

# African Studies Subject Research Guide

## **Introduction:**

African Studies is an interdisciplinary subject area which involves many countries, regions, and cultures and many subject disciplines, including anthropology, art and art history, history, economics, geography, international affairs, music, political science, religion, and sociology.

This research guide points to some outstanding and general points to **begin** inquiry into African studies. It is by no means comprehensive, but should help you get started on an African studies research project.

## **Call Numbers Ranges Holding African materials:**

Material on African can be found in the following Call number ranges:

CC Archaeology  
DT African History  
G Geography  
GN Anthropology  
GR Folklore  
JQ Constitutional History - Asia, Africa, Australia (J is political science)

Some materials cited below can also be found in the Documents section (in the basement). Documents can be found in three different sections which are organized by different classification/call number systems: Dewey Decimal, Government (su) documents, and UN documents.

Journals at the FSU libraries are organized by Dewey call number.

## **Databases:**

### [ABI/INFORM Trade & Industry](#)

Provides electronic searching of more than 700 publications for economic trade and industry information. Contains publications on every major industry, including finance, insurance, transportation, construction, and many more from 1971 to the present.

### [Agricola](#)

Index to materials related to agriculture back to 1970.

### [Agricultural & Environmental Biotechnology Abstracts \(subfile: 2\)](#)

Agricultural products involving both plants and animals, new applications across the food industry, and wide-ranging environmental developments from 1993 to present.

### [AIDS & Cancer Research](#)

Literature as related to AIDS, immunology, virology and cancer genetics from 1982 to present.

### [Anthropology Plus](#)

Anthropology Plus brings together into one resource the highly respected Anthropological Literature from Harvard University and Anthropological Index, Royal Anthropological Institute from the UK. Anthropology Plus provides extensive worldwide indexing of journal articles, reports, commentaries, edited works, and obituaries in the fields of social, cultural, physical, biological, and linguistic anthropology, ethnology, archaeology, folklore, material culture, and interdisciplinary studies. The index offers excellent coverage of all core periodicals in the field in addition to local and lesser-known journals. Coverage is from the late 19th century to the present.

### [CountryWatch](#)

Political and economic surveys and on-line updates of the latest political, economic, corporate, and environmental news for each of the countries of the world.

### [eHRAF \(Human Area Relations Files\) Collection of Ethnography](#)

A unique cross-cultural database containing more than a quarter of a million pages of descriptive information on the cultures of the world.

### [Ethnic Newswatch](#)

News, culture and history from 200+ publications of the ethnic, minority and native press in English and Spanish.

### [Europa World](#)

Europa World is the online version of the Europa World Year Book, a source of information on world-wide affairs. It includes detailed surveys of over 250 countries and territories, a comprehensive listing of over 1,650 International Organizations, access to economic and demographic statistics, and essential names and addresses and other information covering such areas as the constitution, government, legislature, political organizations, diplomatic representation, religion, the media, finance, trade, industry, transport and tourism.

### [GenderWatch](#)

A full-text collection of international journals, magazines, newsletters, regional publications, special reports and conference proceedings devoted to women's and gender issues.

### [Global Development Finance](#)

Also called: *World Bank - Global Development Finance*

Debt and financial flow data for 136 countries that report public and publicly guaranteed debt to the World Bank's Debtor Reporting System.

### [Global Legal Information Network](#)

Maintains and provides a database of laws, regulations, and other complementary legal sources contributed by the governments of the member nations from the original official texts which are deposited, by agreement of the members, in a server initially at the Library of Congress of the United States of America.

### [Global NewsBank](#)

Also called: *Access World News*, *Business NewsBank*, *NewsBank NewsFile Collection*  
Access World News is a newspaper collection from NewsBank that provides full-text articles from the electronic editions of record for more than 700 newspapers around the globe, including 18 Florida newspapers. Dates of coverage vary for each newspaper, with some access beginning as early as 1977.

### [JSTOR](#)

A database of the back issues of core journals in the humanities, social sciences and sciences. The gap between the most recently published issue of any journal and the date of the most recent issue available in JSTOR is from 2 to 5 years.

### [Labordoc](#)

Labordoc contains references to a wide range of print and electronic publications, including journal articles, from countries around the world, on all aspects of work and sustainable livelihoods, and the work-related aspects of economic and social development and human rights. Labordoc provides an ever increasing number of links to online publications available on the Internet.

