

Africa Focus: Sights and Sounds of a Continent. Access: <http://digicoll.library.wisc.edu/AfricaFocus/>.

Produced by the University of Wisconsin Libraries, which are known for leadership in providing access to digital resources, this digital collection contains an impressive selection of African images and sounds.

As part of the University of Wisconsin Digital Collections, the site offers access to “more than 3,000 slides, 500 photographs and 50 hours of sounds from forty-five African countries.” Also, full-text documents relating to the study of Africa are provided.

The design of the site makes it easy to navigate in the text-only version or image version. The search options are conveniently located at the top of the page. Users can search for an image, audio, video, or text by clicking on the “Search the collection” link. Keyword searching and browsing by subject are available here. The images are organized into seven subject headings: “Artisans,” “Buildings and structures,” “Cities and towns,” “Education,” “Landscape,” “Religion,” and “Women.” A noteworthy feature is the ability to view the images in thumbnail, one quarter or full sizes. “Drums,” “Greetings,” “Rites and Ceremonies,” and “Songs and Singing” are the four subject headings used to organize the sound recordings. (Real Media Player must be downloaded to listen to the recordings.) Users can perform a search for full text by title, subcollection, journal, or series by clicking on “Search only the full text” link. More advanced searching, such as Boolean and proximity, is available from this link, which can be useful for a precise search.

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Documents are available in scanned PDF files.

The links found under the “Materials in the Collection” and “Related Materials” enhance the site’s usability. Under “Materials in the Collection,” researchers and scholars will appreciate the links to specific full-text primary and secondary sources that are found in the digital collection. The “Related Materials” section provides quick access to selected resources that range from the University of Wisconsin-Madison African Studies Program to an online catalog of a Yoruba art exhibit.

African Studies students, scholars, researchers, and educators will find this site valuable. It is also recommended for individuals interested in acquiring a greater understanding of the African culture.—*Nancy Allen, University of South Florida-Sarasota-Manatee, nallen@sar.usf.edu*

Center for Biosecurity. Access: <http://www.upmc-biosecurity.org/>.

The Center for Biosecurity provides research and analysis to decision makers in the public and private sector who are responsible for dealing with the aftermath of large-scale epidemics. The center also develops test scenarios and operational systems for response management and attempts to create network groups to improve communication about biosecurity. Each of these goals/missions is well represented on the site.

The site provides links from the front page to its journals and other published resources (by year), as well as information about the center, its staff, and mission. Other categories of resources include Congressional testimony and briefings, and other government documents and related legislation. A section for “Events and Scenarios” provides information on past scenarios held by the center. There is also a sitemap and a site search easily identified on the top page.

“Areas of Focus” includes topics such as

“Agents and Diseases,” “Avian/Pandemic Influenza,” “Countermeasure Development,” and “Public Health Preparedness.” Each section pulls together the center’s resources on a topic into categories by type of resource. The sections include links to recent news items and links to research articles and pamphlets published by Center for Biosecurity employees. A section for “Center Commentary” includes links to editorials and letters written to policymakers outlining key points surrounding the issues. Two more unusual sections include links to center events and scenarios (including an interactive scenario called Atlantic Storm, a simulated bioterrorist attack) and multimedia resources, such as talks given by center staff.

Center for Biosecurity

Special projects taken on by the Center for Biosecurity are highlighted in the “Special Topics” section. Each topic links to a fully prepared document related to the project. For example, “Leadership Guide” links to “How to Lead during Bioattacks with the Public’s Trust and Help,” a training manual created to help area leaders in case of attack.

Biosecurity and biological warfare have been topics of national interest for a long time. Although there are many groups and Web sites devoted to the topic, the independent Center for Biosecurity at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center stands out as a useful resource for most audiences. This well-designed site contains useful information, both created inhouse and gleaned from other sources.—*Linda Maddux, Reed College, madduxl@reed.edu*

Kiplinger’s Personal Finance. Access: <http://www.kiplinger.com/>.

