

# Best Historical Materials

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This year the Historical Materials Committee deviated from our regular practice of highlighting the current, best bibliographies and websites. Instead we suggest an admittedly eclectic list of free online bibliographies/databases. Some entries are established bibliographies, while others may be newer. Some have internal search engines and others are traditional static listings of categories and citations. The topics they cover are narrow and broad, international and local, and simple and complex. We hope that you find some interesting resources in our list.

*American Communism and Anticommunism: A Historian's Bibliography and Guide to the Literature.* Compiled and edited by John Earl Haynes. [www.johnearlhaynes.org/page94.html](http://www.johnearlhaynes.org/page94.html). Reviewed May 1, 2011.

ACA divides secondary sources into 33 chapters with detailed subdivisions. A retrospective expansion and classification of Peter Meyer Filardo's annual Communist history bibliography published in *American Communist History*, Hayne's work pays greater detail to the wide-ranging aspects of the history of American Communism.—Christina M. Thompson, Hendrix College

*Annotated Bibliography of Government Documents Related to the Threat of Terrorism and the Attacks of September 11, 2011.* Oklahoma Department of Libraries. [www.odl.state.ok.us/usinfo/terrorism/911.htm](http://www.odl.state.ok.us/usinfo/terrorism/911.htm). Reviewed May 1, 2011.

Current through 2004, the annotated bibliography is a collection of government documents divided into three categories; the American Homeland, Context of Terrorism, and the War on Terror. Each section is composed of sub-sections that can be downloaded in PDF format.—Nick Wyant, Wichita State University

*Barbecue: Smoke, Sauce and History Bibliography.* Southern Foodways Alliance. [www.southernfoodways.org/images/Bibliography 20BBQ.pdf](http://www.southernfoodways.org/images/Bibliography%20BBQ.pdf). Reviewed May 1, 2011.

Created for the 2002 Southern Foodways Alliance Symposium and updated through 2007, *Barbecue . . .* covers a range of scholarly and popular sources, related not only to barbecue, but also food and culture in the American South. This unannotated bibliography contains books and articles that focus on history and culture rather than cookbooks or how-to guides. BBQ enthusiasts will find a goldmine in this bibliography.—Beth Daniel Lindsay, New York University Abu Dhabi

## FROM COMMITTEES OF RUSA

*Bibliography of Feminist Philosophers*. Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, Stanford University. <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/feminism-femhist/bib.html>. Reviewed May 1, 2011.

A subdivision of the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* online, this comprehensive site is a bibliography of books and articles about feminist philosophers. It provides Keyword and Advanced Search options for locating resources about Feminist Philosophers from Ancient times to the Twentieth Century. In addition to philosophy, this site is a valuable asset for historical, feminist, social, and other studies.—*Isabelle Flemming, Ela Area Public Library*

*ABibliography of Speakers of the U.S. House of Representatives*. Office of the Clerk, U. S. House of Representatives. [http://artandhistory.house.gov/house\\_history/speakers-bibliography/speakers-bibliography.aspx](http://artandhistory.house.gov/house_history/speakers-bibliography/speakers-bibliography.aspx). Reviewed May 1, 2011.

Beginning with the first Speaker in 1789, each has a bibliography of primary and secondary sources about them. Those Speakers who yielded more political influence have more coverage than those that did not. These sources allow users to understand how the Speakership has evolved.—*Jacob Sherman, Oklahoma State University*

*Bibliography of the History of American Education*. Compiled and edited by Jurgen Herbst. University of Wisconsin-Madison. [www.zzbw.uni-hannover.de/HerbstStart.htm](http://www.zzbw.uni-hannover.de/HerbstStart.htm). Reviewed May 1, 2011.

