

Some Helpful Online Resources:

African Women Bibliographic Database.

<http://www.africabib.org/women.html>

Searchable by region or country. AfricaBib indexes 33,000+ articles from over 280 periodicals that specialize in African Studies or consistently cover the African continent. Compiled by Davis Bullwin-
kle.

Internet Archive

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

Using the top search box will search text, audio and film. Many older books and ethnographies can be found digitized in this collection.

Africa South of the Sahara: Guide to Internet Resources

<http://library.stanford.edu/depts/ssrg/africa/guide.html>

Guides to selected internet sites about Africa on a variety of topics.

Online Subject Guides:

Women in Developing Countries

<http://www.bu.edu/library/guide/women-in-developing-countries/>

Women's Issues in Africa: Finding Information on the Web <http://www.bu.edu/library/guide/africanwomen/>

African Women on the Internet

<http://www-sul.stanford.edu/depts/ssrg/africa/women.html>

Africa: Women Issues

http://www.africa.upenn.edu/About_African/ww_wmen.html

Stop by the African Studies Library...

Our library is much more than just the content on our website...

We have special collections, including:

- **Africana Reference Collection**
- **Current Africana Journals Section**
- **African Newspapers (print & microfilm)**
- **"JDocs" & African Docs Collections** ~ collections of African government documents (note: JDocs are not online—accessible in the library via card catalog)
- **Rare Books Collection** ~ old & rare books dating back to the 1800's.
- **Ruth S. Morgenthau Papers** ~ materials on African governments, U.S. policy & Africa, dating from the 1950's to approx. 1970's.
- **Karis-Gerhart Collection** ~ Microfilm collection on South Africa's political history "From Protest to Challenge, 1964-1990"
- Approx. 1,500 **maps on Africa.**
- **Pamphlet collection** containing 1,300 newsletters, brochures, reports, etc.

We are here at the library to help you!!

The African Studies Library is located on the 6th floor of Mugar Memorial Library and accessible by the North elevator (closest to the circulation desk).

Call, make an appointment, or stop by!

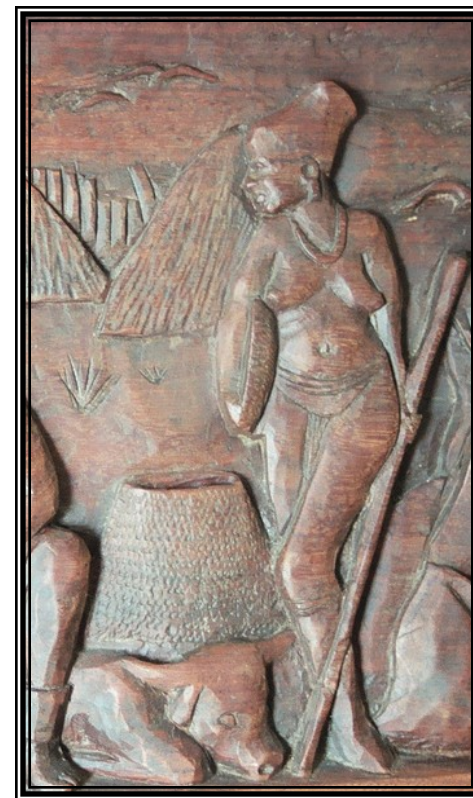
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Women, Power and Culture in Africa

Research Guide



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<http://www.bu.edu/library/guide/HI588.html>

As you begin your research...

Whether you are researching a particular woman in African history or a particular topic, take a moment to familiarize yourself with the African countries you are looking at.

**Resources may exist in the language of the colonial government and may dictate how names are written:

For example, "Njinga" could be written as "Nzingha" or "Nzinga".

**Arm yourself with as much information as possible and all possible variations of a name as you conduct your research. It is critical in the number of results you retrieve when using the library catalog, electronic databases, and the internet.

