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Abstract

Acculturation is an ancient topic of scholarship, with ever more interest and importance as migration increases on a global scale. The pace of scholarship has accelerated in the past few decades, with the result that earlier scholarship tends to be lost and recent scholarship is often unfound. The following bibliography is intended to help remedy these kinds of problems. Include are:

- A. links to other online acculturation bibliographies;
- B. links to the career resumes of several scholars who have focused on acculturation;
- C. links several major review papers with exceptionally large references sections; and
- D. an alphabetical listing of more than 1300 acculturation references, with url links to abstracts, full-texts, google books, or citations.

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Acculturation is both an individual level phenomenon and a societal level phenomenon. At the individual level, according to the authoritative *Oxford English Dictionary*, “acculturation” is defined to be the “adoption and assimilation of an alien culture”, using assimilation in its biological meaning of ingestion and incorporation. Thus, “acculturation” as second-culture acquisition contrasts with “enculturation” as first-culture acquisition. Second-language learning is a good example of acculturation at the individual-level, i.e., an individual Dutch person becomes fluent in French causing neither the Dutch language nor the French language changes as a result.

At the societal level, acculturation refers to processes “when groups of individuals having different cultures come into continuous first-hand contact, with subsequent changes in the original cultural patterns of either or both groups” (Redfield, et al., 1936, p.149). For example, intercultural contact during the British colonial empire caused the English language to change by incorporating words like “sofa”, “ketchup” and “pyjama”. The cultural diffusion of foods between minority and majority groups is a good example of acculturation at the societal level, e.g. peanut butter, pizza, tacos, and bagels are now part of American culture. Thus, American children learning to like these foods are enculturating, and Chinese immigrants learning to like these foods are acculturating.

If a single minority individual acculturates, assimilating the majority culture, then that person becomes bicultural. If the whole minority group acculturates and also stops minority enculturation, then, over several generations, the minority is assimilated by the majority, causing the minority culture to eventually disappear and often causing the majority culture to change. For example, the USA assimilated its German immigrants, and now Christmas trees are part of US culture.

This bibliography began as my own core literature when writing critical reviews of contemporary acculturation research. I later did systematic searches for acculturation articles. My inclusion of url links is my method of checking that titles were correctly worded. If users of this bibliography find errors, or encounter url addresses that are no longer functioning, or have references they wish included, I would appreciate being informed. Science is a collective behavior; literature is our collective memory.

A. Acculturation Bibliographies Posted Online:

- Antioch’s Multicultural Center [Resources](#)
- Arab American Institute Foundation [Bibliography](#)
- Asian Law’s Ethnicity & Law [Bibliography](#)
- Australian Center for Quality of Life [Resources](#)
- Canada’s Metropolis [Bibliographies](#)
- CEHDL Paper of the Month [Abstracts](#)
- Center for Immigration Studies: [Dissertations in 2003](#)
- Michael Ducet’s [Bibliography on Immigration and Settlement in Toronto](#)

- George McLean's Cultural Heritage and Contemporary Change [Series](#)
- German Literature on Interculturality [Bibliography](#)
- Hmong Cultural Values, Customs and Acculturation [Bibliography](#)
- Jean Kemble's United States Immigration, 1840-1940 [Bibliography](#)
- Kristin Tamblyn's Research on International Students [Annotated Bibliography](#)
- Michael Maestas' [Multicultural Test Titles](#)
- Norwegian National Library's Immigrant Experience [Bibliography](#)
- Paul Ghuman's UK focused [Homepage](#) and [Bibliography](#)
- Rodrigo Mariño et al.'s [Quantitative Measures of Acculturation](#)
- Relationship between language and identity: Annotated [Bibliography](#)
- Robert Hitchcock's Refugees, Migration, and Human Rights: A [Bibliography](#)
- Study Abroad Research On-Line [Bibliographies](#)
- Vas Tara's Instruments for Measuring Acculturation [List](#)
- Xu Daming's Bibliography on [Language Attitudes](#)

B. Resumes of Career Research on Acculturation:

- Verónica Benet-Martnez's biculturalism [Resume](#)
- John Berry's prolific and influential research [Resume](#)
- Richard Bourhis' extensive French language research [Resume](#)
- George DeVos's massive anthropologically based research [Resume](#)
- Fons van de Vijver's extensive European-based research [Resume](#)

C. Review Papers Online with Large Reference Sections:

- Verónica Benet-Martínez & others (2005) [Bicultural identity integration \(BII\)](#).
- John Berry (1997) [Immigration, acculturation and adaptation](#).
- Richard Bourhis & others (1997) [Towards an interactive acculturation model](#).
- Marielena Lara et al. (2005) [Acculturation and Latino Health in the United States](#).
- Tomomi Matsudaira (2006) [Measures of Psychological Acculturation: A Review](#)
- Jean Phinney & others' (2001) [Ethnic identity, immigration, and well-being](#).
- Floyd Rudmin's (2003) [Critical history of acculturation psychology](#).
- Floyd Rudmin's (2006) [Debate in science: The case of acculturation](#).

D. Floyd Rudmin's Acculturation Bibliography:

The bibliography is divided into five sections, alphabetically by author name:

A-C: Abdullahi - Cullen
D-J: Damji - Juste-Constant
K-M: Kadkhoda - Myerson
N-S: Nagata - Szathmary
T-Z: Tabora - Zubrzycki