

RESEARCH GUIDE

Anthropology

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Anthropology is a social science that explores the study of humans in all social, cultural, and physical aspects. This research guide has been prepared to assist in the use of reference sources in anthropology and to help in locating information efficiently.

THE LIBRARY CATALOG

You can identify books that are relevant to your research in several ways. If you already know a specific writer, search by the author's name. If you have a title, search by title. Searching by subject will retrieve only subjects used by the Library of Congress. Some examples of Library of Congress subject headings are:

Ethnography	human evolution
Indians of North America	Yanomano
Kinship	marriage customs and rites

Word searching allows you to search multiple concepts or search terms not used by the Library of Congress. See *Database Guide: Library Catalog* for searching tips.

LITERATURE AND RESEARCH GUIDES

GN42.W44
1998
Fen Ref

Introduction to Library Research in Anthropology, 1998. An introduction to the "mechanics and resources of library use" this guide describes library-based resources in anthropology, *the Human Relations Area Files (HRAF)*, Library of Congress classification schemes, online databases, and Internet sources. Guide to bibliographic and reference works in anthropology.

GN42 .K53
1991
Fen Ref

Cultural Anthropology: A Guide to Reference and Information Sources, 1991. Comprehensive guide to literature in cultural anthropology. Includes information about anthropology organizations, libraries and publishers.

GN42 .W48
1994
Fen Ref

Fieldwork in the Library: A Guide to Anthropology and Related Area Studies, 1994. The first part of this work provides access to reference sources in cultural anthropology, archaeology, linguistics, physical anthropology, and related disciplines. The second section is arranged by geographic area and cultural area and provides access to empirical research into specific peoples and sites.

H61 .S635 1996
Fen Ref
JCL Ref

The Social Sciences: A Cross Disciplinary Guide to Selected Sources, 1996. Annotated listing of sources organized by disciplines. Coverage includes guides, bibliographies, indexes and abstracts.

INDEXES AND ELECTRONIC SOURCES ON THE INTERNET

The following indexes can be located through the GMU Libraries *Article Indexes and Databases* page (<http://library.gmu.edu/resources/databases.html>) by typing in the index name in the search box:

Anthropology Related:

Anthropological Index Online, 1970-present. Searchable web version of Anthropological Index. Periodicals are indexed in a geographical arrangement, subdivided by general, physical anthropology, cultural anthropology, ethnography and linguistics. Citations to articles published in the late 1960's is limited.

Anthropological Literature, 1994-present. Tozzer Library's cumulative index to international periodicals, journals and edited works. Coverage includes the fields of archaeology, anthropology, linguistics and related social sciences. Print version (1971-present) available (Fen Ref Index GN1 .A57).

Arts and Humanities Citation Index, 1980-present. Covers art, archaeology, folklore, linguistics and religion. Searchable by author, subject and citation. Earlier issues (1979-present) can be found in print (Fen Ref Index AI3 .A63).

Contemporary Women's Issues, 1992-present. Provides full text access to global information on women. Journals, newsletters, research reports from non-profit groups, government and international agencies, along with fact sheets. Updated 26 times per year.

Ethnic NewsWatch, 1985-present. Full text articles from ethnic and minority presses in the United States. In English and Spanish.

Hispanic American Periodicals Index Online, 1970-present. Searchable web version of the Hispanic American Periodicals Index (Fen Ref Index F1408 .H31). "Contains complete

bibliographic citations to articles, book reviews, documents, original literary works, and other materials appearing in more than 400 key social science and humanities journals published throughout the world.”

PsycINFO, 1887-present. Covers the professional and academic literature in psychology and related disciplines including medicine, psychiatry, nursing, sociology, education, pharmacology, physiology, linguistics, and other areas. Updated monthly.

Social Sciences Citation Index, 1980-present. Interdisciplinary index to journals and collected volumes in the social and behavioral sciences. Access by author, citation and subject. Updated weekly. Earlier issues (1972-present) can be found in print (Fen Ref Index H83.S63).

Sociological Abstracts, 1963-present. Citations and abstracts from over 2,000 journals indexed by Sociological Abstracts, plus relevant dissertation listings, abstracts of conference papers and selected books, citations of book review. Updated 6 times per year.

General:

Infotrac OneFile, 1980-present. Database of abstracts and full text articles on business, computers, current events, economics, education, health care, humanities, law, literature and art, politics, science, social science and many general topics.

Lexis-Nexis Academic. Provides access to a wide range of domestic and international news. Dates of coverage vary.

ProQuest General Reference, 1990-present. Multi-subject reference source covering general and academic periodicals; full-text is available for many articles.

RELATED MICROCOMPUTER INDEXES

Located at Fenwick Reference.

Ethics Index, 1990-1996. Interdisciplinary index to articles and essays on ethics and morality, including criminal justice, feminism, public policy, and social science.

