

AMERICAN CHURCH HISTORY

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270.072/B811/2016. Bradley, James E., and Richard A. Muller. *Church History: An Introduction to Research Methods and Resources*. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2016.  
Provides an introduction to methods for research and writing in church history and historical theology, but “assumes a basic acquaintance with church history and history of Christian doctrine and certain basic skills in research and writing.” “The most sweeping changes” in this edition are “in the area of the digitization of texts and greater access to both primary texts and scholarly books and articles on the Internet.” Contains a bibliography of “selected aids to the study of church history and historical theology” to which are added about 450 titles of reference works, research tools, and sources, most published since 1995.” The headings for the bibliography are Church History: Reference and Research Tools; Church History: By Period; Modern British Sources; American Church History; World Christianity; Historiography and Historical Methods; and General Reference Works for the Profession. Includes an appendix of “Online Resources and Sources in Microform.”

R.R.016.973/P971/1994. Prucha, Francis Paul. *Handbook for Research in American History: A Guide to Bibliographies and Other Reference Works*. 2nd ed., rev. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1994.  
Introduces the types of resources available for the study of American history in 20 chapters with information on 1,000 specific titles. Includes index.

R.R.016.3066/R382. Brunkow, Robert deV. *Religion and Society in North America: An Annotated Bibliography*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio Information Service, 1983.  
A classified bibliography of 4,034 periodical articles selected from volumes 11-18 of *America: History and Life*. Articles are drawn from some 600 periodicals published mainly during 1973-80. Contains an extensive subject index.

R.R.016.2910975/L766. Lippy, Charles H. *Bibliography of Religion in the South*. Macon, GA: Mercer, 1985.  
Contains 21 chapters organized in two major sections. The first is a bibliographical essay on the major works in the area; the second is a topically organized bibliography.

R.R.016.200973/R382. Fraker, Anne T. *Religion and American Life: Resources*. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1989.  
Annotations of 116 books and 121 articles significant for an understanding of religion’s place in America. “These works represent high-quality scholarly works that reflect the best current material about the interaction between religion and American life.”

\*R.R.277.3003/D554. Reid, Daniel G. *Dictionary of Christianity in America*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1990.  
Contains 2600 signed articles by 430 contributors including biographical summaries of noteworthy men & women; interpretive treatments of subjects; discussions of religious practices & experiences; objective descriptions of denominations, organizations & movements; and examinations of contemporary topics. Contains bibliographies and cross-references.

NYP. Kurian, George Thomas, and Mark A. Lamport, eds. *The Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*. 5v. Landham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2016.  
“Includes biographies of all major figures in the Christian church in the U.S., influential religious documents and Supreme Court decisions, information on theology and theologians, denominations, faith-based organizations, immigration, art—from decorative arts and film to music and literature, evangelism and crusades, the significant role of women, racial issues, civil religion, and more.” Vol. 1 contains four introductory essays that “provide snapshots of Christianity in the U.S. from pre-colonial times to the present, as well as a statistical profile of

Christianity in the U.S. and a timeline of key dates and event.” Vol. 3 contains eight essays exploring impressions of Christianity in the United States from other faiths and other parts of the world”: Asian, Atheist, Australian, European, Jewish, Middle Eastern, Post-Modern and South American. Vol. 3 also includes a “Selected Bibliography,” “Christianity in the Context of All Religions in the U.S.A.,” entries listed by thematic sections and author, and a comprehensive index.

R.R.922.0973/M235. Toulouse, Mark G., and James O. Duke. *Makers of Christian Theology in America*. Nashville: Abingdon, 1997.

Contains intellectual portraits of 91 individuals who were formative in shaping American theological history. The articles are arranged chronologically from colonial times to the mid-twentieth century according to five periods in American history with each period introduced by a short essay. The 6 to 12-page signed articles are written by specialists and contain “(1) basic biographical data regarding the life, career, and principal writings of the person; (2) the key theological issues and concerns to which the figures responded; (3) the important theological themes advanced by the figure; and (4) the thinker’s impact on American theology.” Each article is followed by a short bibliography.

200.973/F174. Lippy, Charles H., ed. *Faith in America: Changes, Challenges, New Directions*. 3v. Westport, CT: Praeger, 2006.

