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**Part 2: Reference Sources for the Investigator**

The following are major reference works representing important information sources for the investigator. Many others could be listed. Consult your reference librarian for assistance: he or she can be a major ally involving your research problems. (Compiled by Joe Nickell and Rob Aken, Librarian at the University of Kentucky)

**People**


*Biography and Genealogy Master Index:* Current annual edition. A first-look source for locating brief biographies in such reference works as *Dictionary of American Biography, Contemporary Authors,* various who’s whos, etc.; should be found in any sizable library’s reference section.


*Faculty White Pages.* Current edition. Detroit: Gale Research. Directory of faculty members at colleges, universities, and similar institutions, arranged by subject.

*National Faculty Directory.* Current edition. Detroit: Gale Research. Alphabetical list of faculty members of colleges and universities in the United States (and selected Canadian institutions).


**Associations, Corporations, and Institutions**

Periodicals

Note: Many indexes to periodicals are available in computer form and can therefore be searched in a greater variety of ways than a paper index; check with your reference librarian.

Applied Science and Technology Index. 1917–present. New York: H. W. Wilson Co. Similar to Reader’s Guide to Periodical Literature, but indexing scientific and technical periodicals rather than popular ones. Previous to 1958 the series was known as The Industrial Arts Index and included business publications.


InfoTrac: General Periodicals Index. computerized database giving access to a comprehensive index to the contents of more than 5,000 current, U.S.-based periodicals. Updated daily.


VU/TEXT Information Services. Current database. Westport, Conn.: VU/TEXT Information Services, Inc. Computerized access to the full text of national and international periodicals, as well as business and financial publications.


tory. Current edition. New York: of U.S. companies by their net worth. s, approximate sales, names of officers is. Alphabetically arranged with geo-

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DATATIMES. Current database. Oklahoma City, Okla.: Data Times Corpora-
tion. Computerized access to full text of national and regional newspapers. Updated daily.


Legal Resource Index. Current database. Foster City, Calif.: Information Access Co. Computerized database giving references to articles in hundreds of legal journals and related sources.


The New York Times Index. 1851--present. New York: The New York Times Company. Index to a major newspaper, organized under subject, geographic, organization, and personal name headings. (Note: Similar indexes are available for many others including The Times [London], Los Angeles Times, Washing-
ton Post.)

Pooles Index to Periodical Literature. Peter Smith, 1963. Guide to nineteenth-
century periodicals arranged by subject; includes book reviews.

Psychological Abstracts. 1927--present. Arlington, Va.: American Psychological As-
sociation. Summaries on articles on psychology and related disciplines; ar-
ranged by major content classifications, and has subject index.

Readers Guide to Periodical Literature. 1900--present. New York: H. W. Wilson Co. A comprehensive list of articles in popular magazines divided into volumes according to time period and arranged according to topic.


Books

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Book Review Index. 1965–present. Detroit: Gale Research. Provides broad coverage of book reviews from a wide range of periodicals, such as Publishers Weekly, New York Times, etc.

Books in Print. Current edition. New York: R. R. Bowker. Produced annually from a bibliographic database (begun in 1948). In sets of volumes listing Authors, Titles, and Subjects, the series shows what books may currently be purchased, together with publisher and price; thus enables one's bookstore to order a copy. Updated bimonthly by Forthcoming Books.


The National Union Catalog: Pre-1956 Imprints. 1981. London: Mansell. In more than seven hundred fifty volumes, a catalog of the books contained in libraries in the U.S. and Canada. Identifies libraries having copies which facilitate obtaining copies on interlibrary loan. (For books after 1956 see OCLC.)

Subject Collections, 6th edition, compiled by Lee Ash and William G. Miller, 1985. New York: R. R. Bowker. A guide to special collections of books and other materials as reported by libraries and museums in the U.S. and Canada; arranged by subject (e.g., Phrenology).

Miscellaneous

Acronyms, Initialisms & Abbreviations Dictionary. Current edition. Detroit: Gale Research. Extremely broad in scope, including such diverse fields as education, the sciences, government, etc.


Encyclopedia of Information Systems and Services. Current edition. Detroit: Gale Research. Guide to electronic information industry, i.e., to organizations and services using computers and related technologies to provide access to data.


