

AFR 299: Women in the Caribbean

Key Library Resources
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Get an Overview

- *Europa World Yearbook* – Clapp Ref JN1 .E85 - excellent country profiles
- *Greenwood Encyclopedia of Women's Issues Worldwide: North America & the Caribbean* Clapp Ref HQ1115 .G74 2003 vol. 5
- *African Caribbeans: A Reference Guide* Clapp Ref F 1629 .B55 A37 2000
- *Cambridge Encyclopedia of Latin America and the Caribbean* – Clapp Ref F1406 .C36 1992
- *Encyclopedia of Women and Religion in North America* – Clapp Ref BL458 .E52 2006
- [Area Handbook Series](#) - Library of Congress - in-depth country profiles - some are more recent than others
- [Annual Review of Sociology Online](#) – comprehensive articles on broad topics with huge bibliographies

Find Books 5 Ways




1. Search the [Wellesley Library Catalog](#) – **a few tips:**

- do a **subject search** on an author or historical figure for books **about** them
- use **synonyms** to find all the ways your topic is expressed: (voodoo OR vodou OR lemba)
- use **truncation** to save time: rasta* for rasta, rastafari, Rastafarian, etc.
- combine multiple concepts using AND for best results
- enclose each group of search terms in parentheses!

sample topic: the role of women in Rastafarianism

you might search: “women rastafari”

- examine your results and click on the title of a book that looks good
- look at the **subject** terms in the **full record view** - follow the links to find more on that topic”
 - [Women in the Rastafari movement -- Jamaica](#)
 - [Jamaica -- Religion](#)[a broader subject; books may include a good chapter on the topic]

2. Click on  in our catalog to request a book quickly if our copy is out
3. Try  in our catalog if NExpress doesn't have it
4. Search [WorldCat](#) to find material we don't own, click on  and request through ILL (interlibrary loan)
5. In a hurry? Get a [BLC card](#) and borrow the book directly from a nearby library

Find Articles

tips: use the same search techniques as for finding books (see above)

click on  to get to the full text of the article online, in print, or via interlibrary loan.

- [Women's Studies International](#) – [offcampus access](#)
- [Sociological Abstracts](#)
- [GenderWatch](#) – **tip:** limit to scholarly journal articles
- [AnthropologyPlus](#)
- [Historical Abstracts](#) – index to articles in history journals.
tip: limit by time period & click on “expand group” to read the abstracts
- [PubMed](#) – medical/health articles
- [ATLA Religion](#) – [offcampus access](#) – articles on all religions
- [PAIS](#) – index to articles on political affairs and government policy
- [PolicyFile](#) – index to reports & white papers from thinktanks – public policy
- [JSTOR](#) – archive (up to 3-5 years ago) of full text scholarly journals in many disciplines.
tip: to browse current issues, check the [library catalog](#) for access
- [Google Scholar](#) – crawls the web for scholarly articles - link to WC databases for the full text! Good for obscure or interdisciplinary topics.

More Help...

- [Citing your sources](#)
- Check out our other [Research Guides by Subject](#), including [Sociology](#), [Women's Studies](#), [Latin American Studies](#), etc.
- **And remember – you can always call me, email me, or drop by to talk to me if you get stuck or want more advice!**

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