Each volume has a subtitle: 1: Organized Religion Today, 2: Religious Issues Today, and 3: Personal Spirituality Today. Each volume has 12 essays by different authors. The essays in the first volume “focus primarily on the transformations that have rocked organized religious life in the U.S. Those in the second move broadly into areas of challenges that have come to religious practice; the essays in the third volume focus more on matters of debate and controversy.”

\*R.R.280/Y32. *Yearbook of American & Canadian Churches*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1973-

A directory of Christian bodies in the U.S. and Canada. Contains short account (one or two paragraphs) about church’s origin and basic teachings, addresses of headquarters & departments, websites, officers, and periodicals published. Also includes directories of U.S. and Canadian cooperative organizations, sources of religion-related research, including those for non-Christian religions; regional & local ecumenical agencies; seminaries and Bible colleges; church archives and historical records collections; and a list of religious periodicals in the U.S. and Canada with addresses, websites, and indication of denomination affiliation. Statistical tables reflect church membership, number of churches, number of clergy, financial statistics, and trends in enrollment in ATS seminaries. The latest edition is accessible on the Internet using pass code printed on the inside back cover of the volume. This electronic edition is updated twice during the year. 2012 was the last year published by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in U.S.A.; the Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies will produce future volumes.

R.R.280.973/M479h/2010. Atwood, Craig D., Frank S. Mead, and Samuel S. Hill. *Handbook of Denominations in the United States*. 13<sup>th</sup> ed. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2010.

“Includes brief descriptions of over 250 bodies in the broad Abrahamic religious tradition (Judaism, Christianity, & Islam) in the U.S.” Religious bodies are grouped into family categories and treated chronologically. Contains a section on interdenominational or parachurch organizations (346-67). Appendix 4 is a “Directory of Denominational Headquarters and Web Sites.” Includes an index.

R.R.280.0973/M528. Melton, J. Gordon. *Nelson’s Guide to Denominations*. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2007.

“Presents an overview of America’s Christian denominations” chronologically by denominational family. Melton briefly discusses the family and follows this with a listing of the different churches which are a part of that family with addresses and websites and a sentence or two about their distinctiveness within that family. Titles for further reading follow each section. Also contains a list of parachurch organizations and educational institutions arranged by church family.

R.R.912.12/N556. Newman, William M., and Peter L. Halvorson. *Atlas of American Religion: The Denominational Era, 1776-1990*. Walnut Creek, CA: Altamira Press, 2000.  
Focuses “on the historical development and growth patterns of American religious organizations from 1776 to 1990.” Fifty tables and 92 maps accompany the text.

R.R.209.73/G274h/2000. Gaustad, Edwin S., and Philip L. Barlow. *New Historical Atlas of Religion in America*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2000.

Contains colored maps and graphs illustrating the distribution, membership, and number of churches of religious groups in the U.S. from colonial times to 1990. Part one treats institutional and ethnic religion before 1800; part two treats institutional and ethnic religion after 1800 with colored maps reflecting the number of churches in each U.S. county for each denomination for the years 1850, 1890, 1950, & 1990. Part two also includes maps and information on Asian Americans, Buddhists, Hindus, Jains, Sikhs, Muslims and Baha’is. Part three contains a detailed cartographic examination of the Lutherans, Mormons, and Roman Catholics. Part four contains maps indicating the regional denominational predominance in 1830, 1850, 1870, 1890, 1916, 1936, 1952, 1971, & 1990 and pie graphs indicating the percentage of denominational membership in each U.S. state in 1990.

\*R.R.280.973/P614. Piepkorn, Arthur Carl. *Profiles in Belief: The Religious Bodies of the United States and Canada*. 4v in 3. New York: Harper & Row, 1977-79.

Extensive treatment of the history of U.S. and Canadian Christian bodies arranged by religious tradition.

\*R.R.200.973/M528/2009. Melton, J. Gordon. *Melton’s Encyclopedia of American Religions*. 8th ed. Detroit: Gale, 2009.

Contains over 2,300 entries (with bibliographies) on religious bodies; 200 are new to this ed. Divided into 2 parts: three introductory essays which “trace the development of religion in America and Canada” and 24 religious family historical essays which “discuss the growth and development of the major religious families and traditions in North America.” Following each of these essays are descriptive information on the groups within those families. Treats many non-Christian and unusual groups. Includes defunct appendix (1149-1269), geographic appendix listing groups by country and state (1271-98), and master index.