### ***Lexis-Nexis Congressional Database:***

[Lexis-Nexis Academic Universe](#) (select congressional) OR:

[http://web.lexis-nexis.com/congcomp?\\_session=410b3294-a28b-11db-9425-00008a0c593c.1.1.9927.0.0.0&\\_state=&wchp=dGLbVlz-zSkVA&\\_md5=8b07aa0fbaab081b80adfa9bd8b94555](http://web.lexis-nexis.com/congcomp?_session=410b3294-a28b-11db-9425-00008a0c593c.1.1.9927.0.0.0&_state=&wchp=dGLbVlz-zSkVA&_md5=8b07aa0fbaab081b80adfa9bd8b94555)

- search by country

- CRS reports (CRS = Congressional Research Service)

### [Literature Resource Center](#)

Includes Contemporary Authors, Dictionary of Literary Biography, and Contemporary Literary Criticism Select Provides access to biographies, bibliographies and critical analysis of authors from every age and literary discipline.

### [NewsBank InfoWeb](#)

Also called: *Infoweb*

InfoWeb is a Web-based collection of primary source information from regional, national and international newspapers, newswires, government and international documents, regional business journals and, periodicals.

### [Opposing Viewpoints Resources Center](#)

Draws on the acclaimed social issues series published by Greenhaven Press, as well as core reference content from other Gale and Macmillan Reference USA sources to provide a complete one-stop source for information on social issues. Provides current event topics and the facts as well as the arguments of each topic's proponents and detractors.

### [PAIS International](#)

Materials on public affairs from 1972 to date. Includes articles, books, conference proceedings, government documents, book chapters, and statistical directories about public affairs.

### [Standard & Poor's NetAdvantage](#)

Provides electronic searching of nine of Standard & Poor's most popular publications: *Stock Reports*, *Industry Surveys*, *Corporation Records*, *Register*, *Stock Guide*, *Bond Guide*, *Earnings Guide*, *The Outlook*, and *Dividend Record*. This database is an excellent source for corporate and industrial information about African and International companies with activities in Africa.

### [Statesman's Yearbook Online](#)

Also called: *SYBWorld*

Published since 1864, Statesman's Yearbooks is a key reference resource in International Affairs. It provides detailed information on the political, economic and social status of every country in the world.

### [UN -- Access](#)

Also called: *Access UN*

Index to United Nations Documents and Publications from 1948 on.

### [UN Treaty Collection](#)

Includes online versions of the print publications: Multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General, which incorporates the detailed status of over 485 multilateral treaties, and: (United Nations) Treaty series, which contains the texts of over 30,000 bilateral and multilateral treaties in their authentic language(s), along with a translation into English and French, as appropriate, for those treaties registered with the Secretariat.

### [UNESBIB, UNESCO's Documentary resources](#)

Bibliographic references to documents and publications issued by UNESCO in education, science, culture, social and human sciences, communication, information, informatics.

Documents include conferences, reports, Executive Board and General Conference documents. Publications include monographs and articles in principal UNESCO periodical publications. Many of the indexed items are available in the Government Documents area of the Main Library.

### [Water Resources Abstracts](#)

Provides summaries of the world's technical and scientific literature on water-related topics covering the characteristics, conservation, control, pollution, treatment, use and management of water resources from 1967 to the present.

### Websites

#### **African Studies Center, University of Pennsylvania**

[www.africa.upenn.edu](http://www.africa.upenn.edu)

Links include “Country Pages,” “Images,” “Maps and Flags,” “Darfur”

#### *United Nations* Website

<http://www.un.org/>

From the welcome page, go to

1. “main bodies,” which takes one to a list of UN commissions, and look at the materials for the “Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)

OR

2. “index,” and choose a subject

#### **Several US government organizations have useful information:**

#### *African Development Foundation*

<http://www.adf.gov/>

#### *US Peace Institute*

<http://www.usip.gov>

#### *USAID*

<http://www.usaid.gov/>

**There is a link to the “locations” portion of the USAID website through FSU libraries’ databases. FSU Libraries states:**

“Through its economic assistance programs, USAID plays an active and critical role in the promotion of U.S. foreign policy interests. The investment this agency makes in developing countries has long-term benefits for America and the American people. Development now takes its place alongside defense and diplomacy as the three essential components of American foreign policy.”

## **Scholarly Journals:**

The following journals are dedicated to publishing articles on Africa. It may be useful to browse the table of contents (electronically, or physically – in the library) for some of them to get an idea of the kinds of subjects that scholars in particular fields work on and to find articles for your research.

