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A Selection of Recommended Web Sites for Research and/or Teaching

Behavioral and Social Sciences

Anthropology

- American Museum of Natural History's Division of Anthropology
  http://research.amnh.org/anthropology/about/anthro

  More than 190,000 of the over 500,000 objects representing the peoples of Africa, Europe, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and the Americas that make up the Museum's anthropology collection have been digitally imaged. The images can be accessed through this web site, along with descriptive information. Searching the collections database by geographic area, culture, object name, and other criteria is supported.

- National Anthropological Archives and Human Studies Film Archives http://anthropology.si.edu/naa/index.htm

  These archives, part of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History, collect and preserve contemporary and historical anthropological materials that document the world's cultures and the history of anthropology. Four subfields of anthropology, ethnology, linguistics, archaeology, and physical anthropology, are reflected in the collections which include field notes, journals, manuscripts, correspondence, photographs, maps, sound recordings, film, and video. The web site primarily provides access to catalogs, guides, and other finding aids for the collections, rather than full access to the materials themselves.

- The Archaeology Channel http://www.archaeologychannel.org

  Sponsored by the Archaeological Legacy Institute (ALI), a nonprofit research and education organization, the *Archaeology Channel* provides free streaming audio and video media covering the "human cultural heritage" worldwide. The collection is fairly large—access is provided through program listings with brief descriptions. Video content is available in either Windows Media or Real Media format and at various connection speeds.

Economics

- Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS): Economy at a Glance http://www.bls.gov/eag/home.htm

  This site provides easy, well-organized access to basic economic data, including unemployment rates, average hourly earnings, consumer price index, and producer price index, at various levels -- for the entire country, four major regions, every state, and many metropolitan service areas. There are also quick links provided to related economic news, tools, and guides.

- FDIC: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation http://www.fdic.gov/

  Especially given the financial crisis, this site provides valuable data and analysis from the FDIC acting in its role of examining/supervising financial institutions. The data includes lists of failed banks, the latest industry trends, historical income and balance sheet statistics for individual banks dating back to 1934, and banking laws/regulations.

- Federal Reserve web sites

  o Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco http://www.frbsf.org

    Although each of the district Federal Reserve System banks maintains a web site to provide news and

research for its district, the San Francisco Reserve Bank provides particularly useful educational materials, especially for faculty. There is data and analysis at the regional and national levels, including a link to the Fed's "Beige Book" (otherwise known as the *Summary of Commentary on Current Economic Conditions),* a search engine for the Fed's economic research publications, an "Ask Dr. Econ" database of answers to commonly asked questions, student activities such as an interactive monetary policy game, and a video-based classroom lesson on how the Fed responded to the September 11 crisis. (Note, however, that a few of the links need updating.)

- o *ALFRED* (Archival Federal Reserve Economic Data) http://alfred.stlouisfed.org/

  ALFRED is one of three digital collections about the economy and banking that are associated with the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. (See the others immediately below.) *ALFRED* allows users to retrieve vintage versions of economic data that were available on specific dates in history. Economic data for past observation periods are revised as more accurate estimates become available.

- o FRASER (Federal Reserve Archival System for Economic Research) http://fraser.stlouisfed.org/

  FRASER aims to "preserve the nation's economic history through digitization", and provide data to students, scholars, and analysts – especially with reference to government data. FRASER is an open archive of economic statistical publications of two kinds: data publications from U. S. government agencies such as the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Census Bureau, and historical publications consisting of archival material and special collections, including Monetary Policy Hearings, Statements of the Chairman of the Board of Governors, and archival material from economic policymakers.

- o FRED (Federal Reserve Economic Data) http://research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/

  FRED is a database of over 45,000 U.S. and international economic time series. FRED allows users to download data in Microsoft Excel and text formats, as well as view charts of data series.

- Library of Economics and Liberty http://www.econlib.org

  Also known as *Econlib,* this website which is sponsored by a private organization, Liberty Fund, Inc., offers many resources related to economics that are useful for students and faculty, including feature articles, the full texts of classical books/essays including the latest edition of The Concise Encyclopedia of Economics, a daily blog written by economists, and a weekly podcast on various economic topics. The entire web site is searchable by keyword.