LLBA (Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts), 1973-present. Indexes and abstracts articles, books, dissertations and conference proceedings. Formerly *Language and Language Behavior Abstracts* (1967-1984). Earlier issues (1967-present) available in print (Fen Ref Index P1 .L2).

PRINT JOURNAL INDEXES AND ABSTRACTS

- GN1 .A15
Fen Ref Index ***Abstracts in Anthropology, 1970-present.*** The major abstracting service for anthropology. Covers archeology, cultural anthropology, linguistics and physical anthropology. No cumulated indexes.
- F1408 .H3
Fen Ref Index ***Handbook of Latin American Studies, Annual.*** Selected Annotated bibliography. Includes subject and author index.
- AI3 .S62
Fen Ref Index ***Social Sciences Index, 1974-present.*** Interdisciplinary subject/author index to social science periodicals. Covers core journals in anthropology and area studies.

BIBLIOGRAPHIES

- GN346 .G73
Fen Ref ***Anthropological Fieldwork: an Annotated Bibliography, 1988.*** Contains 700 citations to works on anthropological fieldwork from the early twentieth century to 1986. Geographic and subject indexes.
- GN24 .I6
Fen Stacks ***International Bibliography of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Annual.*** Index to journal articles, books and research reports in the field of cultural anthropology. In French and English.

DICTIONARIES, ENCYCLOPEDIAS AND HANDBOOKS

- HM136 .L46 1994
Fen Stacks
JCL Ref ***Aggression and Conflict: A Cross-Cultural Encyclopedia, 1994.*** Topical essays offer cross-cultural analysis and synthesis of such social phenomena as familial and other forms of conflict, as well as conciliation strategies.
- GN281 .C345 1992
Fen Stacks
JCL Ref ***The Cambridge Encyclopedia of Human Evolution, 1992.*** Arranged thematically, this work presents recent scholarship on human origins, human and primate behavior, the fossil record, and molecular genetics.
- GN307 .D485
1997
Fen Ref ***The Dictionary of Anthropology, 1997.*** Focuses on cultural and social anthropology, but includes entries in the field of archaeology, biological anthropology, and linguistics.
- GN307 .W56 ***Dictionary of Concepts in Cultural Anthropology, 1991.*** Contains

- 1991
Fen Ref definitions, historical origins and developments, and bibliographic references for 80 key concepts in cultural anthropology.
- GN50.3 S74
1991
Fen Ref ***Dictionary of Concepts in Physical Anthropology, 1991.*** Consists of brief definitions, historical origins and developments, and sources of additional information for 75+ concepts in physical anthropology.
- GN307 .E52
1996
Fen Ref ***Encyclopedia of Cultural Anthropology, 4 vols, 1996.*** The 340 in-depth articles in this work cover the methods, perspectives and concepts of cultural anthropology.
- P29 .E48
1994
Fen Ref ***The Encyclopedia of Language and Linguistics, 10 vols., 1994.*** Entries include articles on individual languages, linguistics and linguists. Consult classified list of entries in vol. 10 under "Anthropology and Language" for articles of an anthropological nature.
- GN307 .E527
1996
Fen Ref
Fen Stacks ***Encyclopedia of Social and Cultural Anthropology, 1996.*** Contains substantive entries on ideas, individuals and sub-disciplines in social and cultural anthropology, brief biographies of 250+ leading figures in the history of anthropology, and a glossary of key terms.
- GN495.4 .E53 1993
Fen Ref
JCL Ref ***The Encyclopedia of the Peoples of the World, 1993.*** Encyclopedic guide to contemporary peoples and ethnic groups worldwide, with an emphasis on political and geographical history. Contains maps, illustrations and references.
- GN307.E53
1991
Fen Ref
JCL Ref ***Encyclopedia of World Cultures, 10 vols., 1991-1996.*** Arranged by geographic region. Provides descriptive summaries on world cultures. Volumes are: v. 1. North America; v. 2. Oceania; v. 3. South Asia; v. 4. Europe (central, western, and southeastern Europe); v. 5. East and Southeast Asia; v. 6. Russia and Eurasia, China; v. 7. South America; v. 8. Middle America and the Caribbean; v. 9. Africa and the Middle East; v. 10. Indexes..
- GN496 .L48
1994
Fen Ref ***Ethnic Relations: A Cross-Cultural Encyclopedia, 1994.*** Provides definitions and cross-cultural information about such topics as ethnic cleansing, assimilation and ethnocentrism, and descriptive profiles of 38 ethnic conflicts around the world.
- E184.S75 H365 ***Handbook of Hispanic Cultures in the United States, 4 vols., 1993.***