*Africa* (the one published by the International Africa Institute in Great Britain)  
Strozier holds 1928-present in print: 960.5 A258

### ***Africa Today***

Strozier holds 1954-1964, 1969-1983, and 1986 in print: 960.5 A2589 and 1966-2002 on microfilm: Film PR 507. 1999 to present is available as an electronic resource: electronic resource: <http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/at/>

### ***African Affairs***

Strozier holds Vol. 1 (1901)-v. 90 (1991) in print: 960.5 A2581 and 1901-1944 on microfilm: Film PR 1768. 1901 to the present is available as an electronic resource: <http://afraf.oxfordjournals.org/>

### ***African Studies***

Dirac holds 1942-1999 and 2005-present in print: 570.5 A258. 2000 to the present is available as an electronic resource: <http://www.metapress.com/content/1469-2872/>

### ***African Studies Review***

Strozier holds Vol. 13 (Apr. 1970)-v. 42 (1999), v. 44 (2001)-v. 45 (2002), and v.48:no.1(2005:Apr.) to the present in print: 960.5 A2585.

### ***Cahiers d'Etudes Africaines***

Strozier holds most volumes from No. 81 (1981) to the present in print: 960.5 C132. The collection is missing no. 100 and 129-136.

### ***Canadian Journal of African Studies/Revue canadienne des études africaines***

Strozier holds Vol. 19 (1985)-v. 36 (2002) and v.38:no.1(2004) to the present in print: 960.5 C212.

### ***Electronic journal of Africana bibliography***

"EJAB is a refereed online journal of bibliographies on any aspect of Africa, its peoples, their homes, cities, towns, districts, states, countries, regions, including social, economic sustainable development, creative literature, the arts, and the Diaspora."

<http://sdr.lib.uiowa.edu/ejab/>

### ***History in Africa***

Strozier holds V. 1 (1974)-v. 2 (1975) and v. 8 (1981) to the present in print: DT19 .H58

***International Journal of African Historical Studies***

Strozier holds Vol. 1 (1968)-v. 4 (1971), v. 6 (1973)-v. 32 (1999), and v.38 (2005) to the present in print: 960.5 A25873. Vols. 5 - 36, 1972-2003 are available electronically:  
<http://www.jstor.org/journals/03617882.html>

***Journal of African History***

Strozier holds Vol. 1 (1960)-v. 40 (1999) and Vol. 46 (2005) in print: 960.5 J86. Vols. 1 - 42, 1960-2001 are available electronically:  
<http://www.jstor.org/journals/00218537.html>, as are Vols. 38 (1997) to the present:  
<http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayJournal?jid=AFH&bVolume=y>

***Journal of Modern African Studies***

Strozier holds Vol. 1 (1963)-v. 30 (1992), v. 31, no. 2 (1993)-v. 38, no. 4 (2000) in print: 916.05 J86. Vol. 43 (2005): 16.05 J86 and Vol. 35 (1997) to the present are available electronically:  
<http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayJournal?jid=MOA&bVolume=y>

***Journal of Religion in Africa***

Strozier holds Vol. 1 (1967) to the present in print: 205 J8622.

***Journal of Southern African Studies***

Strozier holds v. 2, no. 1 (Oct. 1975)-v. 7 no. 2 (Apr. 1981) and v. 11 no. 1 (Oct. 1984)-v. 16 no. 4 (Dec. 1990) in print: 960.5 J8635.  
Vols. 1 - 29, 1974-2003 are available electronically:  
<http://www.jstor.org/journals/03057070.html>

***The Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute***

Strozier holds Vol. 1 (1995)-v. 6 (2000) and Vol. 11: no.1(2005:Mar.) to the present in print: 301.05 M266. Vols. 1 - 7, 1995-2001 are available electronically:  
<http://www.jstor.org/journals/13590987.html>.

***Politique Africaine***

Strozier holds No. 5 (1982)-no. 44 (Dec. 1991) in print: 960.5 P769.

***Review of African Political Economy***

Strozier holds No. 26 (1983)-no. 94 (2002) and v.32:no.103(2005:Mar.) to the present in print: 960.5 R4541.

## **Reference Sources and General Introductory material:**

*Africa*. Edited by Phyllis M. Martin and Patrick O'Meara. Bloomington : Indiana University Press, c1995.

STROZIER LIBRARY DT3 .A23 1995

Please note that this is not in the reference area; it is in the general, circulating collection. This is an excellent anthology of readings on Africa.

*Africa & Africans*. By Paul Bohannon and Philip Curtin. Prospect Heights, Ill.: Waveland Press, c1995.

STROZIER LIBRARY DT20 .B6 1995

Please note that this is not in the reference area; it is in the general, circulating collection. This is an excellent general textbook.

*African Political Facts Since 1945*. Chris Cook and David Killingray. London : Macmillan, 1983.

