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ABSTRACT

This document presents reference sources, statistical sources, periodical indexes, journals, and online or CD-ROM references that focus on Native American women in higher education. The document was specifically created for participants at the third annual American Indian Education Conference held at the University of Texas at Austin. Each of the 23 entries includes title, date of publication, publisher, and annotation. A step-by-step strategy for locating information on Native American women in higher education is included, as well as examples of sources available at the University of Texas at Austin General Libraries. (LP)

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NATIVE AMERICAN WOMEN IN HIGHER EDUCATION:  
A PATHFINDER

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Native American women in higher education is the focus of this pathfinder. Higher education refers to any educational attainment or attempt at educational attainment beyond the high school level. The most underrepresented minority in higher education today is the Native American.

This pathfinder includes within its scope information about students and faculty within American Academia. It contains a variety of sources including: works that provide access to associations, statistical sources, and indexes to the periodical literature. General materials provide an overview of Native American women in higher education. These basic materials present data and descriptions on such topics as college enrollment, and degrees conferred.

This pathfinder was specifically created for attendees of the Third Annual American Indian Education Conference held at the University of Texas at Austin. My client may be considered to be anyone who is interested in the study or research of Native American women in higher education. She or he wants to know about current research and statistics on this topic in order to conduct further research. A potential client may also wish to know the names of associations to contact for additional information. The sources included address these concerns by giving information specifically about Native American women in higher education. This pathfinder provides self-confidence and independence to the attendees of the conference and those interested in this topic by allowing them to quickly locate the information they seek.

My search for sources began with UTCAT Plus, the online catalog of the General Libraries at the University of Texas at Austin. The search terms included "Indians of North America -- Education (Higher)," and

"Women -- Education (Higher)." In my evaluation of materials I looked for indications of Native American women in higher education within the text of the source. The criteria for inclusion to this bibliography consisted of a mention of Native Americans, women, higher education, or associations dealing with the topic. "American Indians," "faculty characteristics," and "Native Americans" were some of the subject headings used in the examination of sources. Sources were included in this bibliography as long as they contained a reasonable amount of information on Native American women in higher education. By reasonable, I mean those materials that provide more than a meager acknowledgment of this topic. A decision I made in order to limit the number of sources is to leave out materials on individual biographies.

This pathfinder incorporates monographs, indexes, and online sources. This variety ensures that the topic is covered sufficiently. I have tried to include the most recent sources available. The latest edition of materials made available to me is listed in this pathfinder and represents my interpretation of the word recent. The type of library this pathfinder is intended to be used in is an academic library. Materials for this pathfinder are located in the University of Texas at Austin General Libraries. The Perry-Castañeda Library, an academic library, is the specific library used for this pathfinder.

## ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY

### REFERENCE SOURCES:

The Chronicle of Higher Education, ed. 1992. The Almanac of higher education. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.  
L 901 A662 1992 PCL Ref.

A general source that covers higher education on a national, state, and institutional level. Displays demographic information, including racial and ethnic distributions by state. Tables show college enrollment, and degrees conferred by racial and ethnic groups. The tables and information provided on racial and ethnic groups are of particular interest to my client.

Encyclopedia of associations. Detroit: Gale Research, 1961- .  
HS 17 G3 27th 1993 PCL Ref.

Contains entries for American membership organizations of national scope. Given are each organization's title, phone, address, and a basic summary of the association's purpose. Organizations such as the National Indian Education Association and the National Institute for Women of Color are listed. The term "Native Americans" in the keyword index along with the name index will lead my client to organizations that deal with Native Americans, Education, and Women.

Klein, Barry T., ed. 1993. Reference encyclopedia of the American Indian. 6th ed. West Nyack, NY: Todd Publications.  
E 76.2 K58 1993 PCL Ref.

A general source for information on American Indians. The table of contents lists such relevant sections as financial aid, associations, and a subject bibliography. National, state, regional, and provincial associations are provided for the United States and Canada. A list of colleges in the United States and Canada is furnished.

Minority organizations: a national directory. Garrett Park, MD: Garrett Park Press, 1978- .  
E/184 A1/M544 1987 PCL Ref.

Includes 1,720 Native American organizations such as the National Indian Education Association, and the National Indian Higher Education Association. Also contains information for Blacks, Hispanics, and Asian American organizations. Of the five indexes included Indexes A and C are of the most use to my client. The body of the Directory is alphabetical and contains addresses and phone numbers.

Minority student enrollments in higher education: a guide to institutions with highest percent of Asian, Black, Hispanic and Native American students. Garrett Park, MD: Garrett Park Press, 1987.  
LC 3731 M666 1987 PCL Ref.

