

Using the BU Libraries Search:

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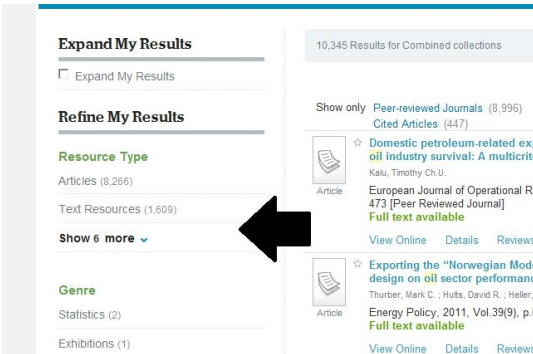
The BU Libraries Search provides a single search across our print and online collections.

Some tips:

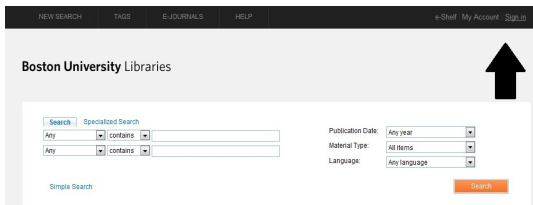
Try various **keywords**—this search is based on keyword searching.

Don't be surprised if you retrieve 1,000's of results.

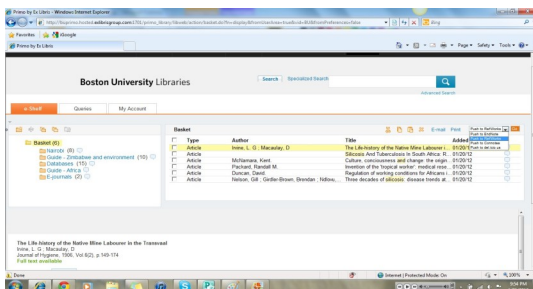
Rely on the left-hand menu to **refine** your results; by resource, creator, subject, date, etc....



Use your **Kerberos log in** to access your **e-shelf** and save journal articles and book titles:



You can organize them in folders and even export them to **Refworks** to create bibliographies:



Stop by the African Studies Library...

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

We have special collections, including:

- **“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.
- **African Newspapers** in print and on microfilm.
- 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!

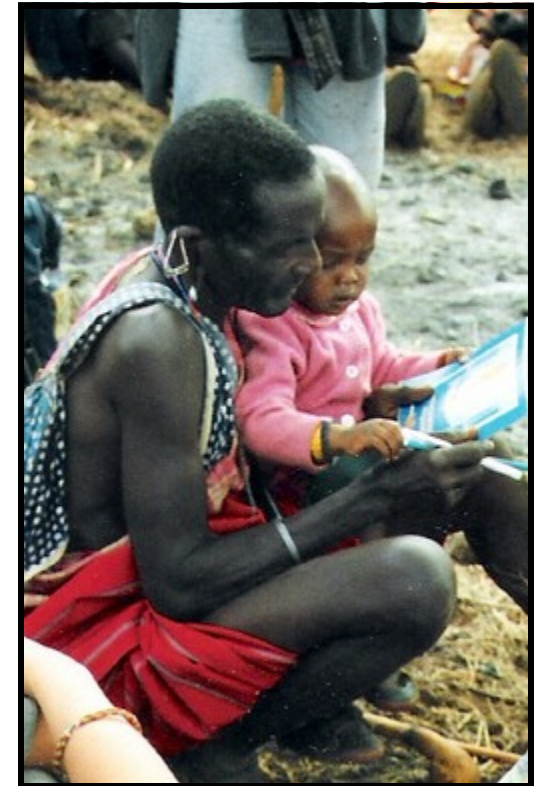
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Peoples & Cultures of Africa

A Course Guide



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<http://www.bu.edu/library/africa>

As you begin your research...

- *African resources can be rare & difficult to locate.
- *Resources may exist , but in other languages, such as French, Portuguese, Swahili, Arabic...
- *Information may be biased depending on who the author /publisher is.

Here are some helpful hints...

- * **Research something you are genuinely interested in!**
- * **It helps to start broadly. Consult general reference books on Africa to learn about the country and /or ethnic group you research.** (Each African country has a unique history which continues to impact it today. Understanding the larger context will help as you narrow your research topic.)
- * **As you narrow your topic, identify keywords that will help you in your research, such as names, events, African terms.**
- * **Keep in mind there may be variations in keywords.** For example:
The **Fula**, **Fulani**, **Fulbe**, **Peul**, and **Pullo** are all terms used to refer to the same ethnic group in West Africa. The people call themselves **Fula**. Their Hausa neighbors call them **Fulani**. The **Fula** people were colonized by both the French and the English, leading to orthographic variations such as **Peul**. And just to make things interesting, there are subgroups of the **Fula**, such as **Bororo** or **Wodaabe** which are also used as subject headings.
- * **When you find a good resource, be sure to note the author (did they write other works on this topic?) and consult the works cited and/or bibliography to see who they relied on for their research.**

Some Reference Works:

The Encyclopedia of Peoples of Africa and the Middle East. Facts on File, c2009 **Afr. St. Ref. GN 645 .E53 2009 v.1-2**

Cultures and societies of Africa. Edited by Simon and Phoebe Ottenberg. New York, Random House [1960] **GN 643. F60**

Encyclopedia of African Peoples. New York: Facts on File, 2000. **Afr. St. DT 15 E53 2000**

Ethnographic Survey of Africa. London: International African Institute. 1950-1974. 60 monographs in seven parts of Africa. **GN 643 F50 EC pt. 1 - GN643 F50 W pt. 7**

Murdock, George Peter. *Africa: its peoples and their culture history.* New York, McGraw-Hill, 1959. **DT 20 F59**

Peoples of Africa. introd. by John Middleton. New York : Arco Pub. Co., 1978. **GN 645 P3**

Recipe Books:

Hafner, Dorinda / A taste of Africa : with over 100 traditional African recipes adapted for the modern cook. Berkeley, Calif. : Ten Speed Press, 1993 **TX725.A4 H35 1993**

Inquai, Teberah / *A Taste Of Africa : The African Cookbook.* Trenton, NJ : Africa World Press, c1998. **TX725.A4 I55 1998**

Samuelsson, Marcus et. Al. / *The soul of a new cuisine : a discovery of the foods and flavors of Africa.* Hoboken, N.J. : John Wiley & Sons, c2006. **TX725.A4 S26 2006**

Music:

Youtube can be a great source for African music, some channels (most link to corresponding websites):

**TheAfricanMusic
SoundAfricaMusic**

**UhondoTV
AfricanMusicForum**

Locating Helpful Resources Online:

All Africa News: www.allafrica.com
Regional and country headlines, articles and videos.

Ethnologue: <http://www.ethnologue.com/>
A very useful online encyclopedia cataloging approximately 7,000 known living languages world-wide.

Africa South of the Sahara: Guide to Internet Resources <http://www-sul.stanford.edu/depts/ssrg/africa/guide.html>
Guides to selected internet sites about Africa on a variety of topics.

AfricaFocus: Sights and Sounds of a Continent <http://digicoll.library.wisc.edu/AfricaFocus/>
This collection "contains more than 3000 slides, 500 photographs, and 50 hours of sounds from forty-five different countries."

Bibliography of African Periodical Literature Database: <http://www.africabib.org/>
Indexes 33,000+ articles from over 280 English language and multi-lingual journals and periodicals that specialize in African Studies or consistently cover the African continent.

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.

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Guide to the BU African Maps Collection & Online Map Resources
<http://www.bu.edu/library/african-studies/research/maps/>