

RESEARCH GUIDE

GEOGRAPHY

George Mason University Libraries

This guide is meant to aid students and researchers of Geography in locating basic information sources within the collections of George Mason University Libraries. For electronic sources, <http://library.gmu.edu/resources/sci/geography.html>

Gazetteers

Columbia Gazetteer of the World. Saul Cohen, ed. 3 vols. New York: Columbia Univ. Press, 1998.
Fen Ref G103.5 .C645 1998

Columbia Lippincott Gazetteer of the World. New York: Columbia Univ. Press, 1952.
Fen Ref G103 .C6

Place names of the world: Origins and meanings of the names for over 5000 natural, features, countries, capitals, territories, cities, and historic sites. Adrian Room. Jefferson, NC: McFarland, 1997.

Fen Ref G105 .R66 1997
JCL Ref G105 .R66 1997

Dictionaries

Cooper's Comprehensive Environmental Desk Reference. Andre R. Cooper, ed. New York: Van Nostrand Reinhold, 1996.
Fen Ref GE123 .C64 1996

Dictionary of Environment and Development: People, Places, Ideas, and Organizations. Andy Crump. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 1993.

JCL Ref GE10 .C78 1993

Dictionary of Human Geography. R.J. Johnson et al., eds. 4 ed. Malden, MA: Blackwell, 2000.

Fen Ref GF4 .D52 2000

Encyclopaedic Dictionary of Physical Geography. 2nd ed. Cambridge, MA: Blackwell, 1994.

Fen Ref GB10 .E53 1994
PWC Ref GB10 .E53 1994

A Glossary of Geographical Terms: Based on a List Prepared by a Committee of the British Association for the Advancement of Science. 3rd ed. New York: Longman, 1979.

Fen Ref G107.9 .B74 1979

International GIS Dictionary. Rachael McDonnell. New York: John Wiley & Sons, 1995.
Fen Ref G70.212 .M33 1995

Longman Dictionary of Geography: Human and Physical. Audrey N. Clark. Harlow, Essex, U.K.: Longman, 1985.
Fen Ref G63 .C56 1985

Webster's New Geographical Dictionary. 3rd ed. Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster, 1988.
Arl Ref G103.5 .W42 1998
Fen Ref G103.5 .W42 1998
PWC Ref G103.5 .W42 1998

Encyclopedias/Almanacs

Cities of the world: a compilation of current information on cultural, geographical, and political conditions in the countries and cities of six continents, based on the Department of State's "Post reports". 9th ed. 4 vols. Detroit, MI: Gale Research, Co., 1993.

Fen Ref G153.4 .C56
JCL Ref G153.4 .C56

The Encyclopedia of the Environment. Ruth A. Eblen and William R. Eblen, eds. Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Co., 1994.
Fen Ref GE10 .E53 1994
JCL Ref GE10 .E53 1994

Encyclopedia of World Cultures. David Levinson, ed. 10 vols. Boston, MA: G.K. Hall, 1991-96.
Fen Ref GN307 .E53 1991
JCL Ref GN307 .E53 1991

Environmental Encyclopedia. William P. Cunningham, et al, eds. Detroit, MI: Gale Research, 1994.
Fen Ref GE10 .E58 1994
JCL Ref GE10 .E58 1994

McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences. Sybil P. Parker, ed. New York: McGraw-Hill, 1980.
Fen Ref GC9 .M32
JCL Ref GC9 .M32

Worldmark Encyclopedia of the Nations. 10th ed. 6 vols. New York: Gale Group, 2001.
Fen Ref G63 .W67 2001
JCL Ref G63 .W67 2001

World Geographical Encyclopedia. Sybil P. Parker, ed. 5 vols. New York: McGraw-Hill, 1995.
JCL Ref G63 .E5213 1995
PWC Ref G63 .E5213 1995

Atlases and Maps

General and thematic atlases may be found in both the reference collection and the stacks at all of the libraries, call nos. G 1019 to G4400.

Individual maps published by the United States Geological Survey, Defense Mapping Agency, and Central Intelligence Agency are located in the Government Documents area of Fenwick Library, Wing C, first floor.

Sanborn fire insurance maps, made by the Sanborn Map Company, provide detailed site specific information within cities and towns useful to environmental specialists as well as historians and preservationists. Currently, GMU Libraries owns coverage of Virginia and Washington, D.C. back to the late 19th century. Sanborn maps are located in the Periodical Wing of Fenwick Library in the Microfilm area at **G1275 .S36** and **G3881 .G475**.

Statistical Sources

International

Statistical Yearbook/Annuaire Statistique. New York: United Nations, 1948- .

Arl Ref **HA12.5 .U63** (1997)

Fen Ref **HA12.5 .U63** (1990-1998)

Demographic Yearbook / Annuaire Demographique. New York: United Nations, 1948- .

Arl Ref **HA17 .D4** (1999)

Fen Ref **HA17 .D4** (1998-99)

PWC Ref **HA17 .D4** (1995)

Ethnic Cultures of the World: a Statistical Reference. Philip M. Parker. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1997

Fen Ref **GN495.4 .P37 1997**

PWC Ref **GN495.4 .P37 1997**

United States

American Factfinder (<http://factfinder.census.gov>). A major tool for accessing the Census 2000, boundary and reference maps for all states. It includes data from the 1990 Decennial Census, 1997 Economic Census, and the American Community Survey.

CensusCD+Maps, 1990. It contains the complete results of the 1990 US Census down to the block level including population projection to 2005. E. Brunswick, NJ: GeoLytics Inc., 2001.

Fen Docs **microcomputer (HA201 1990 C462) CD-ROM**

CensusCD 1980. It contains the complete results of the 1980 US Census down to the census tract including mapping software. E. Brunswick, NJ: Geolytics Inc., 1999.