STROZIER LIBRARY Reference DT30 .C594

Although limited by the fact that it has not been updated since the early 1980s, this book is useful for projects involving events before that time. It includes a chronology, lists of governors and heads of state, a paragraph on the constitutional/parliamentary situation in each country, political parties, trade unions, foreign affairs/treaties, and population/ethnic groups.

*The Cambridge encyclopedia of Africa*. General editors, Roland Oliver, Michael Crowder. Cambridge [Eng.] ; New York : Cambridge University Press, 1981.

STROZIER LIBRARY Reference DT3 .C35 1981

*Country Studies*. By The Library of Congress.

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/cshome.html>

“The Country Studies Series presents a description and analysis of the historical setting and the social, economic, political, and national security systems and institutions of countries throughout the world.”

They are also available in Strozier library in print: Doc D101.22

These are highly accessible, concise, and well-founded introductions to countries and a great starting point for research.

*The Encyclopedia of Africa South of the Sahara*. By John Middleton, editor in chief. New York : C. Scribner's Sons, c1997.

STROZIER LIBRARY Reference DT351 .E53 1997

Four volumes. Entries include individual people, countries and regions, events, and important concepts such as “Sacrifice and Purification.”

*Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim world*. Edited by Rich Martin. Indianapolis, Ind. : Macmillan USA ; London : Pearson Education, 2004.

Electronic Resource

***Encyclopedia of world cultures.*** David Levinson, editor in chief. Boston, Mass. : G.K. Hall, c1991.

STROZIER LIBRARY Reference GN307 .E53 1991

***Ethnographic Survey of Africa.*** London : International African Institute, 1945-1974.

STROZIER LIBRARY GN643 .E84 Secs. B-G

Please note that this is not in the reference section; it is in the circulating collection.

This is a multi-volume collection of government, missionary, and scholarly observations and reports (including field notes and communications) on various cultural and ethnic groups. As the forward to each volume explains, each volume is “concerned with a people or a group of related peoples and contains a comprehensive bibliography and specially drawn map.” The project was directed by Great Britain’s International African Institute, but eventually benefited from collaboration with other European government and non-government authorities and entities.

Strozier holds print volumes for Sections B-G of the Ethnographic Survey (these sections correspond to East Africa, Madagascar, Northeast Africa, South Africa, West Central Africa, and West Africa). Some volumes are also available on microfilm. One example is:

Fallers, Margaret Chave. The eastern lacustrine Bantu (Ganda and Soga) microform / Margaret Chave Fallers. London : International African Institute, 1960.

STROZIER LIBRARY Micromaterials Mif 1 FK7, category 116 no.12

These can be identified by searching the catalog for “Ethnographic Survey of Africa” as the title.

***The Europa Directory of International Organizations.*** London, U.K. : Europa Publications, c1999-

STROZIER LIBRARY JZ4838 .E97

***History of Africa.*** By Kevin Shillington. London : Macmillan, 1989.

STROZIER LIBRARY DT20 .S47 198

Please note that this is not in the reference area; it is in the general, circulating collection.

This is an excellent general textbook.

***Political and Economic Dictionary of Africa.*** Edited by David Seddon; with Daniel Seddon-Daines. London ; New York : Routledge, c2005.

STROZIER LIBRARY Reference DT31 .P65 2005

***Treaties and Alliances of the World.*** Compiled by N.J. Rengger with John Campbell.

New York : Stockton, c1995.

STROZIER LIBRARY Reference JX4005 .T72 1995

***Who’s Who in Africa: The Political, Military and Business Leaders of Africa.*** By John Dickie and Alan Rake. London, African Development [1973].

STROZIER LIBRARY Reference DT18 .D54.

*Who's Who in Africa : leaders for the 1990s.* By Alan Rake. Metuchen, N.J. : Scarecrow Press, 1992.  
STROZIER LIBRARY Reference DT18 .R35 1992

*Who's who in international affairs.* London, England : Europa Publications Ltd., 1990-  
STROZIER LIBRARY Reference JX1995 .W489  
Browsing in the DT area in the Reference section can be helpful as there are many historical dictionaries for specific countries.

### **Sources by Subject Area:**

#### **1. Atlases and Maps**

Please note that the Maps section is in the basement in the back, behind the documents section.

*African History in Maps.* By Michael Kwamena-Poh ... [et al.].  
NY, NY: Longman, 1982.  
STROZIER LIBRARY Maps G2446.S1 A4 1982

*The Atlas of African Affairs.* By Ieuan Ll. Griffiths; Maps drawn by Susan Rowland.  
New York, N.Y. : Routledge, 1994.  
STROZIER LIBRARY Maps G2445 .G7 1994

*The Atlas of Apartheid* [electronic resource]. By A.J. Christopher. New York ; London : Routledge ; Johannesburg, South Africa : Witwatersrand University Press, c1994.