Tables illustrate how the Native Americans are currently the most under represented minority in higher education. Five hundred colleges and universities with sizable minority populations are listed alphabetically by state. This source lists each school's total population and the percentage of minority students.

#### **STATISTICAL SOURCES:**

American statistics index. Washington, D.C.: Congressional Information Service, 1973- .  
HA 205 A4474 PCL Ref.

Statistical publications of the United States Government are accessible through this comprehensive guide. Look in the cumulative index under the word "Indians" and obtain abstract numbers to research on American Indians by the Federal Government that would be difficult to obtain otherwise. Full documents are available on microfiche from the Congressional Information Service.

Schmittroth, Linda, ed. 1991. Statistical Record of Women Worldwide.  
Detroit: Gale Research.  
HQ 1150 S73 1991 PCL Ref.

This compilation of statistics about women worldwide contains an index and extensive table of contents for ease of use. Use the term "Indians of North America" in the index to find relevant tables and page numbers. Tables illustrate areas of interest such as the number of faculty in institutions of higher education. Each table is cited.

Statistical reference index. Washington, D.C.: Congressional Information Service, 1980- .  
HA 205 S828 PCL Ref.

American statistical publications from private organizations and state government sources are indexed in this selective guide. Find "Indians" and "Minority groups" in the index to locate useful abstracts to articles. The Congressional Information Service provides full documents on microfiche.

Touchton, Judith G. 1991. Fact book on Women in higher education. NY: Macmillan.  
LC 1756 T68 1991 PCL Ref.

This one volume contains information on women in higher education. Minority women are included in this coverage. The term "Other racial groups" should be used in the index to locate appropriate data.

#### **PERIODICAL INDEXES:**

Cherrington, Derek, ed. Multicultural education abstracts. Abingdon, Oxfordshire: Carfax Publishing, 1982- .  
LC 3701 M847 PCL Ref.

A quarterly index that is deeply concerned with the topic of multicultural education. Both journals and books are abstracted. Search terms include: "American Indian Students," and "minority enrollment." International sources are included in the coverage of this source.

Current index to journals in education. Semiannual cumulation. Phoenix, AZ: Oryx Press, 1975- .  
LB 1028 C877 PCL Ref.

Provides access to current articles in education from such journals as the Journal of American Indian Education, American Indian Quarterly, and American Indian Culture and Research Journal. This index is published monthly. Useful subject headings of interest include: "American Indians," "American Indian Culture," and "American Indian Education."

The Education index. New York: H. W. Wilson, 1929- .  
L 11 E3 PCL Ref.

Periodicals such as The Chronicle of Higher Education are indexed. Book reviews are also indexed. "Minorities" and "women as educators" are examples of search terms. Serves as an index to educational publications in the English language. This source is presented in the standard Wilson format.

Higher education abstracts. Claremont, CA: Claremont Graduate School, 1984- .  
LB 1027.5 C637 PCL Ref.

Abstracts journals and reports on current research and theory on participants in higher education, their functions, and their environment. Search terms for the subject index include: "Native American Students," "Faculty Characteristics," and "Women Faculty."

Psychological abstracts. Washington, D.C.: American Psychological Association, 1927- .  
BF 1 P65 PCL Ref.

Provides monthly access to current articles in psychology and related disciplines. Useful subject headings of interest to my client include: "American Indians," "college teachers," and "college academic achievement."



Sociological abstracts. San Diego, CA: Sociological Abstracts, inc., 1953- .  
H 1 S615 Current issues in PCL Ref.

Provides monthly access to current articles in sociology and related fields. An excellent search term in the subject index is "American Indians."

Sociology of education abstracts. Liverpool, Sociology of Education Abstracts Service, 1965- .  
IC 71 S6246 PCL Ref.

Focuses on the sociological study of education through coverage of journal articles and books. An example of a search term is the word "minorities."

### **JOURNALS:**

Anthropology & education quarterly. Washington, D.C.: Council on Anthropology and Education, 1976- .  
LB 45 C677 PCL Stacks

Concerned with the application of anthropology to research and development in education. Indexed in Sociological Abstracts, this journal is published four times a year.

The Chronicle of higher education. Washington, D.C.: Chronicle of higher education, 1966- .  
Current issues shelved by title until Microform is received  
PCL Periodicals

Current and past issues contain information on minorities in higher education. It is indexed on the Academic Periodical Index on UT-CAT Plus in the University of Texas Online Catalog. This journal is distributed weekly.

Journal of American Indian education. Tempe, AZ: College of Education,  
Arizona State University, 1961- .  
E 97.5 J645 PCL Ref.

Publishes papers directly related to the education of North American Indians and Alaskan Natives with an emphasis on research. The Current Index to Journals in Education indexes this source. This journal is distributed three times a year. Some of the articles presented will be of interest to my client.

