

Evolutionary Anthropology Society

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Online Resources in Evolutionary Anthropology

In recent years the increasing interest in evolutionary approaches to behavior has given rise to a variety of web-based resources useful for finding citations, job postings, funding opportunities, news, graduate programs, or colleagues working on particular problems. While many such sites are hosted by professional organizations or university departments, several of the more interesting are hosted by individual anthropologists.

This column will review some of the key web-based resources in evolutionary anthropology, focusing on general resources, graduate programs, and job listings. Since I cannot expect to cover all or even most of the available resources here, other topics will be left for future columns. I have chosen to leave most web addresses out of this column due to space constraints. Most sites discussed are easy to find using Google or another search engine; where they are not I have included the web address.

General Resources and Bibliographies

To begin with one of the most general resources of all, Wikipedia has articles on dual inheritance theory, evolutionary psychology, and human behavioral ecology, and sociobiology. The materials on evolutionary psychology and sociobiology are more comprehensive, but the other articles provide lists of key references which can be used to fill in existing gaps. Also of relevance on Wikipedia are a couple of useful pages entitled 'list of publications on evolution and human behavior' and 'list of evolutionary psychologists.' Since Wikipedia can be edited by anyone, correcting mistakes or adding new information to any of these documents is straightforward.

Good general resources on evolutionary psychology can also be found on the website of UC Santa Barbara's Center for Evolutionary Psychology which hosts the Evolutionary Psychology Primer and a suggested reading list. For behavioral ecology two excellent resources are the Human Behavioral Ecology Bibliography, compiled and hosted by K.G. Anderson at the University of Oklahoma, and the Human Behavioral Ecology Genealogy, compiled and hosted by Kris Gremillion at Ohio State.

The HBE Bibliography is an extensive list of behavioral ecology literature from 2000 to the present. In compiling the Bibliography Anderson's goal was to "provide a comprehensive and convenient list of recent publications in the area of human behavioral ecology" many of which might otherwise be hard to find as they are published in a variety of journals across several disciplines. He does much of the updating himself, but also relies on help from others especially as regards in press and working papers featured on the site.

Gremillion started to collect the information for the HBE Genealogy after an informal workshop in Maine in 2003 hosted by Doug Bird and Rebecca Bliege Bird. It was a meeting of 'second generation' human behavioral ecologists so the notion of academic lineages naturally came up; she was reminded of "a genealogical chart that once inhabited Bruce Winterhalder's lab at Chapel Hill" and decided to make one herself. The Genealogy itself consists of several lists of human behavioral ecologists, their current academic affiliations, their Ph.D. institutions, and the years in which they graduated; the

goal of the Genealogy is to convey who is in the field and who they were trained by or with. It can be found at <http://home.columbus.rr.com/hbe/index.htm>.

Graduate Programs

The American Association of Physical Anthropologists (AAPA) has a very comprehensive list of graduate programs (link = "Graduate Programs") including those that focus on paleoanthropology, primatology, and genetics as well as behavioral approaches. The Human Biology Association (HBA) website has a more targeted list under its "Careers" link including many universities outside the U.S.; listing include faculty contacts for all schools. The Human Behavior and Evolution Society (HBES) website's "Places to Study" link contains an evolution-focused list of schools and faculty organized by country. UCSB's Center for Evolutionary Psychology (CEP) has two lists: "places to study evolutionary psychology" and "places to study evolutionary anthropology." Finally, the Evolutionary Anthropology Society's (EAS) website contains an archive of columns which focus in detail on graduate programs in evolutionary anthropology.

Job Postings

The American Anthropological Association (AAA) hosts the broadest set of job listings, including jobs in biological and cultural anthropology as well as archaeology and applied fields. The AAA job site also contains links to other job listing sources, both academic and non-academic, and has information on issues like domestic partner benefits not mentioned on many sites. AAPA hosts listings of jobs from a broad range of biological anthropology subfields, while HBA's site hosts a narrower list of biological anthropology jobs under its "Careers" link. Finally, the HBES job listings are especially interesting as they are typically targeted towards those using evolutionary approaches.

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