**Identify authors who are specialists in the field, search for other works they have written.

**Whom do those authors cite? Check the bibliographies of books on your topic in order to find additional resources.

**If the topic is extremely specific, for example, you want to find rites & traditions performed by the Masai when a child is born, try looking at a more general book such as an ethnography of the people. Search chapter headings and indexes for the information you need.

If BU doesn't have the book you need....

** Take a look at Worldcat to see who else has the book: <http://bu.worldcat.org/>

** You can request the book via Worldcat, or go directly to the Interlibrary Loan pages and fill out an online request using their form:

<http://www.bu.edu/library/services/ill/>

Finding Resources in the BU Catalog...

The Library has a new & catalog that searches across our print and digital collections.

Begin with a **keyword** search and try various combinations. You can narrow your results using the menu on the left.

How you search can determine the number of results:

For example:

Broader search: South Africa (yields 114,613 results!)

Winnie Mandela (yields 72 results)

Narrower search: Winnie Mandela AND apartheid (40 results)

Saving your sources: Sign in using your BU Log-in. You can save favorite articles to your e-shelf, so that you can return later and view them directly. You can also save old searches.

There's also an **Advanced Search** and **Specialized Search**, to help you with more specific searches.

Some Helpful Reference Works:

Historical Dictionary of Women in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Kathleen Sheldon. Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press, 2005.

Afr. St. HQ 1787 .S44 2005

Women of Northern, Western, and Central Africa: a Bibliography, 1976-1985. Compiled by Davis A. Bullwinkle. New York: Greenwood Press, 1989. **Afr. St. Z 7964 .A3 B85 1989**

*also see: www.africabib.org

Women of Eastern and Southern Africa: a Bibliography, 1976-1985. Compiled by Davis A. Bullwinkle. New York: Greenwood Press, 1989. **Afr. St. Z7964 .A337 B84 1989**

*also see: www.africabib.org

Women Leaders in African History. David Sweetman. London ; Exeter, NH, USA : Heinemann, 1984

HQ 1787 .A3 S93 1984

Female Novelists of Modern Africa. Oladele Taiwo. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1985, c1984.

PR 9344 .T34 1985

Some Online Library Resources:

<http://www.bu.edu/dbin/ejournals/esources/alpha-es.php>

These are just some of the 311 databases available via the library website:

Africa-Wide Information [Log-in required]

17 databases from 3 continents providing access to multi-disciplinary information on Africa., resource contains over 662,800 indexed references, many with abstracts. Topics include politics, history, economics, business, mining, development, social issues, anthropology, literature, language, law, music

Anthropological Literature [Log-in required]

Describes articles and essays on anthropology and archaeology, including art history, demography, economics, psychology, and religious studies. Updated quarterly, Anthropological Literature indexes articles two or more pages long in works published in English and other European languages from the late 19th century to the present.

JSTOR [Log-in required]

A full-text database of back issues of scholarly journals, including topics such as: African studies, anthropology, ecology, economics, education, finance, history, literature, philosophy, political science, population studies, sociology, and statistics.

Project Muse [Log-in required] Consists of full-text articles from scholarly journals in the humanities and social science fields. MUSE also provides online access, full-text, to content from approximately 100 non-profit publishers.

Women's Studies International [Log-in required]

A database (citations or citations/abstracts) of over 548,000 records including resources such as: Women Studies Abstracts (1972-), Women's Studies Bibliography Database, Women's Studies Database (1972-), MEDLINE Subset on Women (1964-) Women of Color and Southern Women: A Bibliography of Social Science Research (1975-1995), Women's Health and Development: An Annotated Bibliography (1995) and four files from Women's Studies Librarian.

Contemporary Women's Issues [Log-in required]

A full-text database, international in scope, covering such subjects as violence and sexual exploitation, human rights, development, health, family life and the arts. Sources include journals, research reports, newsletters, alternative press literature and fact sheets. Coverage is from 1992 to date.