol. 5: Language Vol. 6: Ethnicity Vol. 13: Gender Vol. 20: Social Class Vol. 24: Race
Encyclopedia of Sociology REF HM 425 .E5 2000 vols 1-5 also in [GVRL](#)
Encyclopedia of Social Psychology REF HM 1007 .E53 2007 vols 1-2
Encyclopedia of American Social Movements REF HN 57 .E594 2004 vols 1-4
Social History of Crime & Punishment in America: An Encyclopedia REF HV 6779 .S63 2012 vols 1-5
West's Encyclopedia of American Law REF KF 154 .W47 2005 vols 1-13 also in [GVRL](#)
American Justice REF KF 154 .A44 1995 vols 1-3
Encyclopedia of American Civil Liberties REF 4747.5 .E53 2006 vols 1-3

ELECTRONIC REFERENCE MATERIALS

In addition to many print sources in the reference section, there are several databases that contain reference-type material. Links to these sites are located on the library webpage, under the [A - Z Databases](#) page. Try doing a search on “racial identity” (or the topic of your choice) in some of the databases listed below.

Biographical Information

[Biography in Context](#) - This database contains over 600,000 biographies on more than 500,000 people as well as full-text articles from more than 170 award-winning Gale reference sources in a broad range of subject areas. (Remember that many of the **print sources** above will also have biographical information.)

General Online Reference Resources

[Credo Reference](#) - Contains hundreds of reference books in a broad range of subjects. See sample search below on “**racial profiling**”

The screenshot shows the Emory & Henry College Credo Reference search results for the query "racial profiling". The page features a blue header with the college logo and search bar. Below the header, it displays "269 results about racial profiling" and a list of related terms. The main content area is divided into a left sidebar for filtering and a main results area. The sidebar includes options to "Narrow Your Search" by Collection, Subject, Media, Date, and Length, and a section to "Search other sites" with links to various databases. The main results area shows three search results, each with a title, a brief description, and the source. The first result is "Racial profiling in law enforcement" from Wiley, the second is "Racial Profiling" from The Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice, and the third is "Racial Profiling" from Culture Wars in America: An Encyclopedia of Issues, Viewpoints, and Voices.

[Gale Virtual Reference Library](#) - Database of encyclopedias, almanacs, and specialized reference sources for multidisciplinary research. See sample search below: “**Jim Crow**” and limited by the subject area of **History**.

The screenshot shows the GVRL search results for 'Jim Crow'. The search terms are 'Keyword ("jim crow")' and 'LIMITS: Subject ("History" x)'. The results are sorted by 'Relevance'. Three results are shown:

- TOPIC OVERVIEW Jim Crow**, page(s): 1176-1178, word count: 1143. Encyclopedia of African-American Culture and History. Leon F. Litwack. Ed. Colin A. Palmer. Vol. 3. 2nd ed. Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA, 2006. As a way of portraying African Americans, Jim Crow first appeared in the context of minstrelsy in the early nineteenth century. Thomas "Daddy" Rice, a white minstrel, popularized the term. Using burnt cork to blacken his...
- TOPIC OVERVIEW Jim Crow Laws**, page(s): 676-678, word count: 619. Revolts, Protests, Demonstrations, and Rebellions in American History : An Encyclopedia. Dawn M. Sherman. Ed. Steven L. Danver. Vol. 2. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2011. Jim Crow is the common name used to describe the racial segregation and disfranchisement inflicted upon African Americans in the postbellum South. The term "Jim Crow" was the name of a popular, black-face minstrel show...
- TOPIC OVERVIEW segregation and Jim Crow**, page(s): 735-739, word count: 2497.

On the right side, there is a 'Revise Search' panel with options to 'Search within results' (with images), 'Limit Search by' (Document Type, Publication Title, Subjects), and 'View More' links.

FINDING MATERIAL WITH THE ONLINE CATALOG ([HAL](#))

After you have found some general information, you might want longer, more detailed information. One great place to look is in the online catalog. Emory & Henry belongs to a group, or a consortium, of four libraries called **Holston Associated Libraries**, and they share a common catalog. Sometime you will hear library staff members refer to the catalog as [HAL](#). All types of items are in our catalog; besides books, there are DVDs, CDs, videocassettes, audiocassettes, electronic books and other electronic resources. You can search for material in several different ways: by subject, title, author and keyword. The screenshot below is from a **subject** search on **Melungeons**. As you see this record provides information about the book, title, author, where to find it, etc. This sample search is very basic, but there are many ways you can limit or tailor your search. We won't go deeply into that now, but the library staff wants you to be aware of the catalog and that it has the holdings in all kinds of formats of its member libraries. The most important thing to remember is to **ask for help!**

The screenshot shows the HAL online catalog search results for 'Melungeons'. The search was performed on the 'SUBJECT' field. The results are sorted by 'System Sorted' and limited to available items.

Author: Schrift, Melissa, 1968-
Title: Becoming Melungeon : making an ethnic identity in the Appalachian South / Melissa Schrift.
Imprint: Lincoln : University of Nebraska Press, ©2013.