\*R.R.200.97/E56. Lippy, Charles H., and Peter W. Williams, eds. *Encyclopedia of Religion in America*. 4v. Washington, DC: CQ Press, 2010.

Contains 365 signed articles (with bibliographies) on “the significant denominations and movements that have originated or flourished in the United States, Canada, and Mexico, from the beginning of European settlement to the present.” Also includes “coverage of religious life among indigenous peoples; specific aspects of religious life; and the relationship of religion to the political, social, economic, and cultural spheres.” A thematic table of contents in each volume clusters related articles. At the end of each article is a list of related articles.

R.R.200.973/Q3/2001. Queen, Edward L., II, Stephen R. Prothero, and Gardiner H. Shattuck Jr. *Encyclopedia of American Religious History*. Rev. ed. 2v. New York: Facts on File, 2001.

Contains more than 700 signed articles (with bibliographies) by 11 scholars on important persons, denominations, key events & themes, movements & sects, and controversial issues.

Attempts to reflect the diversity of the American religious scene. Gauged for the general reader.

Contains illustrations and numerous cross references. Revised entries from the first ed. and added new ones.

R.R.200.973/C761. Roof, Wade Clark, ed. *Contemporary American Religion*. 2v. New York: Macmillan, 2000.

Contains more than 500 signed articles (with bibliographies). It “is intended as a lexicon of popular religious culture, pulling together beliefs, practices, ideas, symbols, traditions, movements, trends, organizations, discourses, and major leaders making up the incredibly diverse religious climate of the United States at the beginning of the twenty-first century.” Cross-references provided at end of and between articles. Index in vol. 2.

R.R.291.0973/E56w. Williamson, William Bedford. *Encyclopedia of Religions in the United States*. New York: Crossroad, 1992.

Descriptions of about 100 of the largest and most important religious groups & institutions in America. A representative of the group supplied the information which includes the following: a general self-description & the reasons for its existence; the founder and/or major leaders; its unique doctrines, forms of worship, organization & function; its contribution to & estimated influence in the U.S.; significant terms & names; and bibliography.

R.R.291.0973/E56. Lippy, Charles H., and Peter W. Williams. *Encyclopedia of the American Religious Experience: Studies of Traditions and Movements*. 3v. New York: Scribner, 1988.

Contains 105 signed articles by 94 contributors. The articles are divided into 9 sections and organized by topical and thematic essays that "have been composed with an eye not simply to thorough coverage of a particular topic but also to the significance of that subject in the development of American society and culture and the religious traditions and organizations within it." The major sections are: Approaches to religion in America; North America: Contexts and backgrounds; Jewish & Christian traditions; Religions outside the Jewish & Christian traditions; Movements in American religion; American religious thought & literature; Liturgy, worship & the arts; Religion and the political & social orders; and the Dissemination of American religion. Contains subject-title-name index and cross-references.

R.R.200.973/R382La. Laderman, Gary, and Luis Leon. *Religion and American Cultures: An Encyclopedia of Traditions, Diversity, and Popular Expressions*. 3v. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2003.

Contains about 200 signed articles, with bibliographies. In vol. 1 the articles are arranged under ethnic groups and religious traditions. In vol. 2 the articles are grouped under "cultural idioms imbued with spirituality." Vol. 3 contains a collection of 75 primary documents or excerpts from the end of the 15<sup>th</sup> century to the present, a 33-page bibliography, and an index.

\*R.R.277.5/E56/2005. Hill, Samuel S., and Charles H. Lippy, eds. *Encyclopedia of Religion in the South*. 2nd ed., rev., updated, and expanded. Macon, GA: Mercer University Press, 2005.

Contains over 700 signed articles (with bibliographies) treating topics in the following categories: denominations, doctrines & theological movements, biographies, sacred places, subject areas, public events & figures, offices, titles & jurisdictions; and special features, which include a miscellany of aspects of religious life. Revised the great majority of articles in the original 1984 edition and added 100 new articles. Also added a four-part 36-page overview article on "Religion in the South," each covering a different chronological period.

\*R.R.277.5/R382h. Hill, Samuel. *Religion*. The New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture, v. 1. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2006.

