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Introduction

No country in the world has received as many immigrants nor as many varied ethnic groups as the United States.

This bibliographic guide covers the period 1840-1940, during which almost 40 million immigrants entered the U.S. Initially, the majority of these immigrants were from northern Europe, in particular Ireland, Germany, Britain and Scandinavia. From the 1880s they were joined and then surpassed by southern and eastern Europeans who pushed American immigration to new heights. Chinese and Mexican immigrants also arrived in significant numbers.

For those who left their native land, poor economic conditions at home and the prospects of a better life in the United States were the greatest impetus for change. However, religious intolerance, political upheavals, and demeaning social gradations also played their part.

This guide is intended as a bibliographical tool for those seeking an introduction to this period of American immigration. It is by no means comprehensive. It should, however, provide a foundation for initial exploration as well as a platform for further research.

The guide is divided into several sections. The first covers several broad topics such as assimilation, nativism, immigrant women, and the immigrant press. The second is divided according to immigrant group. The last two sections provide a geographic breakdown, both in terms of states and regions.

All of the works listed in the guide are monographs and their shelf-marks appear in parentheses at the end of each entry. The majority of works are held at the British Library at St Pancras, London. A shelf-mark prefaced by ‘DSC’ indicates that the work is held at the Document Supply Centre in Boston Spa, Yorkshire, but may be ordered for reading in London.
ACCULTURATION/AMERICANIZATION


ROBBINS, Barney R. Immigration and Americanization. New York, 1924. (08175.a.28)


EDUCATION


**ELLIS ISLAND**


**FAMILIES**


**GENERAL**


--- IMMIGRANT PRESS ---


**IMMIGRATION POLICY**


LANGUAGE


NATIVISM/ANTI-IMMIGRATION


PEFFER, George Anthony. If They Don’t Bring Their Women Here: Chinese Female Immigration before Exclusion. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1999. (DSC: m00/46814)


POLITICS


RELIGION


BARRY, Colman James. The Catholic Church and German Americans. Washington, DC: Catholic University of America, 1953. (Ac.2692.y/19)


LINKH, Richard M. *American Catholicism and European Immigrants, 1900-1924*. Staten Island: Center for Migration Studies, 1975. (X.100/18538)


**SPORT**


**UNIONS**


**WOMEN**


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ETHNIC GROUPS

ARABS


ASIANS


BRITISH


CANADIANS


CARIBBEANS


**CHINESE**


**DUTCH**


**EASTERN AND CENTRAL EUROPEANS**


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**EUROPEANS, general**


**FILIPINOS**


**FRENCH/FRENCH-CANADIANS**


GERMANS


BARRY, Colman James. *The Catholic Church and German Americans*. Washington, DC: Catholic University of America, 1953. (Ac.2692.y/19)


**GREEKS**


INDIANS


IRISH


WITTKE, Carl Frederick. *The Irish in America*. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University, 1956. (8295.ff.27)

**ITALIANS**


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SCARPACI, Jean Ann. *Italian Immigrants in Louisiana’s Sugar Parishes: Recruitment, Labor Conditions, and Community Relations, 1880-1910*. New York:


JAPANESE


**JEWS**


SILVERSTEIN, Alan. *Alternatives to Assimilation: The Response of Reform Judaism to American Culture, 1840-1930*. (DSC: 95/07533)


**KOREANS**


**MEXICANS**


MIDDLE EASTERNERS/NORTH AFRICANS


MORMONS


POLES


PORTUGUESE


RUSSIANS


SCANDINAVIANS

GENERAL


LARSEN, Birgit Flemming, Henning Bender, and Karen Veien, eds. On Distant Shores: Proceedings of the Marcus Lee Hansen Immigration Conference, Aalborg,


DANES


FINNS


KERO, Reino. The Finns in North America: Destinations and Composition of Immigrant Societies in North America before World War I. Turku: Turun Yliopisto, 1980. (Ac.1095.f/2.(2)[no.150])

--------- Migration from Finland to North America in the Years between the United States Civil War and the First World War. Turku, 1974. (Ac.1095.f/2.(2)[osa130])

NORWEGIANS


BJORK, Kenneth O. *West of the Great Divide: Norwegian Migration to the Pacific Coast, 1847-1893.* Northfield, Minn.: Norwegian-American Historical Association, 1958. (9027.g.47)


SWEDES


SCOTS/SCOTCH-IRISH


STATES

CALIFORNIA


**CONNECTICUT**


**FLORIDA**


**GEORGIA**


**HAWAII**


**ILLINOIS**


**INDIANA**


**IOWA**


**KANSAS**


**LOUISIANA**


**MASSACHUSETTS**


MICHIGAN


MINNESOTA


MISSOURI


**MONTANA**


**NEBRASKA**


**NEW JERSEY**


**NEW YORK**


NORTH DAKOTA

**PENNSYLVANIA**


**RHODE ISLAND**


SOUTH DAKOTA


TEXAS


WASHINGTON


WISCONSIN


**WYOMING**

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SOUTHWEST


WEST