- 1993
Fen Ref
JCL Ref
- Important contributions to scholarship on the U.S. Hispanic population. Contains separate volumes for anthropology, sociology, history, and literature and art. Some overlap between volumes.
- F1434 .H3
Fen Ref
- Handbook of Middle American Indians, 16 vols. 1964-1976.*** Contains essays on the ethnography, archaeology, physical anthropology and social anthropology of First Nations of Middle America. Updated by supplements.
- E76.2 .H36
Fen Ref
JCL Ref
- Handbook of North American Indians, [12 vols., 1978-2001.*** 20 volume set published by the Smithsonian Institution is the standard scholarly source for information on First Nations.
- ES1 .U6 no. 143
1963
Fen Ref
- Handbook of South American Indians, 7 vols., 1946-1959.*** Survey of First Nation tribes of South America, with emphasis on the European contact period.
- GN50.3 .H57
1997
Fen Ref
- History of Physical Anthropology: An Encyclopedia, 2 vols., 1997.*** Contains historical and contemporary biographical sketches, entries on the development of physical anthropology in specific countries, and entries on the history of key concepts in the various sub-fields of physical anthropology (e.g., anthropometry, dental anthropology, forensic anthropology, primate field studies).
- GN307.I44 1989
Fen Ref
JCL Ref
- Illustrated Encyclopedia of Mankind, 22 vols., 1989.*** Richly illustrated set covers over 500 peoples and cultures.
- H41 .I58 2001
Fen Ref
- International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences. 26 vols. 2001.*** Includes authoritative articles describing the state of the art in all fields of the social and behavioral sciences. Bibliographic included.
- GN480 .B76 1994
Fen Ref
JCL Ref
- Marriage, Family and Relationships: A Cross-Cultural Encyclopedia, 1994.*** Topical articles with cross-cultural analysis of marriage and family, including both universal characteristics and less-common practices.

HUMAN RELATIONS AREA FILES

The Human Relations Area Files (HRAF) is a microfiche collection of books, articles and unpublished papers on more than 300 ethnic, religious, cultural and national groups worldwide. Materials are arranged according to a classification system based on the following manuals. For more detailed information see the *Research Guide: Human Relations Area Files*.

GN345.3.M87
1983
Fen Ref Desk ***Outline of World Culture, 6th ed., 1983.*** Classifies all known world cultures by geographic region. Assigns alphanumeric designation to cultural groups.

GN345.3.095
1987
Fen Ref Desk ***Outline of Cultural Materials, 5th rev. ed. 1987.*** Subject index to the HRAF files. Assigns a numerical designation to more than 700 categories of human culture. Used in conjunction with the Outline of World Cultures to locate information in the HRAF files.

YEARBOOKS AND ANNUALS

GN1 .A623
Fen Stacks ***Annual Review of Anthropology.*** Contains scholarly review articles on recent trends and developments in each branch of anthropology.

ATLASES

G1046.E1 P7
1990
Fen Ref ***Atlas of World Cultures: a Geographical Guide to Ethnographic Literature, 1990.*** Contains maps and atlases for over 3,000 cultural groups. Citations to ethnographic books and articles. Visual representations of the cultures of each country. Contains text, maps and photographs.

DT14 .M84
Fen Ref ***Cultural Atlas of Africa, 1998.*** Organized into three parts: Physical Background, Cultural Background, and Nations of Africa.

DS721 .B56
1998
Fen Ref ***Cultural Atlas of China, 1998.*** Organized into three parts: Space, Time and Symbols and Society.

DS821 .C62
1988
Fen Ref ***Cultural Atlas of Japan, 1988.*** Organized into three parts: Space, Time and Symbols and Society.

DK32 .M62
1998
Fen Ref

Cultural Atlas of Russia and the former Soviet Union, 1998.
Organized into three parts: Geographical Background, Historical Period, and Regions and Republics of the Soviet Union.

BIOGRAPHICAL SOURCES

GN20 .B56
Fen Stacks

Biographical Directory of Anthropologists Born Before 1920, 1988.
Entries include biographical data, major contributions, and published sources of biographical information.

GN20 .I5
1991
Fen Stacks

International Dictionary of Anthropologists, 1991. Biographical essays on 725 anthropologists born before 1920. Essays include bibliographies of works by or about each anthropologist.

GN20 .W63
1988
Fen Stacks

Women Anthropologists: A Biographical Dictionary, 1988.
Biographical profiles of 58 women anthropologists born between 1836 and 1934. Profiles include a selected bibliography of works by or about each individual.

DIRECTORIES

GN2 .A6
Fen Ref

AAA Guide. Describes anthropology departments in 558 institutions. Contains list of American Anthropological Association members, recent Ph.D. Dissertations in anthropology and student statistics.

OTHER INTERNET RESOURCES

Anthropology Subject Guide (<http://library.gmu.edu/resources/socsci/anthropology.html>) is maintained by GMU Libraries.

Anthropology Links (<http://www.gmu.edu/departments/anthro/links.htm>) is maintained by the GMU Anthropology Club.