Contains signed articles (with bibliographies) by 61 contributors. Many of the articles are revisions (by the original authors) of those appearing in the original *Encyclopedia of Southern Culture* published in 1989. In some cases the articles are updated or rewritten by other scholars. Several new entries were added. Following the overview essay on "Religion" are 36 thematic articles exploring "major expressions of religious influence in the South, ways of understanding its defining features, and diverse points of entry into religious life with a regional context. Topical entries [34] give factual information for select religious figures, leading denominations and religious organizations, and concepts important to the region's religious development."

R.R.200.8996073/E56. Murphy, Larry G., J. Gordon Melton, and Gary L. Ward. *Encyclopedia of African American Religions*. New York: Garland Publ., 1993.

Contains about 1200 articles on major U.S. African American religious leaders, denominations & religious groups, and more prominent religious organizations. Bibliographies follow most articles and also includes a 303-entry bibliography. There is a directory of African American churches and religious organizations, a chronological list of major events in Black religious history, and a biographical cross-index which lists biographical entries by the person's religious tradition. Also includes a subject, organization, and personal name index.

R.R.200.90403/E564. Brasher, Brenda E., ed. *Encyclopedia of Fundamentalism*. New York: Routledge, 2001.

Contains 212 signed articles (with bibliographies) by 100 contributors on issues, doctrines, events, and groups associated primarily with Christian Fundamentalism in the U.S. A few articles deal with this phenomenon among some non-Christian religious movements.

R.R.269.240973/E56. McClymond, Michael, ed. *Encyclopedia of Religious Revivals in America*. 2v. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2007.

Vol. 1 contains 227 signed articles (with bibliographies) by 118 scholars on “religious revival in the context of the United States and Canada.” These articles fall into five broad categories: people, revival events, religious denominations or groups, revival practices or phenomena, and themes in revivals. Topics are cross-referenced through words that occur in bold print within the articles. Vol. 2 contains 153 primary documents consisting primarily of first-hand accounts of religious revival in North America. It also contains “A Select Bibliography on Religious Revivals and Revivalism in North America” (387-525), “A Select Bibliography on International Christian Revivals” (527-602), “A Guide to Archival Collections Related to Religious Revivals in North America” (603-38), and an index.

R.R.322.1097303/D626. Djupe, Paul A., and Laura R. Olson, eds. *Encyclopedia of American Religion and Politics*. New York: Facts on File, 2003.

Contains signed articles (with bibliographies) by 135 scholars dealing with “the most significant connections between religion and politics in the United States from both contemporary and historical perspectives.” Covers the following themes: roles played by religious organizations and beliefs during the colonial & founding periods; religion and the U.S. Constitution; intersections between theology, political theory, and political practice; religious interest groups, associations, and social movements; relationships among religious groups, elections, and political parties; relationships between public policy and religion; American religious traditions and their distinctive takes on the appropriate relationship between religion and politics; historical events; and biographies of leading individuals who have shaped the relationship between religion and politics in the U.S. Includes bibliography (497-300) and index.

R.R.322.1097303/E56. Schultz, Jeffrey, John G. West Jr., and Iain Maclean, eds. *Encyclopedia of Religion in American Politics*. American Political Landscape Series. Phoenix, AZ: Oryx Press, 1999. Contains nearly 700 signed articles (with bibliographies) by more than 50 scholars on religious leaders who were politically active and political leaders who were actively religious and significant historical events, court cases, concepts and specific denominations and sects. “Longer entries address some of the key issues that face religion in politics in the U.S.” Includes cross-references, index, and 3 appendices: reprints of selected important documents & speeches, a directory of organizations that are directly or indirectly involved in religion and politics, and a four-column timeline of religion in American politics from the adoption of the Constitution to the present day.

The Barna Research Group ([www.barna.org](http://www.barna.org)) provides information and analysis regarding cultural trends and Christian faith in America under 40 categories, including beliefs, church attendance, teenagers, church demographics, values, etc. Offers a free subscription to “The Barna Update,” an e-mail report containing data from its latest research.

\*R.R.280.973/C562/2010. *2010 U. S. Religion Census: Religious Congregations & Membership Study*. Kansas City, MO: Nazarene Publishing House, 2012.