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Descript: 1 online resource
 Series: JSTOR Books
 Bibliography: Includes bibliographical references and index.
 Subject: Melungeons -- Appalachian Region, Southern -- Ethnic identity. Melungeons -- Appalachian Region, Southern -- History. Melungeons -- Appalachian Region, Southern -- Social conditions. Electronic books. Online resource.
 Alt Author: JSTOR (Organization)

WHAT DO THESE STRANGE LETTERS AND NUMBERS MEAN?

After you have found books and other material in the catalog, how do you find these things in the library? The call numbers don't look like what you are used to in your school learning resource center or local public library. That's because Kelly Library uses the [Library of Congress](#) classification system.

FINDING ARTICLES IN DATABASES

Besides books, you will want to find articles on your chosen topic. Articles generally fall into two groups: popular magazines and scholarly periodicals. You have online access to both kinds of articles through the many databases this library subscribes to. Take a look at the [A- Z Databases](#) page on the library webpage. There are dozens of databases, and most of them are partially or completely full-text. Some databases that you may find helpful are listed below.

[Academic Search Complete](#) – periodical database that includes both popular and scholarly journals. This database has many full-text articles as well as indexing and abstracting for many other journals. Notice the option to limit the search by several means, such as **full text** and **date**.

Below is a search on **“race identity” AND “African Americans”** in **Academic Search Complete**.

The screenshot displays the EBSCO Academic Search Complete interface. At the top, the search bar contains the query "racial identity" AND "African-Americans". The search results page shows 1-10 of 950 results. The first result is "African Americans and Trayvon Martin: Black Racial Identity Profiles and Emotional Responding." The second result is "Race-Based Rejection Sensitivity and Racial Identity Predict African American Students' Reactions to the Fatal Shooting of Other African Americans: Personal Threat and Identification with Shooting Victims as Mediators." The interface includes a "Refine Results" sidebar on the left with options for "Limit To" (Full Text, References Available, Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals) and "Source Types" (All Results, Academic Journals (693), Magazines (125), Book Reviews (64)).

[America's Newspapers](#) – *America's Newspapers* from *Newsbank* provides the full text of over 700 U.S. newspapers. Although newspapers may not be considered scholarly sources, they can be helpful in giving you information as the event was, or is, unfolding; tracing a story through the newspaper can give you a day-by-day breakdown of it. Below is a search on **stereotyp* AND race**. Note the use of the * to retrieve variations of the word stereotyp.

NewsBank inc. **Access World News**
Explore news articles from 1972 - Current [overview of content](#)

New Search

Headline

AND

Sort by:

Get alerted to the latest news on this topic! [Create Email Alert](#) [Save Search](#)

Limit results to:

Results (277) Did you mean: [stereotype*](#) in Headline AND [race](#) in Headline

Showing 1-10 of 277 Results


Source Type
Publication
State and Territory
Region
City
Decade
Year
Month
Day
Era
Presidential Era

Shortcuts

- [World](#)
- [USA](#)
- [Appalachia News Sources](#)
- [Bristol Herald Courier \(VA\)](#)
- [Richmond Times-Dispatch \(VA\)](#)


- [Briar Cliff students dispel stereotypes about race relations](#)**
Sioux City Journal (IA) - September 9, 2017
Newspaper | Words: 661
Readability: 8-9 grade level (Lexile: 1090)
... we wanted to dispel some **stereotypes** along with way," Lysius ... he said. "It also starts a conversation about **race**. You can't change perceptions without honestly ... perceptions without honestly talking about **race** ...
[Add to My Collection](#) | [Print/Crop](#) | [Email](#) | [Save as PDF](#)
- [Race in America - Here's how misunderstandings become stere](#)**
Chico Enterprise-Record (Chico, CA) - August 28, 2017
Newspaper | Page: 9 | Words: 669
Readability: >12 grade level (Lexile: 1320)
... indignant and probably had some ugly **stereotypes** ...
[Add to My Collection](#) | [Print/Crop](#) | [Email](#) | [Save as PDF](#)
- [Welp. Turns out AI learns gender and race stereotypes from hu](#)**
Mashable.com - April 13, 2017
Web-Only Source | Words: 622
Readability: >12 grade level (Lexile: 1310)

[CQ Researcher Online](#) - Weekly single-themed reports of about 12,000 words report on timely topics. Below is the result of a search on **race AND campus**.

  **CQ RESEARCHER** 

Race and Ethnicity

Is the "post-racial society" dream dead?
By Bill Wanlund
June 11, 2014

[See the Chronology](#) 

Race continues to be an undercurrent in American society. African-Americans have made economic and educational progress, but continue to lag behind whites in jobs and wealth. The Supreme Court has ruled that voters may decide whether state universities can apply

[General OneFile](#) – News and periodical articles on a wide range of topics: business, computers, current events, economics, education, environmental issues, health care, hobbies, humanities, law, literature

and art, politics, science, social sciences, sports, technology, and many general interest topics.

