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HISTORY 505: Historiography and Methods

FINDING BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The titles listed below contain background and overview information on historical themes and subjects, historical methods and historiography, and cover a wide range of time periods, geographical areas and subjects. Almost of them have bibliographies, or suggestions for further reading. So, looking at these books is useful for two reasons: they will give you a good overview of a topic, and serve as a shortcut to other titles on your subject. All of the print items are listed in call number order and located in the reference collection and the online database titles can be accessed on the library’s web page (http://library.ehc.edu) or the A – Z list (http://library.ehc.edu/databases.html). There are many links built into this guide; if you are viewing it from the guides link on the library web page (www.library.ehc.edu) or an ANGEL site (https://angel.ehc.edu/frames.aspx), you can access the online sources through it.

Subject Areas and Time Periods


Great Events from History


*Twentieth Century Britain: An Encyclopedia*, 1995. REF/DA/566/.T835
*Colonial America: An Encyclopedia of Social, Political, Cultural and Economic History*, 2006. REF/E/162/.C68

The *Salem Decades* Series (available online in the A–Z list)

Interesting articles on “The Mythic South” and “Historians.”


Vol. 6 contains an article on the writing of history and religion.


Vol. 3 has a long article on “Historiography.”


Vol. 3 has a section on “Methods and Concepts.”


Long article on American historiography.


Long articles on “Historiography” and “History.”


Has articles on the German and English Schools of History. Earlier editions 1894 and 1987


Vol. 1 has a section on “Methods and Contexts.”

Credo Reference. A-Z list
Gale Virtual Reference Library. A-Z list
Oxford Reference Online. A-Z list

Historiography and Historical Methods


Excerpts from 186 documents relating to African American history 1567-1971.


Statistical Record of Black America, 1990. REF/E/185.5/.S7


Statistical Abstract of the U.S., annual. REF/HA/202/.S8
Previous volumes date back to 1920 and are at Gov Docs C 3.134:year.
U.S. Historical Census Data Browser http://fisher.lib.virginia.edu/collections/stats/histcensus/
Early American Imprints. Online, A-Z list
Early Encounters in North America. Online, A-Z list
North American Women’s Letters and Diaries. Online, A-Z list

The following list contains long runs of newspapers and periodicals that may be primary source material, depending on your topic.

Atlantic Monthly, 1857--. Bound periodicals
Brownlow’s Knoxville Whig, 1853-1868. Microfilm cabinets
Congressional Globe / Congressional Record. Gov Docs Dept., History Dept, and
http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/anlaw/lawhome.html
Early American Newspapers. Online, A-Z list
Harper’s Magazine, 1850--. Bound periodicals
Harpweek (Harper’s Weekly), 1857-1877. Online, A-Z list
Nation, 1882-1885; 1908-36; 1967--. Bound periodicals, microfiche cabinets and online (Academic Search Complete)
New Orleans Christian Advocate, 1828-1879. Microfilm cabinets
New Republic, 1925--. Bound periodicals and online (Academic Search Complete)
New York Times, 1856-. Microfilm cabinets and online (Lexis-Nexis Academic)
Newsweek, 1934--. Bound periodicals, microfiche cabinets and online (Academic Search Complete)
Richmond Argus, 1799-1816. Microfilm cabinets
Richmond Enquirer, 1861-62. Microfilm cabinets
Richmond Gazette, 1784-1796. Microfilm cabinets
Richmond Sentinel, 1863-64. Microfilm cabinets
Richmond Whig, 1835-74. Microfilm cabinets
Southwest Virginia Newspapers, various titles and dates. Microfilm cabinets
Time, 1926--. Bound periodicals, microfiche cabinets and online (Academic Search Complete)
U.S. News and World Report, 1940-. Bound periodicals, microfiche cabinets and online (Academic Search Complete)

Depending on your topic, the following additional web sites may be useful for primary or statistical information:
Library of Congress American Memory Project (http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html); Documenting the
American South (http://docsouth.unc.edu/); American Women’s History: A Research Guide
(http://frank.mtsu.edu/~kmiddlet/history/women.html); and Civil War Women: Primary Sources
(http://library.duke.edu/specialcollections/bingham/guides/cwdocs.html)

BIBLIOGRAPHIES

Besides the bibliographies included in reference works, circulating books and periodical articles, the following book-length, stand-alone bibliographies may help you too.

Black Slavery in the Americas, 1982. REF/HT/1049/.S63

FINDING BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

You may need to find biographical information on an historical figure or historian. The following print and electronic titles should help you. All of the print titles are in the reference collection and the online titles can be accessed by links on the library’s A – Z list (http://library.ehc.edu/databases.html).
American National Biography, 1999. REF/CT/213/.A68
Dictionary of Literary Biography, 1978-. REF/PN/86/.D52 and online
   Vol. 17, Twentieth Century American Historians
   Vol. 30, American Historians, 1607-1865
   Vol. 47, American Historians, 1866-1912
Contemporary Authors, 1962-. REF/PN/453/.C6 and online
   DLB and CA can be found online under Literature Resource Center, A-Z list
Biography Index, 1946-96, index shelves.
Biography Resource Center, A-Z list

FINDING MATERIAL IN THE ONLINE CATALOG

You can find materials in our catalog by author, title, subject or keyword. It incorporates the holdings of four libraries (Holston Associated Libraries), and lists books, periodical titles, videos and compact discs. With your valid student ID, you may check out books from member libraries, or request them through interlibrary loan. Following is a subject search for items Kelly Library owns on historians. I scrolled through the list of headings until I found historians—United States. Then I selected the title in the right screen shot, Imagined Histories.