Updating Herbst's 1973 print bibliography, BHAЕ divides secondary source education literature into four major categories: General Works, The Colonial Period, From the Revolution to Reconstruction, and America in the Urban Age. Each main topic is then subdivided into more specific subject areas. This newer electronic version lacks the cross-references found in the print version.—*Christina M. Thompson, Hendrix College*

*Bibliography to The American Worker*. U.S. Department of Labor. [www.dol.gov/oasam/programs/history/amworkerbiblog.htm](http://www.dol.gov/oasam/programs/history/amworkerbiblog.htm). Reviewed May 1, 2011.

Part of the U.S. Department of Labor's e-history resources, this site is the accompanying bibliography for *The American Worker*, a U.S. bicentennial publication. Divided into six chapters, the citations provide access to core labor publications before 1976. No searching tools exist for the approximately 200 books and articles.—*Jack Becker, Texas Tech University*

*British History Online*. Institute of Historical Research and the History of Parliament Trust. [www.british-history.ac.uk](http://www.british-history.ac.uk). Reviewed May 1, 2011.

BHO is a digital library containing many core printed primary and secondary sources for the medieval and modern history of the British Isles. BHO is searchable by place, time period, and type of source. Typed source texts are key word searchable. Additional materials are added regularly and cross references updated.—*Susan L. Malbin, American Jewish Historical Society*

*Calvin Bibliography*. H. Henry Meeter Center for Calvin Studies. [www.calvin.edu/meeter/bibliography](http://www.calvin.edu/meeter/bibliography). Reviewed May 1, 2011.

A comprehensive bibliography on Calvin and Calvinism, CB contains articles, essays, book reviews, and books from 1997–2008. There is no master search through the bibliography. Use the outline of subjects and search year by year.—*Nick Wyant, Wichita State University*

*Core Historical Literature of Agriculture (CHLA)*. Albert R. Mann Library, Cornell University. <http://chla.library.cornell.edu>. Reviewed May 1, 2011.

The CHLA covers important historical agricultural literature from the early 19th century to the mid twentieth. Areas covered include crop and food science, animal science, rural issues, agricultural engineering and economics, and forestry. Basic and Boolean searches offer flexibility. An alphabetical list by author and topic and time period is browseable.—*Jack Becker, Texas Tech University and Isabelle Flemming, Ela Area Public Library*

*Center For Jewish History Holocaust Resources*. Center for Jewish History. [www.holocaustresources.cjh.org](http://www.holocaustresources.cjh.org). Reviewed May 1, 2011.

Online index to the archives of six major organizations concerned with preserving Jewish/Holocaust history. Two levels of searching, simple and advanced lead to a description of the item and the subjects covered.—*Jenny L. Presnell, Miami University Libraries (Ohio)*

*Felix Posen Bibliographic Project on Antisemitism*. Vidal Sasson International Center for the Study of Antisemitism. <http://sicsa.huji.ac.il/bibsear.html>. Reviewed May 1, 2011.

The database contains over 50,000 books, articles, and covers all periods of history and issues of antisemitism published from 1925 to the present. The search interface is the same as RAMBI (see below).—*Jenny L. Presnell, Miami University Libraries (Ohio)*

*Irish History Online*. Royal Irish Academy. [www.irishhistoryonline.ie](http://www.irishhistoryonline.ie). Reviewed May 1, 2011.

IHO provides bibliographic citations to secondary-sources on Ireland prehistoric times to the present and published since the 1930s. Sources include national, international and local history journals, essays, and some electronic-only journals. Boolean searches can be made by author/editor, title, series, subject, place, personal name, etc.—*Susan L. Malbin, American Jewish Historical Society*

*Mexican American History Guide*. Gilder Lehrman Institute. Reviewed May 1, 2011. [www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/modules/mex\\_am/bibliography1.html](http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/modules/mex_am/bibliography1.html)

The bibliography is a timely collection of print resources broken down by topic and includes reference works. There is no search box, but all topics are listed links at the top of the page. This site guide, maintained at the University of Houston,

fills a gap in resources on early American history, which generally focus on European exploration and immigration.—*Isabelle Flemming, Ela Area Public Library*

*New Mexico Historical Bibliography (NMHB)*. New Mexico Office of the State Historian. [www.newmexicohistory.org/bibliography.php](http://www.newmexicohistory.org/bibliography.php). Reviewed May 1, 2011.