JSTOR – Scholarly online journal collection that contains the full text back file of journals from a variety of subject areas. There is a 3 to 5 year moving wall that will not include the most recent articles of each journal.

As you can see on the [A - Z Databases](#) page, there are many specialized databases too. To students doing a project on the racial identity the following databases may be of interest: [America: History & Life](#), [PsycArticles](#), [PsycInfo](#), [Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection](#), and [Sociological Abstracts](#). *America: History & Life* and *Psychology and Behavioral Sciences Collection* is produced by the same vendor that publishes *Academic Search Complete*, so the user interfaces are very similar.

WHAT DOES “SCHOLARLY” VERSUS “POPULAR” MEAN?

Throughout your college career, you will hear professors and librarians mention popular magazines and scholarly journals. Or, your professors may tell you to rely on scholarly, not popular sources. What does that mean? Generally, articles in popular magazines, such as *Time*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Glamour*, etc. are geared toward a large audience. Scholarly journals, such as the *American Historical Review*, *American Journal of Psychology*, *International Journal of Ethics*, etc. are aimed at scholars and students in specialized fields. *People* is a magazine about celebrities and popular culture; the *Journal of Popular Culture* studies and analyzes it.

Here is a link to a helpful chart ([Scholarly vs Popular Articles](#)) on the Skidmore College’s Library website that will help you distinguish the difference between the two types of publications.

WHAT DO YOU DO IF AN ARTICLE IS NOT FULL-TEXT IN A DATABASE?

If you’re looking, for example, in *Academic Search Complete*, and you find an article that is not full-text, what do you do? Go to our [E-Journals by Title](#) list that is located on the library webpage! An article that may not be full-text in one database may very well be full-text in another one of the library’s dozens of databases. Just search for the title of the journal to retrieve a list of databases that offer it in full-text, along with which years are available.

STATISTICS

Need statistics on the demographics of your town, city, state? Try **American FactFinder**, a database compiled by the U.S. Census Bureau. You can find it by doing a title search in the catalog, or copying and pasting this link: <https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml> . Let’s look at the demographic information available for **Abingdon**:

The screenshot shows the United States Census Bureau FactFinder website. The search bar contains "Abingdon" and the results page displays "Abingdon town, Virginia" with a population of 8,191 for the 2010 Census. The population is highlighted with a red box. The website includes a navigation menu with options like MAIN, COMMUNITY FACTS, GUIDED SEARCH, ADVANCED SEARCH, and DOWNLOAD CENTER. A sidebar on the left lists various data categories such as Population, Age, Business and Industry, Education, Governments, Housing, Income, Origins and Language, Poverty, Race and Hispanic Origin, and Veterans.

DOCUMENTATION AND PLAGIARISM

Plagiarism is serious academic misconduct. The **E&H Academic Code** clearly states that it is a student's responsibility to give credit to another person's exact words or unique ideas. The **Honor Code** reinforces this concept with the statement that one of its elements is "A commitment to abstain from all forms of cheating and plagiarism." Documenting sources correctly will help you avoid this mistake in your papers and presentations. Your professors will talk to you more in-depth about this issue. In high school, you may have already have had some experience with documenting your research using one of the following documentation styles. The three most common styles you may hear your professors mention are **MLA** (Modern Language Association), **APA** (American Psychological Association) and the **Chicago Manual of Style**. The library has guides for all of them. Also, on the library's [Research Tips](#) page (located on the library's webpage under **Research**), there are links to several helpful sites. The [OWL](#) (Online **W**riting **L**ab at Purdue University) website is especially useful.

FINDING GOOD INTERNET SITES

There are lots of good web pages and some that are not so good. In high school your teachers and media specialists have probably given you some advice on telling the good from the bad. Try this site (http://www.widener.edu/about/campus_resources/wolfgram_library/evaluate/default.aspx/) at the Widener University's Wolfgram Library page for a great YouTube tutorial on evaluating websites. In addition to pages you find on your own with your favorite search engines, the librarians in Kelly Library

have pulled together high-quality websites, subscription databases and print resources by subject on the library webpage under [Subject Resources](#) (located under the **Research** tab). Take a look at the areas listed; you may see a resource you can use.

YOUR BEST RESOURCE

Your best resource in the library is the people who work here! If you are **having problems** locating or using any of these resources, please **ask a library staff member for assistance**. We're here to help you with your information needs. Kelly library is open 92.5 hours a week during the regular semester, and a reference librarian is available until 9 pm Sunday-Thursday, and all day Friday and Saturday.

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Another valuable resource available to you on this campus is the [E&H Writing Center](#) in McGlothlin-Street 233. It is not an editing service; the tutors there can work with you to improve your papers by giving you advice on grammar, organization and documentation matters. For information on operating hours and tutor schedules, call ext. 6796 or check the [Writing Center](#) (<http://www.ehc.edu/academics/resources/academic-support/writing-center>) webpage.

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