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African-American Perspectives in Art History Research

Introductory resources created by or about African-Americans in the arts.

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Print Publications

Books

[Bindman, David, Suzanne Preston Blier, Henry Louis Gates, and Karen C. C. Dalton. 2017. *The image of the Black in African and Asian art.*](#)

[Bindman, David, Henry Louis Gates, and Karen C. C. Dalton. 2010. *The image of the Black in western art.*](#) (set of 5 volumes; [available online](#) from Internet Archive; create free account to access)

[Cahan, Susan. 2016. *Mounting frustration: the art museum in the age of Black power.*](#)

[Choi, Connie H., Kellie Jones, and Thelma Golden. 2019. *Black refractions: highlights from the Studio Museum in Harlem.*](#)

[Collins, Lisa Gail, and Margo Natalie Crawford. 2006. *New thoughts on the Black arts movement.*](#) New Brunswick, N.J.: Rutgers University Press.
([available online](#) from Internet Archive; create free account to access)

[Cooks, Bridget R. 2011. *Exhibiting Blackness: African Americans and the American Art Museum.*](#) Amherst, Mass: University of Massachusetts Press.
([online edition](#) available onsite, or remotely for Met staff & volunteers)

[Lewis, Samella S. 2003. *African American art and artists.*](#) Berkeley: University of California Press.
([1990 edition available online](#) from Internet Archive; create free account to access)

[Lewis, Samella S., and Ruth G. Waddy. 1969. *Black artists on art.*](#) [Los Angeles]: [Contemporary Crafts Publishers].

Journals

[Museum of African American Art \(Santa Monica, Calif.\), and Hampton University \(Va.\). 1984. *The International review of African American art.*](#) [Santa Monica, Calif.]: [Museum of African American Art].

E-Resources

[African American Visual Artists Database](#)

[Art & Artifacts Division](#), Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture

[Art by African Americans](#), Smithsonian American Art Museum

[International Review of African American Art Plus](#) (archive of zine run from 2013-2016)

[Two centuries of Black American art](#) Exhibition catalog (LACMA); requires free account to view

[200 Years of African American Art](#), Philadelphia Museum of Art, Teacher Resources

Institutions and Organizations

[Association for Critical Race Art History](#)

[Association of African American Museums](#), Directory

[David C. Driskell Center](#) at University of Maryland, College Park

[The Gantt Center for African American Arts & Culture](#)

[The Museum of African American Art](#)

[The Studio Museum in Harlem](#)

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