With over 45,000 entries to books, journal articles, and websites, written between 1910–92, the NMHB provides access to New Mexican history. Though somewhat “clunky,” use the suggested keyword list to find articles. Results are bibliographic lists only.—*Jack Becker, Texas Tech University*

*RAMBI: Index of Articles on Jewish Studies*. Jewish National and University Library. <http://jnul.huji.ac.il/rambi>. Reviewed May 1, 2011.

A selective, multilingual bibliography of journal articles, books, and electronic resources, RAMBI has both an advanced and basic search, in both English and Hebrew. Some full text is provided. The bibliography covers 1966–present.—*Jenny L. Presnell, Miami University Libraries (Ohio)*

*The Roman Army: A Bibliography*. John Paul Adams. California State University Northridge. <http://www.csun.edu/~hcfl004/armybibl.html>. Reviewed May 1, 2011.

An excellent starting point for students of classics and military science, this bibliography highlights both English and non-English primary and secondary sources. Thematically arranged, this in-depth bibliography includes sources on how the army functioned military life, and not solely on battle strategy.—*Jacob Sherman, Oklahoma State University*

*Texas Music Bibliography*. Center for Texas Music History. Texas State University. [www.txstate.edu/ctmh/publications/bibliography.html](http://www.txstate.edu/ctmh/publications/bibliography.html). Reviewed May 1, 2011.

Organized by format, then subject, TMB contains hundreds of unannotated references to scholarly and popular material concerning Texas and southwestern music history. Although the bibliography is a challenge to navigate, the extensive citations will make the effort spent worthwhile.—*Beth Daniel Lindsay, New York University Abu Dhabi*

*United States Naval History*. Naval Historical Center. U.S. Navy. [www.history.navy.mil/biblio/biblio1/biblio1.htm](http://www.history.navy.mil/biblio/biblio1/biblio1.htm). Reviewed May 1, 2011.

This is a 1993 edition (with some updates) covering naval history from the American Revolution to 1991. The bibliography is organized by broad subject/periods with subdivisions on individual actions, equipment, and other special subjects. Useful for the historical periods covered, but an updated version including current naval operations would be helpful.—*Nick Wyant, Wichita State University*

*The United States Senate: An Institutional Bibliography 1789–present*. United States Senate Historical Office. [www.senate.gov/reference/resources/pdf/InstitutionalBibliography.pdf](http://www.senate.gov/reference/resources/pdf/InstitutionalBibliography.pdf). Reviewed May 1, 2011.

Divided into four time periods, this in-depth primary and secondary source bibliography covers a range of historical topics including elections, committees, and constitutional powers. File exists in PDF form only. Students will find resources to help them understand the developments of the Senate.—*Jacob Sherman, Oklahoma State University*

*ViVa Women’s History*. International Institute of Social History. [www.iisg.nl/womhist/vivahome.php](http://www.iisg.nl/womhist/vivahome.php). Reviewed May 1, 2011.

A bibliography of women’s and gender history with more than 12,000 records, Multi-lingual ViVa indexes scholarly articles published since 1975. Users may perform simple or advanced searches, or browse by year of publication and subject time period. ViVa’s extensive coverage and clear citations make it a useful tool for women’s and gender historians.—*Beth Daniel Lindsay, New York University Abu Dhabi*

*Women in Texas History (WTH)*. [www.womenintexashistory.org/learn](http://www.womenintexashistory.org/learn). Ruthe Winegraten Memorial Foundation. Reviewed May 1, 2011.

The WTH links researchers to biographies, lesson plans, a time line, major resources, and archives and personal papers of Texas women. Researchers of all ages and abilities will find this site of value. The link to archive holdings will be of particular interest and importance to researchers.—*Jack Becker, Texas Tech University*