Kiplinger’s Personal Finance Web site offers a wide range of practical advice and information on all aspects of money management. Individuals from all walks of life

can benefit from the articles, slide shows, videos, blogs, and podcasts accessible here. From the student or parent who must find an affordable college, to the retiree who must make her retirement funds last, the strength of the site is that it offers solid advice on topics such as managing money, finding bargains, avoiding debt, and selecting a low-interest credit card. The site also offers up a healthy dose of timely business news, forecasts, and advice for investors and small business owners.

The site has the usual personal finance interactive worksheets to make calculations and answer questions regarding budgets, credit, insurance, retirement, stocks, and other financial issues. Nine tabs across the top of the screen direct users to areas of interest with descriptive phrases such as: “The Basics,” “Starting Out,” “Spending Wisely,” “Investing,” “Your Retirement,” and “Guides and Centers.” These tabs make the site fairly easy to navigate. Each tab drops down to four or more topics. For example, drop down options for “Guides & Centers” include “Mutual Fund Center,” “Going Green Center,” “Long-Term Care Center,” and “Paying for College.” For each guide or center, there is extensive information on all aspects of the topic. If the user isn’t sure which tab to select, there is a Google search box that will search the site.

Described on the Web site as “your one-stop business hub,” a key feature of the Kiplinger Resource Business Center is forecasting key economic indicators. This section of the Web site is of use primarily to small businesses, investors, and business students.

Not all sections of the site offer free content. Six special reports, including the “Kiplinger Letter” are available as “premium content,” and require a subscription for online access. Users can click on “The Kiplinger Store” to purchase a subscription or product.

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Emily Symonds has been appointed metadata librarian at University of Louisville Libraries.

Joel Thornton is business librarian at the West Campus Library at Texas A&M University.

Mark (Uri) Toch has joined the faculty at the College of Lake County (Illinois) as a reference/instruction librarian.

Stacie Traill is now assistant librarian at the University of Minnesota Libraries.

Adriana Trujillo has been appointed instructional services librarian at Texas A&M University.

Jaymie Turner has been named serials and electronic resources librarian at the University of Oklahoma.

Stefanie Warlick has joined James Madison University as health sciences librarian.

Marlo Welshons is now communications director at the University of Minnesota Libraries.

Elaine Westbrook has been named associate dean for the university libraries at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Jidong Yang has been appointed head of the Asia Library at the University of Michigan.

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Mexico group of faculty senate presidents, we learned a lot about what issues others were dealing with, were able to provide some support to each other, and developed ideas to improve our own situations. Most important was the bond we were able to forge with the secretary of higher education; our meetings with the secretary provided a chance to present faculty concerns and often to reinforce the concerns of our administrations, as well.

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There is excellent information available in abundance at the Kiplinger's Personal Finance Web site. The articles are well-written and readable, the information is current, and the site is constantly updated. However,

Retirements

Florence Kell Doksansky has retired as associate university librarian at Brown University, where she has held various positions, including associate university librarian for public services and collection development (1983 to 2003). She served the university as interim librarian from June 2004 through August 2005, after which she returned to being associate librarian. Doksansky began her career at MIT in the Rotch Architecture and Urban Planning Library (1968 to 1979).

Philip Hoehn has retired after 38 years as a map librarian at the University of California (UC)-Berkeley. During his career, he was head of the Earth Sciences and Map Library at UC-Berkeley and map librarian for the Bancroft Library, map bibliographer at the Stanford University Libraries, and librarian for the online David Rumsey Collection. Hoehn served as chair of ALA's Map and Geography Round Table, president of the Western Association of Map Libraries, and president of the University Council-American Federation of Teachers (AFL-CIO). *zc*

Finally, enjoy your term and have the confidence that as a librarian you can both make significant contributions to your academic community as a whole and build new respect for the librarians in that community.

Note

1. Throughout this article, the terms "faculty senate" and "chair" are used while recognizing that different academic institutions use varying names for their faculty legislative body and their head. *zc*

the blinking ads, polls, quizzes, and links to merchandise for purchase are major distractions and could cause potential users to give up before they satisfy their information needs. —*Maureen James Barnes, University of Arkansas-Little Rock, mejames@ualr.edu* *zc*