American Women of Color: 
A Bibliography of Current Sources

This bibliography includes articles, books, and government documents dating from 1977 to the present on Asian-American women, Black women, Chicanas, Latinas, Native American women, and women of color in comparative perspective. Citations were culled first from a search in the Memorial Library Periodical Room; additional titles came from standard indexing tools, subject files in the Office of the Women's Studies Librarian-at-Large, the Women's Studies Union List (WSUL), and reference works for women's studies, notably Esther Stinesman's Women's Studies: A Recommended Core Bibliography (Libraries Unlimited, forthcoming).

Arrangement of the bibliography is by ethnic group, with specific subject access through an index. Works included are, for the most part, from the social sciences, since another recent bibliography compiled by this office treats women of color in literary and cultural contexts. "Recent Sources for the Study of Women of Color" will be published in CONCERNS v.9, n.3 (September 1, 1979), and copies are available free of charge from the office of the Women's Studies Librarian-at-Large.

A brief note is required on the materials we have included here. A cursory examination of the bibliography will reveal the problematic and inadequate nature of existing sources on women of color. First of all, one notes the significantly imbalanced distribution of citations on women of different ethnic backgrounds (e.g., 25 works on Latinas as compared with 142 on Black women). Secondly, a significant number of sources focus on "minorities and women," making the not-so-subtle suggestion that (as Barbara Smith has put it in item #134), "All the women are white, all the Blacks are men, but some of us are brave." Thirdly, a large cluster of the available empirical studies puts the spotlight on women of color as objects of study in ways which may make these women vulnerable as potential objects of manipulation and social control (e.g., fertility studies). Finally, one observes the generally sketchy nature of current research into questions relating to the lives of women of color. We have chosen to let this bibliography reflect all these problems, with the thought that what emerges makes an important statement in and of itself about the skewed priorities confronting women of color in this society.

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78. INDEX TO PERIODICAL ARTICLES BY AND ABOUT BLACKS. 1973-. Boston: G.K. Hall.


120. Roark, Anne C. "Business Graduates Find It Helps to Be Female or Black -- Or Both," CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION v.14 (August 1, 1977), pp.5-6.

121. Roberts, J.R. THE BLACK LESBIANS: AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY. Forthcoming. (By the way, the author needs financial support to make publication possible in the near future; contributions can be sent to J.R. Roberts, 167 Auburn St., Cambridge, MA 02139.)


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248. "Does the Women's Movement Compromise the Struggle of Minorities?" WOMEN'S RIGHTS LAW REPORTER v.4 (Fall 1977), pp.27-32.

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