#### **ONLINE OR CD-ROM REFERENCE TOOLS:**

Academic Periodical Index, part of UTCAT Plus. University of Texas Online Catalog, University of Texas at Austin.

This online product indexes many of the articles found in journals at the University of Texas at Austin. This is useful to my client because such journals as The Chronicle of Higher Education, and Sex Roles: A Journal of Research are indexed here. Articles can be located by journal title, title of article, author, and subject.

ERIC on CD-ROM, Boston: SilverPlatter Information Services, 1966- .  
PCI Ref.

Indexes and abstracts current and past articles in education. Useful search terms include: American Indians, American Indian Culture, and American Indian Education.

Native-L, an electronic bulletin board.

A list that emphasizes Native American Indian interests. This bulletin board carries current discussions about topics of concern to Native American Indians. Inquires about Native American women in higher education may be answered directly by list subscribers.

UTCAT Plus, University of Texas Online Catalog, University of Texas at Austin.

This tool brings all the contents of the University of Texas General Libraries to my client. "Women -- Education (Higher)," and "Indians of North America -- Education (Higher)" bring relevant sources within the collection to your attention. These search terms bring up sources on Native American Indian women in higher education.

## Native American Women in Higher Education: A Pathfinder

This pathfinder provides access to current research, statistics, and information on Native American women in education beyond the high school level.

**STEP 1:** Basic works can help you get an overview of the present standing within the academic community. Almanacs and guides provide data and descriptions for such topics as college enrollment, and degrees conferred.

The Chronicle of Higher Education, editor. 1992. *The Almanac of higher education*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.  
(L 901 A662 1992 PCL REF)

*Minority student enrollment in higher education: a guide to institutions with highest percent of Asian, Black, Hispanic and Native American students*. Garrett Park, MD: Garrett Park Press, 1987.  
(LC 3731 M666 1987 PCL REF)

**STEP 2:** Look in the computerized catalog of the University of Texas at Austin, UTCAT Plus, to find books about Native American women in higher education. Type in the subject "Indians of North America -- Education (Higher)." Also, try the subject "Women -- Education (Higher)." An example of a title found using this method is Michael Pavel's American Indians and Alaska Natives in higher education: research on participation and graduation.

**STEP 3:** The bibliographies of the books located by using UTCAT will lead you to relevant sources that may have been overlooked.

**STEP 4:** Identify appropriate articles by looking in indexes. After locating a citation go to the journal indicated and find the article.

*Current index to journals in education (CIJE)*. Phoenix, AZ: Oryx Press, 1975-. (LB 1028 C877 PCL REF)  
CIJE indexes articles in the field of education. Use the subject heading "American Indians."

*Education index*. New York: H.W. Wilson, 1929-. (L 11 E3 PCL REF)  
Education Index provides citations to articles relating to education. Use the subject heading "minorities -- education."

*Higher education abstracts.* Claremont, CA: Claremont Graduate School, 1984- . (LB 1027.5 C63 PCL REF)  
Abstracts research and theory on participants in higher education. Use the subject heading "Faculty Characteristics."

*Sociological abstracts.* San Diego, CA: Sociological Abstracts, inc., 1953- . (H 1 S615 PCL REF)  
This work indexes articles in sociology and related fields. Use the subject index to locate articles under the subject heading of "American Indians."

*Academic Periodical Index*, part of UTCAT. University of Texas Online Catalog, University of Texas at Austin.  
This index provides access to some of the journals and articles located at the University of Texas at Austin. *The Chronicle of Higher Education* is indexed.

**STEP 5:** Find reliable and current statistics to support the textual information you found in books and articles.

*American statistics index.* Washington, D.C.: Congressional Information Service, 1973- . (IIA 205 A4474 PCL REF)  
ASI provides a comprehensive index to federal government statistics, including statistics on education. Consult the subject index under the word "Indians." Documents are available on Microfiche.

*Statistical reference index.* Washington, D.C.: Congressional Information Service, 1980- . (IIA 205 S828 PCL REF)  
SRI is a companion to *American statistics index* which indexes statistics compiled by nonfederal agencies, such as associations and state and local governments. Use subject headings such as "Indians" and "Minority groups" in the subject index.

Touchton, Judith G. 1991. *Fact book on Women in higher education.* NY: Macmillan. (IC 175G T68 1991 PCL REF)  
Contains information on women in higher education. Use the subject heading "Other racial groups."

**STEP 6:** The names of associations dealing with Native American women in higher education may be of interest.

*Encyclopedia of associations.* Detroit: Gale Research, 1961- . (HS 17 G3 27th 1993 PCL REF)  
Contains entries for American membership organizations of national scope. Use the term "Native Americans" in the keyword index.