E-books, such as those from the NetLibrary and ACLS Humanities collection, are included in the catalog (although you may also access them from the A-Z list)

FINDING MATERIAL IN ONLINE AND PRINT INDEXES

In addition to background and biographical information, you will need critical information such as book reviews. The sources below will help you find reviews in periodicals, as well as biographical information and articles on specific history topics.

America: History & Life, 1965-. Online
   Has a companion database, Historical Abstracts. HA indexes world history; A:H&L, U.S. and Canadian.

The screen shot below left shows the basic search screen; the screen shot on the right shows the results—matches for the search Salem AND witchcraft AND historiography.
Here’s the second article from that list, “Examination of the Records of the Salem Witch Trials” in William & Mary Quarterly, no. 3, 2008:

Note: the vendor that produces America: History & Life, produces another database, Academic Search Complete, that may be useful too. It is partially full-text, contains popular magazines and scholarly periodicals, and is multi-subject.

Another database of popular, scholarly and partially full-text articles is General OneFile.

*Humanities Index* and *Social Sciences Index*, 1974-95, index shelves

These two indexes were originally known as *International Index* from 1907 to 1965, then *Social Science and Humanities Index* from 1965-1974. After 1965, it was published as two separate titles.
JSTOR

Full-text database of over 300 titles, from volume 1, issue 1 for each periodical included.

Project Muse

Full text database of journals from Johns Hopkins and other university publishers. Here’s a search on history AND gender AND United States OR American:

World Catalog

Having trouble locating material in Kelly Library on a particular subject? Try World Catalog. It’s not a periodical index, but an index of books and other items. If you are not finding adequate material on your subject in the catalog, this is a good way to identify titles. For example, if you aren’t happy with the library’s holdings on how history is depicted in the movies, you might try a search like the one below to find some titles.
What If the Article is Not Full Text?

If you find articles that are not full-text in these databases/indexes, just do a title search in the online catalog and the Full Text E-Journals list. The catalog will tell you for what dates the title is owned and in what format it is stored (microfiche, electronic, etc.); the full text list will tell you if the library has electronic access to it through an online database. For example, the Full Text E-Journals list will tell you that the article in a 2008 issue of *William & Mary Quarterly* from the A: H&L search is available in JSTOR 1892-2004, and that Kelly Library has a subscription for current issues. So, you have access to that *W&M Q* article in Kelly Library’s print subscription periodicals. If the article is not available in print or online, you may want to request it through interlibrary loan.

REMOTE ACCESS

You can access all of these databases from off campus. To find directions on how to do this, go to the A-Z list, Subject Resources or Newspapers links. You will see Off Campus Access Instructions under all three links. Basically, all you need to do is type the library home page address (http://library.hec.edu), and then click on the A-Z list. The first database you select will cause a login box to appear. Enter your user name and password, just as if you were logging on to a computer in the library or one of the labs. If you are having difficulty with off-campus access, please let one of the reference librarians know.

FINDING INTERNET SOURCES

You will find web sites on historians and other history topics by using search engines such as Google!, Altavista and others. Remember, there is a lot of weird stuff out there, and it is somewhat easier to publish a web site than it is a book. Check to see if web sites are affiliated with a university or professional group, indicate a copyright date or update, and present factually correct, typo-free information. Widener University maintains a web site that contains good evaluation tips: http://www.widener.edu/libraries/wolfgram/evaluate.

Here are a few interesting history/historian/historiography sites to get you started: WWW-VL: History Central Catalogue (http://vlib.iue.it/history/index.html), *Ipl2* (http://www.ipl.org/), Iowa State University’s E-Library (http://instr.iastate.libguides.com/history), Gilded Age and Progressive Era Resources (http://www.h-net.org/~shgape/netindex.html), and Yahoo (http://dir.yahoo.com/Arts/Humanities/History/Historiography). Also, in the previous section “Finding Statistics and Primary Source Material,” there are several websites listed.

OBTAINING MATERIAL FROM OTHER LIBRARIES

As you use these print and electronic resources, you will find citations to journals and books Kelly Library does not own. Our staff will try to get article copies or borrow books for you through interlibrary loan. To order material this way, click on the interlibrary loan link on the library home page under Services. If you have never used this service, you will need to register by clicking on the first time users button and completing some user information—you’ll need your barcoded ID card. You will need to do this only one time. Then, you can proceed to the book and photocopy order forms. There is no charge for this service for the first 50 requests per academic year. Please double check your request in the catalog and the Full Text E-Journals list to be sure that the library does not own the material before you fill in the order form, and allow at least 5-7 working days to receive your order. Please do not submit more than 10 requests for returnable material (books) at one time. If you have questions about this service, ask Patty or Jane.

DOCUMENTING YOUR SOURCES

When you quote an author’s words, or paraphrase an author’s unique ideas, you must give credit to the source. If you do not, you have committed plagiarism, which is a violation of the E&H Honor Code. The different documentation styles for the various academic fields will help you avoid this. The History Department requires its students to use The Chicago Manual of Style or Kate Turabian’s Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses and Dissertations. Both are on reserve at the Circulation Desk. For electronic sources formats, check “Citing Sources” link on Kelly Library’s page.

NOTE: Please speak with a reference librarian if you are not finding information on your topic. We are here to help you with your information needs. The librarians that provide reference assistance are Jane Caldwell, Patty Greany, Jody Hanshew and Janet Kirby. Reference service is available from 8:00am-10pm Monday-Thursday; 8:30am-4:30pm Friday; 10am-5pm Saturday and 2pm-10pm Sunday. Circulation staff members are David Baber, David Lyons, Pat Maiden, Juanita Ratliff, Shelby Smith, Sara Beth White, and Tonya White.

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