Represents a study conducted by Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies. The main body of this work gives the membership of 236 religious bodies by U.S. county and indicates the percentage of the population (based on 2010 census figures) represented by each group. Carl Royster provided the statistics for the churches of Christ. “Participants included 217 Christian denominations, associations, or communions (including Latter-Day Saints, Messianic Jews, and Unitarian/Universalist groups); counts of Jain, Shinto, Sikh, Tao, and National Spiritualist Association congregations, and counts of congregations and individuals for Bahà’i, three Buddhist groupings, four Hindu groupings, four Jewish groupings, Muslims, and Zoroastrians.” Other summary tables indicate total membership of

groups in the U.S., membership by region, membership by state, and membership by metropolitan size. Includes 32 pages of color maps and charts reflecting the percentage of population represented by major groups. Includes a fold-out map (25" x 38") of "Major Religious Families by Counties of the U.S.: 2010." The data from this and earlier studies can be accessed on the Association of Religion Data Archives (<http://www.thearda.com>). This website also provides information on other published statistical studies and links to other statistical sites. It includes national profiles and denominational family trees (under "Religious Groups") for several U.S. denominations. For more information on ARDA see the following article: Roger Finke, Christopher Bader, and Edward C. Polson, "A Growing Web of Resources: The Association of Religion Data Archives (ARDA)," *Review of Religious Research* 49, no. 1 (Sept. 2007): 21-34.

#### *ATLA Religion Database*

*America: History and Life: A Guide to Periodical Literature.* 1964- .  
Index to American history journals. Held by University of Memphis:

Adherents.com (<http://www.adherents.com>)

A collection of over 41,000 adherent statistics and religious geography citations with "references to published membership/adherent statistics and congregation statistics for over 4,200 religions, churches, denominations, religious bodies, faith groups, tribes, cultures, movements, ultimate concerns, etc." The data is "from both research sources such as government census reports, statistical sampling surveys and organizational reporting, as well as citations from secondary literature which mention adherent statistics." Contains indexes to religion by location and religion by name. This site is maintained by Preston Hunter, a computer science programmer at the University of Texas (Austin). Users should exercise caution when seeking any religious membership statistics; those submitted by the religious group may be inflated or based on different guidelines than others reporting. Also some data may come from dated surveys.

### AMERICAN CHURCH HISTORY PERIODICALS

*Christian Century.* 1884-

Published biweekly. Originally published as the *Christian Oracle*, 1884-1899. Identifies itself as "a progressive, ecumenical magazine." Publishes short popular articles, news notes, and book reviews. Searchable archives (with table of contents and abstracts) for issues since 1999 available on website: <http://www.christiancentury.org/archives>. Indexing in ATLA Religion Database for 1917-19 and from 1940 on. Full text available 1917-19 and 1940 on (except for last 3 months). HST has 1884-1929 on microfilm, 1930-88 in print (PER.205/C462), and from 1989 on microfiche. Receive print subscription, but discard when microfiche arrives.

*Christianity Today.* 1956-

Published monthly by Christianity Today International, the journal publishes popular articles, new notes, and book reviews for an evangelical audience. The January or February issue each year includes a list of the best religious books, music, and movies of the previous year. Table of contents of issues from 1994 to present at website: <http://www.ctlibrary.com/publications.html>. Indexed in ATLA Religion Database since 1956, with full text since 1996. Full text from Oct. 26, 1992 on available through INFOTRAC. HST library has 1956-88 in print (PER.205/C555) and from 1989 on microfiche. Receive print subscription, but discard when microfiche arrives.

*Religion and American Culture.* 1991-

Published twice a year for The Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture by the University of California Press. "Devoted to promoting the ongoing scholarly discussion of the nature, terms, and dynamics of religion in America," this journal "explores the interplay between religion and other spheres of American culture." Table of contents for all years on website: <http://raac.iupui.edu/publications/journal/journal-index/>. Table of contents beginning with the winter 1991

issue, may be accessed at the University of California Press website. Indexed in the ATLA Religion Database from the beginning; includes full text from 1991 (excluding the last 6 months). HST library has a complete print set (PER.220.973/R382).

Several denominational journals publish articles on American church history: *Baptist History and Heritage*, *Brethren Life & Thought*, *Dialogue* (Mormon), *Journal of Presbyterian History*, *Mennonite Quarterly Review*, and *Methodist History*.