Fen Docs **microcomputer (HA214 C45) CD-ROM**

CensusCD 1970. It contains the complete results of the 1970 US Census down to the census tract including mapping software. E. Brunswick, NJ: GeoLytics, Inc. 2002.

Fen Docs **microcomputer (HA201 1970 C462) CD-ROM**

Historical Statistics of the United States, colonial times to 1970. U.S. Bureau of the Census. 2 vols. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, 1975.

Fen Ref HA202 .B87 1975 at Ref desk

JCL Ref HA202 .B87 1975

Historical Statistics of the United States on CD-ROM colonial times to 1970. U.S. Bureau of the Census; Susan B. Carter et al, eds. New York: Cambridge Univ. Press, 1997.

PWC Multimedia HA202 .B87 1997 CD-ROM

Statistical Abstract of the United States. U.S. Bureau of the Census. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Economics, and Statistics Administration, Data User Services Division. Most recent editions of this publication are located at the reference desk.

Fen Ref HA202 .S8

JCL Ref HA202 .S8

PWC Ref HA202 .S8

Fen Docs CD-ROM C 3.134/6:

County and City Data Book. U.S. Bureau of the Census. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

Fen Ref C3.134/2 C83/2

PWC Ref HA202 .A36

Fen Docs C3 .134/2 C83/2

The Sourcebook of County Demographics. 2 vols. Arlington, VA: CACI Marketing Systems, 1996.

Fen Ref HA203 .S65

The Sourcebook of Zip Code Demographics. 2 vols. Fairfax, VA: CACI Marketing Systems, 1996.

Fen Ref HA203 .S66

Please see also **Statistical Resources** from the government documents homepage (<http://library.gmu.edu/resources/govt/statistics.htm>). For online statistical and GIS related data sets, please refer to the University Libraries' **Geospatial Data** from the GIS homepage (<http://library.gmu.edu/resources/govt/gisdata.htm>).

Print Indexes and Abstracts

Geographical Abstracts (1966--) Fen Ref-Indexes G1. G25

Updated monthly. It provides indexes and abstracts over 2200 journals in the literature of geography, geology, and environmental sciences.

Year Holdings	Title	Parts
1966-1971	<i>Geographical Abstracts</i>	A. Geomorphology 1966-67, 68 B. Biogeography and Climatology C. Economic Geography

D. Social Geography & Cartography

1972-1985	<i>GEO Abstracts</i>	A. Landforms & the quarternary
1986-1988	<i>Geographical Abstracts</i>	B. Climatology & Hydrology
		C. Economic Geography
		D. Social & Historical Geography 1980-88
		E. Sedimentology
		F. Regional & Community Planning
		G. Remote Sensing, Photogrammetry, & Cartography

1989-	<i>Geographical Abstracts</i>	Physical Geography (A, B, E, G) 1989- Human Geography (C, D, F)
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Current Geographical Publications (1970--) Fen ref-Indexes G116 A6

Updated monthly. It provides bibliographical references to books, articles, pamphlets, government documents, maps, and atlases in the American Geographical Society Collection of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. It is arranged by topics.

Online Indexes, Abstracts, and Full-Text Databases

The listed databases below are available through the library's homepage at <http://library.gmu.edu/resources/databases.html>. Many others may be useful for your research. Please ask for assistance at the reference desk.

GEOBASE (1980--) Online version of *Geographical Abstracts*. Updated monthly.

GEOREF (1785--) Indexes over 22,000 journals related physical geography, geology, and earth sciences.

INGENTA (1988--) Indexes, Abstracts, and Full-text articles for multi-disciplinary journals. 56 **Full-text** journals related to geography are available including *Annals of the AAG*, *Political Geography*, *Journal of Historical Geography*, *Applied Geography*, *Journal of Economic Geography*, and *Journal of Regional Science*. See "Earth/Environmental Sciences" under Subject Area Resources and Click on "Geography" to browse the 56 journals.

Access to Full-Text Geography Journals. Many geography journals are also available electronically through various databases. Use "**E-Journal Finder**" (<http://library.gmu.edu/phpzone/ej.php>) from the library homepage. Search by Journal Title or by Journal Keyword such as "geography" or "gis" to see whether the journal you are looking for is available online.

Bibliographies

Bibliography of Ethnographic Film. Rolf Husmann, et al. Gottingen: Lit, 1992.

Fen Ref GN347 .B53 1992

JCL Ref GN347 .B53 1992

Environmental Guide to the Internet. Carol-Briggs-Erickson and Toni Murphy. Rockville, MD: Government Institutes, Inc., 1996.

Fen Ref GE20 .B75 1996

A Geographical Bibliography for American Libraries. Chauncy D. Harris, ed. Washington, D.C.: Association of American Geographers, 1985.

Fen Ref G116 .G48

JCL Ref G116 .G48

The Literature of Geography: A Guide to Its Organisation and Use. James Gordon Brewer. 2nd ed. Hamden, CT: Linnet Books, 1978.

Fen Ref G116 .B74 1978

Outline of World Cultures. George Peter Murdock. 6th ed. New Haven, CT: Human Relations Area Files, 1983.

Fen Ref GN345.3 .M87 1983

JCL Ref GN345.3 .M87 1983

HRAF materials on microfiche

Per Micro GN345.3 M87 1975

World Databases in Geography and Geology. C.J. Armstrong, ed. London: Bowker Saur, 1995.

Fen Ref G81 .W67 1995

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Please note in particular the materials listed under **Statistical Sources** and **Online Indexes, Abstracts, and Full-Text Databases**. From the Geography research guide on the web (<http://library.gmu.edu/resources/sci/geography.html>), the "Local Resources" category provides links to some information available about this area.

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