- U.S. Department of the Treasury http://www.treasury.gov

  This is a well-organized site with links to many sources of financial and economic information, and includes a section with information particularly for students and teachers. Basic and advanced search capabilities are provided.

Education

- Connexions: Sharing Knowledge and Building Communities http://cnx.org

  Sponsored by the Hewlett Foundation, this is a repository of free educational materials and tools for developing curriculum materials easily. The content, which includes PowerPoint presentations, articles, images, conference papers, and textbooks, is free to use and adapt under a Creative Commons "attribution" license. Much of the material is useful to college-level instructors. May be searched or browsed by subject.

- Digest of Education Statistics http://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest

  The *Digest* provides a compilation of statistical information covering the field of American education from preschool through graduate school. It includes a selection of data from many sources, both government and private, but particularly draws upon the work of the National Center for Education Statistics. PDF versions of the *Digest* from 1990-2010 are available for download.

- ERIC (Education Resources Information Center) http://www.eric.ed.gov

  ERIC provides access to more than 1.3 million bibliographic records of education journal and other education-related materials. Most of the journals covered are peer-reviewed. All bibliographic records include abstracts; if available, links to full text are also included. Basic and advanced search functions are supported. The El Camino College Library pays for a subscription to the EBSCO version of *ERIC*, which enhances the native ERIC system with many additional links to full-text material.

- iTunes U http://www.apple.com/education/itunes-u

  Many colleges and universities, plus other institutions such as museums, libraries, and PBS stations, distribute free educational content including lectures, films, and videos through iTunes U. Material may be downloaded and viewed on any Mac, PC, iPod, or iPhone.

- Lost Opportunity: A 50 State Report on the Opportunity to Learn in America http://www.otlstatereport.org

  Data from a "state- by- state comparison of academic proficiency" concludes that "nationally, students from historically disadvantaged groups have just a 51% Opportunity to Learn when compared to White, non- Latino students as measured by the OTLI." OTLI is the Opportunity to Learn Index created by the report's sponsor, the Scott Foundation for Public Education.

- National Center for Postsecondary Research http://www.postsecondaryresearch.org

  Housed at the Community College Research Center, Teachers College, Columbia University, the Center "focuses on measuring the effectiveness of programs designed to help students make the transition to college and master the basic skills needed to advance to a degree." Programs of particular current research interest are the following: dual enrollment (high school students enrolled in college courses for college credit); learning communities; financial aid.

History

- Calisphere: A World of Primary Sources and More http://www.calisphere.universityofcalifornia.edu

  Calisphere is a gateway to free digitized primary sources from the University of California system and partner California cultural heritage institutions. More than 150,000 digitized items about California history are accessible. While this public service project of the California Digital Library has a special focus on supporting the state's K-12 curriculum content standards, it offers useful tools for teachers in general, such as a California cultures collection with materials on four important ethnic groups in California, Asian, African, Hispanic, and Native Americans. Advanced keyword searching is supported.

- Early Americas Digital Archive http://mith.umd.edu//eada

  The archive is a collection of electronic texts and links to texts originally written in or about the Americas from 1492 to approximately 1820. Advanced search capabilities are supported, including full-text searching within documents.

- Global Gateway: World Culture & Resources http://international.loc.gov/intldl/intldlhome.html

  This is primarily a portal to the Library of Congress' digital international collections, particularly 21 primary source collections on different world cultures and five collaboratively produced bilingual collections that focus on the relationships between the U.S. and France, the Netherlands, Siberia, Spain, and Brazil. There are also links to other electronic resources on various countries recommended by the Library of Congress subject specialists.

- LANIC: Latin American Network Information Center http://lanic.utexas.edu

  LANIC's mission is to facilitate access to web-based information to, from, or on Latin America, particularly for academic/research purposes. The information may be browsed by country, by subject, and by digital initiatives.

In addition to its own collections, the Center links to over 10,000 sites in Latin America and the rest of the world, which its staff editorially reviews. Search capabilities are provided for all of these resources.

- Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade Database http://www.slavevoyages.org/tast/index.faces

  This database is comprehensive and offers useful search features. Information is available on nearly 35,000 slave voyages between 1514 and 1866, with records gleaned from documents and publications belonging to institutions from around the world. The site offers supplemental materials such as analytical essays, lesson plans, maps, and links to other relevant web sites.

- World Factbook https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook

  The CIA produces this authoritative resource of facts about over 260 world countries/locations. There are nine categories of information about each location: introduction, geography, people, government, economy, communications, transportation, military, and transnational issues. There is plenty of supplemental material in the form of maps, photos, references, country comparisons, and FAQs. The site is constantly updated and enhanced. A companion site is the online directory, *Chiefs of State and Cabinet Members of Foreign Governments* at https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/world-leaders-1/index.html.

- World History Matters http://worldhistorymatters.org

  This is a portal to world history web sites that has been developed by the Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media in the Department of History and Art History at George Mason University. A keyword-based search function allows searching of all sites at the same time. The site was a winner of a 2009 MERLOT award as an exemplary online teaching resource.

Philosophy

- Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy http://www.iep.utm.edu/home/about/

  This site aims to provide free detailed, scholarly information on key topics and philosophers in all areas of philosophy. Most of the articles are peer-reviewed, original contributions by specialized philosophers. The site is hosted by the University of Tennessee at Martin.

- PhilPapers: Online Research in Philosophy, by David Chalmers and David Bourget http://philpapers.org

  The creators of this web site, both philosophy professors, provide a comprehensive directory of books by academic philosophers and online philosophy articles. The contents of nearly 200 philosophy journals are monitored. While most journal articles are available electronically, only some are free. The site encourages the submission of "open access" material. Resources are classified according to a detailed taxonomy, and an advanced search engine is available. A network of discussion forums is also supported. This site is primarily intended for faculty.

Political Science

- American President: A Reference Resource http://millercenter.org/president

  Created by the Miller Center of Public Affairs, University of Virginia, this site provides well-organized, in-depth information about each U.S. President that has been reviewed by prominent scholars. Essays about every President's life before, during, and after each term, plus information about the First Ladies and cabinet officials, are featured. A multimedia gallery presents images of the Presidents, specific eras, and associated topics.

- Annenberg Public Policy Center http://www.annenbergpublicpolicycenter.org

  This site is intended to allow scholars and the general public greater access to the expertise of the Center in six basic areas: Political Communication, Information and Society, Media and Children, Health Communication,

Adolescent Communication, and the catch-all Advanced Study in Communication. For each area, there are links to news articles, research findings, published datasets, and Center projects/initiatives.

- C-SPAN Video Library http://www.c-spanvideo.org/videoLibrary

  The Library consists of digital copies of all the various federal government events that have been recorded and broadcasted on the C-SPAN network since 1987. More than 190,000 hours of programming have been recorded and are available for streaming online to meet historical, educational, research, and archival needs. Browsing and searching (by topic, series, congressional committee, and by the most recent and most popular programs) are supported. This is a great resource for both in- and out-of-classroom use.

- Council on Foreign Relations http://www.cfr.org

  The Council on Foreign Relations is an independent, nonpartisan membership organization, think tank, and publisher. Its web site offers substantial free online resources, including a daily news briefing feature; articles on important issues; background and analysis in the form of printed reports, podcasts, and videos; essential primary documents underlying foreign policy debates; and research links "to access the best the Internet has to offer on foreign policy and international relations." Basic keyword and advanced search functions are supported.

- Federal Digital System (FDsys) http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/search/home.action

  FDsys is an advanced digital content management system created by the Government Printing Office (GPO) that is gradually replacing *GPO Access,* which was created in 1994 to provide electronic access to government publications. *FDsys* is intended to be more comprehensive and to provide more integrated features than *GPO Access*. It offers documents from Congress and federal agencies and scans of previous print-only publications. Searching is supported across all publication types. Links may be emailed.

- Gallup.com http://www.gallup.com

  Despite some confusing organization and navigation, this web site is a valuable resource for researching public opinion on politics and many other topics. The easiest way to access the primary polling data content is to select the "Trends A-Z" link at the bottom of the home page. Clicking on a particular trend will yield the latest as well as historical polling results. Depending on the topic, the polling data extends back to at least 1952.

