

Guide to WIU Library Databases:

History & Political Science

America: History & Life (1954-) Covering the history of the United States and Canada from prehistory to the present, indexes more than 2,000 historical journals and selected related journals in the social sciences and humanities. In addition to articles, *AH&L* includes citations to book and media reviews and to dissertations. Updated monthly.

CQ Public Affairs Collection Features in-depth coverage of public policy issues, statistical and historical analyses, full-text historical documents and primary source materials, and summaries of key Supreme Court cases and legislation. Covering public affairs, social work, government, political science, journalism, and communications topics, the collection also includes encyclopedia entries for important terms, concepts, and milestones, contact information for key government, non-profit, and private organizations, and an "Image Gallery" of photos and portraits. Updated continuously.

CQ Encyclopedia of American Government Offers thousands of concise, up-to-date explanations of the who, how, and why of American democracy. Organized around the three branches of government, EAG offers "Q&A," key questions with concise answers and links to related questions; "Facts & Figures," graphic and tabular presentations of statistics and other information; downloadable images of historical figures and recent events; primary source documents; links to authoritative web resources; and more than 2,000 encyclopedic and biographical entries. Updated continuously.

Gerritsen Collection – Women’s History Online (1543-1945) Offers books and periodicals reflecting the evolution of a feminist consciousness and women's rights. Materials present a range of perspectives, including anti-feminist, pro-feminist, and an objective record of the condition of women. Publications from around the world have been digitized, providing page images as they appeared in the original works. Includes 265 periodicals primarily covering 1860-1900, and 4400+ books and pamphlets in English, German, French, and twelve additional languages.

HarpWeek (1857-1889) HarpWeek offers electronic access to *Harper’s Weekly*, America's leading 19th century illustrated newspaper providing a consistent, comprehensive, week-to-week chronological record of what happened world-wide from the Civil War era into the Gilded Age. The magazine’s text is fully searchable by keyword, but a manually created Thesaurus-based index also puts nineteenth century language, occurrences and illustration content into twenty-first century terminology for more comprehensive searching.

Historical Abstracts (1954-) A periodical database for studying the history of the world (excluding the United States and Canada) since 1450. Indexes more than 2,000 journals, including the key historical journals from virtually every major country. In addition to articles, HA includes citations to book reviews and to dissertations of interest for historical research. Updated monthly.

Historical *Chicago Tribune* (1849-1984) This database delivers every page of every issue from cover to cover, with full-page and article images in downloadable PDF. It offers access to nearly 135 years of a newspaper intimately tied to the development of Chicago and the growth of the Midwest and the nation. Includes display & classified ads; comics & cartoons; photos, maps, & graphics; and editorials & commentary in addition to news articles.

Humanities International Index (1975-) Cites articles and essays in more than 1,700 periodicals, including some of the best-known scholarly journals and specialized magazines covering literature and literary criticism, film studies, art, history, archaeology, dance, journalism, linguistics, theology and more. Includes books, reference works, and international journals. Updated monthly.

International Political Science Abstracts (1989 to the present) This authoritative database from the International Political Science Association provides abstracts of political science articles published in nearly 900 scholarly journals worldwide. Topics covered include method and theory, political thinkers and ideas, political and administrative institutions, political process, international relations, and national and area studies. Updated bimonthly.

JSTOR (1665-) *JSTOR* is a growing electronic archive of scholarly journals grouped into eleven collections. WIU Libraries has purchased five collections, giving us access to 300 full-text journals in Arts & Sciences, Music, General Science, and Ecology & Botany. Most *JSTOR* journals have a “moving wall” of dates, meaning the journal’s beginning date will remain constant, but the most current issues will typically be added with a lag time of three to five years.

LexisNexis Congressional Provides a full range of legislative and public policy resources, including laws, bills, hearing transcripts, committee reports and prints, bill tracking reports, committee markups and votes, debate, news, and analysis, as well as biographical, financial, and campaign information about members of Congress. Updated daily.

LexisNexis Government Periodicals Index (1988-) Indexes more than 240 current federal publications by subject and author, more than 70% of them full text. Periodicals come from departments and agencies responsible for business, agriculture, national security, the environment and natural resources, health and safety, food and nutrition, transportation, and more. Updated quarterly.

Military & Government Collection Designed to provide current news pertaining to all branches of the military and government, this database features a collection of periodicals, academic journals, and pamphlets. Offers indexing and abstracts for more than 500 titles, with full text included for approximately 400 periodicals and all 245 pamphlets.

PAIS International (1972-) The Public Affairs Information Service indexes more than 1600 journals and 8000 books a year, in addition to government documents, research reports, publications of international agencies, and more. Publications, from more than 120 countries, in many languages cover a range of political, social, and public policy issues. Updated monthly.