*The Atlas of Changing South Africa.* By A.J. Christopher. London ; New York : Routledge, c2001.  
STROZIER LIBRARY Maps G2566.E625 C5 2001

*The Conservation Atlas of Tropical Forests: Africa.* By The World Conservation Union. Edited by Jeffrey A. Sayer, Caroline S. Harcourt, and N. Mark Collins.  
New York ; London : Simon & Schuster, c1992.  
STROZIER LIBRARY Maps G2446.K3 C6 1991

*Global GIS database. Digital atlas of Africa.* [electronic resource]. By P. Hearn, Jr. ... [et al.]. [Flagstaff, AZ] : USGS, 2001.  
STROZIER, Documents CD-ROMs I 19.121: 62-B  
Contains a digital atlas of the countries of Africa. This atlas is part of a global database compiled from USGS and other data sources at a nominal scale of 1:1 million and is intended to be used as a regional-scale reference and analytical tool by government officials, researchers, the private sector, and the general public. Includes free GIS software or may also be used with ESRI's ArcView software. Customized ArcView tools, specifically designed to make the atlas easier to use, are also included.

***Historical Atlas of Africa.*** General Editors, J.F. Ade Ajayi and Michael Crowder; Geographical Editor, Paul Richards; Linguistic editor, Elizabeth Dunstan; Cartographic designer, Alick Newman. Harlow, Essex : Longman, 1985.  
STROZIER LIBRARY Maps G2446.S1 H5 1985b

***The New Atlas of African history.*** By G.S.P. Freeman-Grenville (Greville Stewart Parker). New York : Simon & Schuster, c1991.  
STROZIER LIBRARY Maps G2446.S1 F73 1991

## **2. Biography:**

Columbia University Libraries, African Biography on the Internet  
<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/indiv/africa/cuvl/afrbio.html>

## **3. Current Affairs, Government, International Affairs, and Political Science:**

***Directory of Development Organizations: Resource Guide to Development Organizations and the Internet***  
<http://www.devdir.org/africa.htm>

***Elections in Africa [electronic resource]: A Data Handbook.*** By Dieter Nohlen. Oxford : Oxford University Press, 1999  
Electronic Resource (Book)

***Historical dictionary of international organizations in sub-Saharan Africa.*** By Mark W. DeLancey and Terry M. Mays. Metuchen, N.J. Scarecrow Press, 1994.  
STROZIER LIBRARY Reference JX1995 .D375 1994

U.S. Congress. Senate. ***Committee on Foreign Relations.*** Doc Y4.F76/2:

U.S. Congress. ***Committee on International Relations.*** Doc Y4. In8/16:

***Foreign Relations of the United States.*** Doc S1.1.

These are divided into ranges of years which are further divided into volumes organized by subject or region.

Homeland Security Digital Library (listed in databases on FSU libraries webpage)  
<https://www.hSDL.org/>

*The Statesman's year-book*. New York : St. Martin's Press, 1864-  
STROZIER LIBRARY. JA51 .S7 (Some volumes are in the sub-basement and must be  
requested at circulation). The latest edition is held at the Reference desk.

It is worth browsing through the government documents/ "sudocs" section (beginning  
with call number S1.1). Some of the collections in here include:

*Foreign Relations of the United States* (S1.1)

*Department of State Bulletin* (S1.3)

*US Treaties and other International Agreements* (S9.12)

*USAID* (S17.2)

#### **4. History:**

*The Cambridge history of Africa*. General editors: J. D. Fage and Roland Oliver.  
London ; New York : Cambridge University Press, 1975-  
STROZIER LIBRARY DT20 .C27

*The Colonial moment in Africa : essays on the movement of minds and materials,  
1900-1940*. Edited by A.D. Roberts. Cambridge ; New York : Cambridge University  
Press, 1990.  
STROZIER LIBRARY DT352.7 .C65 1990

#### **5. Language and Literature:**

*The companion to African literatures*. Editors, Douglas Killam & Ruth Rowe ;  
consultant editor, Bernth Lindfors ; associate editors, Gerald M. Moser and Alain Ricard.  
Oxford : J. Currey ; Bloomington : Indiana University Press, c2000.  
(Regular Loan) STROZIER LIBRARY PR9340 .C65 2000

*Encyclopedia of African literature*. Edited by Simon Gikandi. London ; New York :  
Routledge, 2003.  
Electronic Resource