- InternationalSecurityResources.com, by Richard Horowitz   http://www.internationalsecurityresources.com

  Links to numerous online sources of information on international security issues are provided. The links are organized into sections such as Topics (e.g. terrorism and weapons of mass destruction), Tools (e.g. databases, gateways, and libraries), Special Courts and Tribunals and United Nations Departments. Horowitz has served in the Israel Defense forces implementing national security projects, and is currently an attorney specializing in corporate and international security.

- National Archives Experience: Digital Vaults   http://www.digitalvaults.org

  Out of the 10 billion records of the U.S. government contained in the National Archives, the *Digital Vaults* provides access to 1,200 digitized documents, photographs, drawings, maps, and film clips. Users may search the database using both keywords and tags.

- National Security Archive   http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/

  Over 80,000 declassified documents are accessible, obtained mainly under the auspices of the Freedom of Information Act. The collection emphasizes US foreign policy since 1945.

- Treaties in Force   http://www.state.gov/s/l/treaty/tif/index.htm

  Bilateral/multilateral treaties and other international agreements that have been approved by Congress are accessible. The site can be searched or browsed.

- USA.gov   http://www.usa.gov

  This is the U.S. government's official portal for information and services. For browsing purposes, it is organized into four major areas: Get Services (how to get things done online), Explore Topics, Find Government Agencies, and Contact Government. There is also a keyword search function provided.

Psychology

- American Psychological Association: Psychology Topics http://www.apa.org/topics/
  American Psychological Association: Research http://www.apa.org/research/index.aspx

  These two sections of the APA web site are notable for concise information, especially for students, and ease of navigation. A wide gamut of topics are covered such as ADHD, bipolar disorder, hate crimes, testing issues, bullying, with links to related news, reading, and APA resources, including relevant full-text articles from the *Monitor on Psychology* journal. The research section offers a searchable database that covers topics such as research funding, research tools and methods, responsible conduct of research, and publishing research.

- Classics in the History of Psychology, founded and edited by Christopher Green, Associate Professor of Psychology, York University, Canada. http://psychclassics.yorku.ca

  This resource provides access to the full-text of historically significant public domain documents from the scholarly literature of psychology and related fields. It includes over 25 books and some 200 articles and chapters, with links to over 200 resources at other web sites. Searching is supported by author or topic.

- Diseases of the Mind: Highlights of American Psychiatry through 1900 http://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/diseases/

  Sponsored by the National Library of Medicine's History of Medicine Division, this site offers students a good overview of pre-20th century U.S. psychiatry, along with relevant illustrations and links to some digitized primary sources.

- National Institute of Mental Health http://www.nimh.nih.gov/index.shtml

  This is an authoritative resource that offers information on many health/mental health topics as well as an overview of NIMH research and funding.

- Psych Central http://psychcentral.com

  This site is considered one of the web's most reliable sources of mental health information. Over 90% of the content is original, produced by a network of professionals in the field. It also provides annotated guides to other useful web sites. The site is accredited by the Health on the Network Foundation (HON) which evaluates online medical/health information based on standards for reliability and credibility.

Sociology

- National Institute of Corrections http://www.nicic.org

  This agency within the U.S. Department of Justice provides online access to the approximately one third of its library collection that is available in electronic format. The collection is unique in its focus on unpublished materials developed by correctional agencies for practitioners in the field, in addition to providing journals, newsletters, published books and monographs, video and audio tapes. Users may submit research questions and receive answers from Institute staff.

- Teaching Tolerance http://www.tolerance.org

  A project of the Southern Poverty Law Center, this web site provides free educational materials (print and video) to support its mission of "reducing prejudice, improving intergroup relations and supporting equitable school experiences for our nation's children." While the emphasis is on the K-12 level, there is significant material that is useful for community colleges. In particular, the Professional Development resources are valuable for college faculty.

- Women's Studies in Digital Archives http://www.bama.ua.edu/~mbarrett/WSinDigitalArchives/Home.htm

  This is a good starting point for students and faculty who are interested in accessing primary source materials for women's studies that are available in digital archives. Each archive that is included is reviewed by a member of the Women's Studies Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries.

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